

NYRA Parrothead Race
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
July 20, 2024

Part I. General Instructions

MANAGEMENT AND RULES

The Parrothead Race shall be conducted and managed by NYRA. It shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, including the prescriptions of US Sailing, except as altered by these sailing instructions. 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 owners of mono-hull boats 20 feet long or longer 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. Cruisers and others without a valid NC-PHRF certificate may race but will be assigned a provisional rating and start time by the Principal Race Officer (PRO).

COMMUNICATIONS

All participants are to communicate and monitor via VHF Channel 78A

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS/CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

All notices to competitors shall be posted on the official bulletin boards at the NYRA Regatta Network site for this event. Changes to the SI's may also be made on the water, and will be announced over the radio on channel 78A.

SCHEDULE

Saturday July 20. First start is at 11:00 am. One completed race will constitute the race.

PENALTIES

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: A boat may take a one turn penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 13 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

Part II. The Race

CLASSES

There shall be classes for spinnaker, non-spinnaker, and multi hull boats.

STARTING SIGNALS

This event has a pursuit start. The highest handicapped boat will start at the scheduled start time, other boats will start at a later time as provided, determined by their handicap. The time increments will be provided at the skippers' meeting and will be emailed to each registered boat at the email address provided during registration. The starts for this race are NOT conducted by

a race committee (they are all taking a break or racing), and will be on pirates honor system. Each boat is expected to remain upriver of Marker 17 until their scheduled start time, and pass Marker 17 traveling towards Oriental at or after their appointed time. Pirates don't cheat; boarding is permitted for a violation of this rule, and flogging should be expected on boats that attempt to start early.

AFTER THE STARTING SEQUENCE HAS BEGUN, ALL YACHTS WHOSE START TIME IS MORE THAN FIVE MINUTES AWAY SHALL REMAIN CLEAR OF THE STARTING AREA. YACHTS THAT FAIL TO KEEP CLEAR ARE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION.

THE COURSE

The race course will be located on the Neuse River. The course will start around marker #17, toward Oriental regardless of wind direction, leave marker # 8 to port, leave marker '1AC' to port and finish within 100 feet of marker Oriental #1. A shortened course may eliminate marker #17. The expected course distance is 16.8 nautical miles.

SCORING

The scoring system will be a Pursuit Start using Time on Distance handicapping. Each boat will be given a start time offset at the Skipper's Meeting. The first boat to finish shall record her finish time and the name and time of the second boat to finish. Each subsequent finisher shall record her finish time and the name and time of the following boat. The order of finish determines the order of placement in each class.

ALL PARTICIPANTS ARE REQUESTED TO RECORD THEIR FINISH TIME, AND THEN WATCH AND RECORD THE FINISH TIME OF THE BOAT THAT FINISHES IMMEDIATELY BEHIND THEM. BOATS SHOULD THEN REPORT THESE TIMES TO THE RACE RECORDER BY TEXT TO 252 671 7462. The organizing authority thanks you.

PROTESTS

Protests are discouraged, this is a fun event! Notice of any the protests shall be given to the fleet by hail or VHF Channel 72A immediately upon occurrence, and should be resolved on the water by use of the appropriate penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.

AWARDS

Awards will be given as deemed practical and advisable, and in such a manner as deemed appropriate by the organizing authority

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.