



NYRA Invitational Regatta

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

March 24 and 25, 2007

RULES

The **NYRA Invitational Regatta** shall be conducted and managed by NYRA. It shall be governed the 2005- 2008 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of US Sailing, except as altered by these sailing instructions. All skippers should have a copy of and be familiar with the US Sailing Racing Rules which govern the conduct of this event. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

ELIGIBILITY

Entries shall be accepted from mono-hull boat owners who possess a **CURRENT VALID PHRF RATING** from an acceptable NC State rating organization. Upon request of the Race Committee, the owner or skipper shall provide a signed, dated copy of the yacht's rating certificate as proof of currency and validity.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

All notices to competitors shall be posted on the official bulletin boards at Blackbeards Sailing Club(BSC).

CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to sailing instructions, if any, shall be posted on the official bulletin board located on the deck of the BSC clubhouse.

SCHEDULE

March 24. First Class signal 11:00 am.

March 25 First Class signal 10:00 am.

One completed race will constitute a completed regatta.

CLASSES

There shall be classes for spinnaker, non-spinnaker and cruising boats. There may be more than one division in each class if the number of boats is sufficient. In this case the Race Committee will determine the division PHRF handicap breaks.

Before the Warning Signal for the first starting group, all yachts must sail past the Race Committee boat and identify themselves to Race Committee personnel by hailing the yacht's name, sail number and class or division entered.

The Race Committee reserves the right to not score any boat that cannot be identified by its sail numbers.

Class Flags.

Spinnaker A	Red
Spinnaker B	Light Blue
Non-Spinnaker	Green
Cruising	Yellow

RACING AREA:

Race courses will be located on the Neuse River in the area bounded approximately by NR "17", NR "19" and Broad Creek "2".

COURSE:

The course will be displayed at or before the Class warning flag on the Starboard side of the Committee Boat. Marks in green are to be left to Starboard, those in red to port. See course layout in attachment 1.

MARKS:

A displayed number indicates the corresponding government mark.

Numbers "19" or "2", indicate a temporary, offset mark near the corresponding government mark.

Round the offset mark, not the Government mark

"18" indicates an inflatable set approximately midway between "17" and "19"

"R/C" indicates the square orange flag on the race committee boat.

"M" indicates the mark at the pin end of the Start/Finish line.

Inflatable marks will be large three foot yellow or orange triangles.

"W" indicates an inflatable windward mark. If "W" is used the approximate compass course to the windward mark will be displayed below the "W" on the RC boat.

"L" indicates an inflatable leeward mark.

"R" indicates an inflatable reaching mark.

"N" and other Government Marks may also be used.

The race committee boat, displaying the square orange flag R/C, will be located on the starboard end of the start/finish line. A floating mark "M" will mark the port end of the start/finish line.

THE START

Races will be started according to Rule 26. The warning signal for the first class will be at or after **11:00 am on Saturday** and at or after **10:00 am on Sunday**. The next class flag will be displayed shortly after the start of the preceding race.

AFTER THE STARTING SEQUENCE HAS BEGUN, ALL YACHTS IN CLASSES WHO'S WARNING SIGNAL HAS NOT BEEN GIVEN SHALL REMAIN CLEAR OF THE STARTING AREA. YACHTS THAT FAIL TO KEEP CLEAR ARE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION.

The around the ends rule is in effect at all starts without the "I" flag being displayed. This changes rule 30.1

RECALL

If one or more yachts cross the starting line prematurely, **code flag X (white field with blue cross)** shall be displayed and a sound signal given. This flag shall stay up until all premature starters have restarted properly or until the class warning flag for the next class is raised. The Race Committee will endeavor to notify all premature starters by hail or by calling on VHF Channel 68. Failure of the Race Committee to notify the offending yacht shall not entitle the yacht to redress. It is the sole responsibility of the skipper of the yacht to start properly.

If a General Recall is deemed necessary by the Race Committee, **code flag First Substitute (blue field with yellow triangular insert)** shall be displayed and two sound signals shall be made. The class being recalled shall automatically have its start delayed. A new class warning flag will be given one minute after the first Substitute is removed. Subsequent classes shall have their starts delayed.

POSTPONEMENT

If the Race Committee determines that the race should be postponed, **the Answering Pennant (alternating red and white vertical stripes)** shall be displayed and two sound signals made.

When it is determined that the starting sequence can begin, the Answering Pennant shall be lowered 60 seconds before hoisting the new class warning signal flag and shall be accompanied by one sound signal.

ABANDONMENT

The Race Committee may abandon or cancel a race in progress, or it may cancel a race not yet started, when existing weather conditions, in its judgment, make the race an unsatisfactory test of skill or constitute sufficient hazard to participants to warrant discontinuance. When such is the case, the Race Committee shall display **code flag N (blue and white checkered)** and make three sound signals.

THE FINISH

The finish line is identical to the starting line.

PENALTIES

If a yacht infringes a rule of Part 2 of the Right of Way Rules, she may exonerate herself by making use of the 720 Degree Turn Penalty as per Part 4, Rule 44. If a yacht touches a mark, she must do a 360 Degree Turn Penalty as per Part 3, Rule 31.

TIME LIMITS

The time limit for each class race shall be two hours. If a boat finishes within the time limit other boats must finish within 30 minutes after the first boat in that class finishes.

PROTESTS

All protests must be in writing and shall be handled in accordance with these specific instructions. If a yacht wishes to protest the action of another, the protested yacht must be hailed and a RED protest flag must be displayed in the rigging of the protesting yacht immediately following the perceived infraction. Notice of the protest must also be given to the Race Committee by hail immediately upon finishing the race and shall be acknowledged by the Committee. All protests must be presented to the Race Committee in writing within one hour after the Race Committee boat docks. Docking location shall be announced at the Captains' Meeting. All protests shall be heard on the same day, or as soon as practicable, at a time and place to be announced. It is the responsibility of all skippers involved in the protest to be present at that hearing.

SCORING

Time on Time handicapping will be used to score each race. Each vessel's elapsed time will be multiplied by a correction factor to determine their corrected time. The correction factor will be $650 / (550 + \text{PHRF handicap})$. The boat with the lowest corrected time in each class will be the winner. **Racing Rule A2 is changed so there will be no exclusions.**

RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

The R/C will monitor and attempt to broadcast on Channel 72 to keep the competitors informed of general race information, class starting sequence, start count downs, etc. In addition, sound signals will be employed during the starting sequences. In the event of conflicts between the broadcast information, sound signals and visual signals (flags), the flags will be considered correct.

AWARDS

Awards will be given in each class based on the number of entrants. Awards will be given out on Sunday as soon as practical after the race is scored.

Disclaimer of Liability *Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rules Part 1- Fundamental Rule 4, Decision to Race. Each competitor is responsible for any and all liability claims which may result from their participation and should be adequately self insured or covered by third party insurance. 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 each day's racing.*

ATTACHMENT 1

APPROXIMATE COURSE LAYOUT

Note that **W**, **R** and **L** (windward, reach and leeward) may be numbered government marks or **N** depending on the wind direction(s) on race day.

