

First Citizens Cup Regatta

Blackbeard Sailing Club

September 29, 2012

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Except when changing headsails, only one headsail may be flown from the forestay at any one time.
- 1.3 Use of a spinnaker of any type is not permitted by boats that have chosen to sail without a spinnaker and accept a 15 point rating increase.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Shall be posted online at <http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/5064>
- 2.2 There will be no skippers meeting before the Distance Race. PLEASE PRINT THESE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND BRING THEM WITH YOU.
- 2.3 Boats can register and pay online. (see 2.1 above)

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to sailing instructions shall be posted before 20:00 three days before it will take effect (see 2.1 above)

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 There shall be no signals made ashore.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 12:00 Boats arrive at the starting area upriver of the ferry at Minnesott
- 5.2 12:25 Warning Signal for the Distance Race
- 5.3 12:30 The Start
- 5.4 18:00 Dinner Party and Awards Ceremony at Blackbeard Sailing Club

6. CLASSES

- 6.1 To ensure competitive racing, Classes may be broken out as: Class A (PHRF to 120), Class B (PHRF from 120 to 200) and Class C (PHRF over 200).

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1 The race course will be on the Neuse River from Minnesott to near Government Mark #26 and Upper Broad Creek.

8. THE START

- 8.1 All boats will start in one start.
- 8.2 Before the start each boat shall sail past the Race Committee Boat and identify itself to the Race Committee by hailing the boat's name, sail number and class.
- 8.3 THE STARTING LINE: Shall be between an orange flag on a race committee boat and a large (three foot or larger) orange or yellow tetrahedron.
- 8.4 The class flag for the start will be a green flag.

9. THE COURSE

- 9.1 Start
- 9.2 Round Government Mark #17 on your STARBOARD side.
- 9.3 Round and inflatable mark set near Government Mark #19 on your STARBOARD side. Round the inflatable mark, not the government mark. Government Mark #19 is a shoal marker and may be too shallow to round.

9.4 Round Government Mark #26 on your PORT side.

9.5 Finish in Upper Broad Creek.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The finish line shall be between an inflatable mark in the water near the breakwater at Blackbeard Sailing Club and an orange flag on a short pole on C Dock (the northern most dock) at Blackbeard Sailing Club.

11 MARKS

11.1 The inflatable marks will be large (three foot or larger) orange or yellow tetrahedrons.

12 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

12.1 Government Marks #19 and #2 are shoal markers and too shallow to round. See 9.1.3

12.2 Hampton Shoal is in the middle of the river. It is marked on charts.

13 TIME LIMIT

13.1 The time limit for the race shall be five (5) hours. If the first boat in a class finishes within the time limit, the other boats in that class are allowed forty-five (45) more minutes beyond the first boat's finish time, even if this should exceed the five (5) hour time limit.

13.2 Regardless of the finish time of the first boat, all boats shall have at least five (5) hours to finish.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 All protests must be presented to the Race Committee in writing within (1) hour after the last boat finishes at Blackbeard Sailing Club.

14.2 Protests shall be heard the same day, or as soon as practical, at the Blackbeard Sailing Club clubhouse.

15 SCORING

15.1 Time on Time PHRF handicapping will be used. Each boat's elapsed time will be multiplied by a correction factor to determine their corrected time. The correction factor will be $650/(550+\text{PHRF handicap})$.

15.2 Boats who declare at registration they will not fly a spinnaker will have 15 seconds added to their rating.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 A boat retiring from the race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the race course area or, if that is not possible, as soon as possible.

16.2 Any boat attempting to exercise right of way, to cross in close proximity to, or to interfere with the reasonable transit through the race area by a commercial vessel, shall be subject to protest and disqualification. Should such protest occur, the burden of proof shall be on the boat allegedly interfering with said vessel.

16.3 Swing keel boats shall maintain their keels in the down position at all times.

16.4 Radio equipped boats shall monitor Channel 67 while racing.

16.5 If a Y flag (yellow and red diagonal stripes) is flown with one sound before the Warning Signal, then all hands shall wear a PFD while racing (see RRS 40).

16.6 Single handed sailors shall wear PFDs while racing. This changes RRS 40.

17 PRIZES

17.1 Prizes shall be awarded three deep in each class.

17.2 The First Citizens Cup Regatta overall winner prize shall be awarded to the boat with the lowest corrected PHRF time score to complete the race.

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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