

2nd Annual
Pirates Pursuit Sailboat Race
June 17th, 2005
Bath to Belhaven

NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

To encourage participation in the *Pirates on the Pungo Regatta*, and to provide a fun and competitive activity while transporting our boats to Belhaven, the PSC is conducting the *Pirates Pursuit Sailboat Race* from the vicinity of Bath to the entrance to the harbour in Belhaven.

RULES

The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008*.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The race is open to boats 20 or more feet in length, possessing a valid NC-PHRF certificate or having obtained a temporary rating from the event organizers of the *Pirates on the Pungo Regatta*. Participation is free to any boat registered for the *Pirates on the Pungo Regatta*, or whose crew will be participating in that event.

Notify Rick Brass by phone (946-2244) or e-mail (rickbrass@earthlink.net) of your intent to participate in the *Pirates Pursuit Race* by June 16th. Your registration information will be transferred from your registration for the *Pirates on the Pungo Regatta*.

CLASSES

All boats will compete in a single class. Spinnakers will be allowed.

SCHEDULE

The Pirates Pursuit Race will be conducted using a pursuit format, with the PHRF rating of each competing boat factored into its assigned starting time. Different boats will have different starting times. Each competing boat can pass between the RC boat and marker "5" at, or after, its assigned starting time. Starting times will be determined with the objective of allowing competitors to reach the finish line by approximately 4:30 PM, so they can secure their boats and attend the Sailors Reception at River Forest Manor.

With this format, all boats should arrive at the finish at approximately the same time – so if another boat is ahead of you at the finish, they will have beaten you.

Starting times will be communicated to the skippers of all boats which have indicated an intent to race by e-mail on the evening of June 16th.

THE COURSE

The courses to be sailed will start between the race committee boat and the green “5” mark off Core Point, near Bath. Boats must round the Fl (2+1) R 6sec “PR” mark off Wades Point to port. Boats must leave the Fl G 4sec “7” in the Pungo River to port. The finish line will be between the red and green marks “5” and “6” at the entrance through the breakwater into Belhaven. The length of the course is 23.7 nautical miles.

If the RC boat is not on station when a competitor reaches the finish line, the skipper should record his finish time per his GPS and provide it to the race committee at the Sailors Reception on Friday evening.

PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded, during the *Pirates on the Pungo* award ceremony for first, second, and third place.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact: Sandra Andrews at (252) 944-2283 or Rick Brass at (252) 946-2244.