



# North Carolina Offshore Championship

## May 23-25, 2008

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. All boats shall comply with N.C. Wildlife Commission and U.S. Coast Guard safety regulations.
- 1.3. No ratings shall be changed after the first Warning Signal of the first race in the regatta.

#### 2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Race Headquarters. Race Headquarters will be at the North Carolina Maritime Museum's Gallant's Channel facility behind Beaufort and next to the Town Creek Marina.
- 2.2. Race Committee VHF hailing Channel is 72.

#### 3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1. Any written change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect. Race Committee may make oral changes to the SIs on the water by flying Code Flag "L" and announcing the changes over VHF Hailing Channel or verbally hailing a boat.

#### 4. Signals Made Ashore

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at Race Headquarters.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 90 minutes" in race signal AP.

#### 5. Starting Area

- 5.1. The starting area will be approximately 2 nm east of the Beaufort Inlet Channel Marker #8.

#### 6. Schedule

- 6.1. Skippers Meeting is 8:00 pm on Friday
- 6.2. Three races are planned on Saturday and two on Sunday. Racing is scheduled as follows:  
Saturday                      Race #1    Warning signal 1100    Other races to follow ASAP  
Sunday    1st Race of the day    Warning signal 1100    Other races to follow ASAP
- 6.3. On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1500.
- 6.4. There are extended draw bridge openings scheduled for 9:30 and 4:00 on Saturday and at 9:30 and 3:30 on Sunday to facilitate a quick transit to and from the race area while minimizing the impact to Memorial Day weekend traffic in Beaufort.

#### 7. Class Flags

- 7.1. Three or more like boats may constitute a one-design class.
- 7.2. PHRF and one-design classes will be assigned a number which shall be their class flag.
- 7.3. Class flags will be:

Spinnaker A	Numeral Pennant 1
Spinnaker B	Numeral Pennant 2
Spinnaker C	Numeral Pennant 3
Non-spinnaker	Numeral Pennant 4

Additional Class flags will be announced at the competitor's meeting.

## 8. The Courses

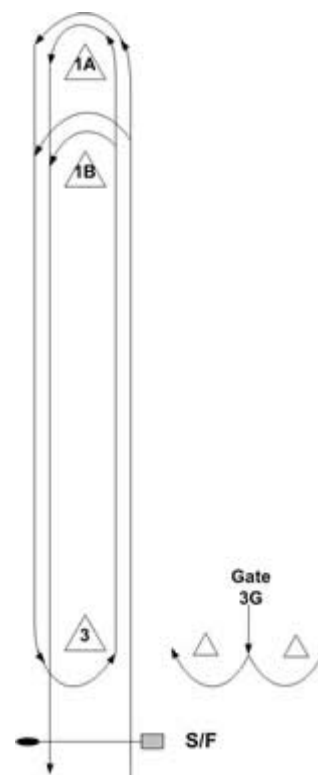
- 8.1. The course is a windward-leeward course with a windward Start and downwind Finish.
- 8.2. The diagram adjacent shows the course to be sailed, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.3. The # of times to round Mark 3 will be displayed on a white board on the signal boat.

0 = S-1-F	2 = S-1-3-1-3-1-F
1 = S-1-3-1-F	3 = S-1-3-1-3-1-3-1-F

- 8.4. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate.
- 8.5. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

## 9. Marks

- 9.1. Mark 1 will be an orange tetrahedron. If needed, the change mark for 1 will be a yellow tetrahedron.
- 9.2. Mark 3 and 3G will be an orange tetrahedron.
- 9.3. The starting and finishing mark will be an orange pin.



## 10. Check In/Check Out

- 10.1. Prior to the first race of each day, each boat shall check in with the race committee by sailing past the stern of the signal boat after code flag L has been signaled. Only Race Committee can protest a boat for failure to check in.
- 10.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

## 11. The Start

- 11.1. The starting line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.
- 11.2. Race Committee may hail the starting sequence over the VHF Hailing Channel. Failure to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress.
- 11.3. Race Committee may hail boats that are OCS on the VHF Hailing Channel. Failure to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress.

## 12. The Finish

- 12.1. The finishing line will be between a staff or halyard displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the finishing mark.

## 13. Time Limits

- 13.1. The time limit for the lead boat of her class is 45 minutes to Mark 1, and two and one half hours to complete the course.
- 13.2. PHRF boats will have 30 minutes to finish after the first boat of their class sails the course and finishes. Boats that do not finish within this time will be scored one place more than the last boat to finish in her class. This changes rules 35 and A4.2.
- 13.3. Boats sailing one design, and failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat of their class sails the course and finishes will be scored one place more than the last boat to finish in her class. This changes rules 35 and A4.2.

**14. Protests and Requests for Redress**

- 14.1. The protest/redress time limit (60 minutes) will begin when the race committee signal boat arrives at the dock. A sound signal will be made upon arrival to signify the beginning of the protest time. This changes rule 62.2.
- 14.2. Protest forms will be available at the notice board. They shall be delivered to Race Committee at the notice board area within the protest time limit.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of the time of the protest hearings.
- 14.4. Protest hearings will be conducted at Race Headquarters as soon as possible.
- 14.5. On the last day of a regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; or (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.

**15. Scoring**

- 15.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2. The Handicap system shall be PHRF Time-on-Time using a correction factor of  $TCF = 650/(550+phrf)$  and corrected time = elapsed time x TCF.
- 15.3. Five races are scheduled. One race shall be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 15.4. (a) When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. (b) When four or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**16. Prizes**

- 16.1. First, Second, and Third Place prizes shall be awarded to each class.

**17. Disclaimer of Liability**

- 17.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.