

**32nd Annual First Citizens Neuse Cup
Blackbeard Sailing Club, New Bern, N. C.
June 25, 2010**

Sailing Instructions

1. **Rules:** The race will be governed by the (2009- 2012) *Racing Rules of Sailing* and the prescriptions of US Sailing, except as modified by these sailing instructions. Boats must comply with USCG safety requirements and all NC boating regulations. All boats will carry a working VHF radio, a cell phone, current dated flares, a throw-able ring or cushion with attached minimum 50' floating line, a personal light attachable to worn life preservers & sufficient vessel batteries for a minimum of 12 hours of running lights.
2. **Notices to Competitors:** Will be posted on the official notice board (glass panel on deck) at Blackbeard Sailing Club. At the start, competitors shall monitor channel 68 for instructions or changes from the R/C.
3. **Changes to Sailing Instructions:** Any changes to the sailing instructions will be announced at the 6:00 PM Competitors Meeting and posted on the official notice board immediately thereafter.
4. **Signals Made Ashore: Signals** will be displayed on the clubhouse flagstaff.
5. **Schedule and Classes:** Classes will be divided as; Spinnaker, Non-spinnaker, & Cruising, depending of the number of entries. Class breaks will be around 100 & 200 as determined solely by the R/C. The First Class Flag will be at 8:00 PM.
6. **Class Flags:** Spinnaker - **RED** Non-Spinnaker – **Green** Cruising – **White**
7. **Course; Performance Classes:** A course using Gov. marks of approximately **60 miles** will be sailed. From the start line, proceed to the windward mark; (either Gov. marker #17, or an orange inflatable “W” for the windward mark as the 1st mark, to afford an up-wind start,) leaving to port, then down river to Gov. marker “NR” leaving to port. Return to #17, leaving to starboard, avoid Hampton shoal & proceed to the finish line.
8. **Course; Cruising Classes:** A course using Gov. marks of approximately **35 miles** will be sailed. From the start line, proceed to the windward mark; (either Gov. marker #17, or an orange inflatable “W” for the windward mark as the 1st mark, to afford an up-wind start,) leaving to port, then down river to Gov. marker #7, leaving to port. Return to #17, leaving to starboard, avoid Hampton shoal & proceed to the finish line.

Gov. Markers #17 & #8 must be honored in both directions. (Leave both to “Port” going down river; leave both to “Starboard” coming back up river.)
8. **Start:** The start will be in accordance with Rule Book (2009-2012) rule 26. The starting line will be between the starting line mark and an orange flag on the RC boat.
- 8.1 **Finish:** The finish line will be between the finishing line mark; the tall pipe on the end of the Blackbeard Sailing club Breakwater, & a yellow float positioned straight out in the creek from the breakwater.
9. **Safety:** A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee if possible on channel 68, or by cell phone to 252-916-2789. All personnel on deck **shall** wear personal flotation while starting, racing, and finishing. All boats will have full lifelines fore & aft, and will comply with US Sailing rule 49.2 concerning lifelines and sitting positions. **The responsibility for a yacht’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. RRS Fundamental rule 4.**

The safety of a yacht & her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge who must do their best to ensure that the yacht is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face bad weather. This person must be satisfied as to the soundness of hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. They also must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used.

- 9.1 ANY ATTEMPT BY ANY COMPETITOR TO EXERCISE RIGHT OF WAY, TO CROSS IN CLOSE PROXIMITY HAVE, OR TO INTERFERE WITH REASONABLE TRANSIT OF THE RACE AREA BY A COMMERCIAL TUG, BARGE, TRAWLER OR OTHER COMMERCIAL VESSEL WILL BE GROUNDS FOR DISQUALIFICATION. SHOULD SUCH A PROTEST OCCUR, THE BURDEN OF PROOF IS ON THE BOAT ALLEGEDLY INTERFERING WITH SAID VESSEL. BOATS MUST TAKE CORRECTIVE ACTION WELL IN ADVANCE OF ANY EXTREME SITUATION.**
- 10. Scoring:** The low point scoring system, Appendix A will be used. One (1) race is scheduled & this one will be scored. The PHRF “Time on Distance” (TOD) formula will be used.
- 11. Trophies:** Trophies will awarded in each class based on the number of entrants. The Skippers name of the most competitive boat, as determined by the R/C., will be displayed on (First Citizens Neuse Cup).
- 12. Protests:** A protesting boat must, if possible, inform the race committee at the finish that a protest is being filed, and must file said protest in writing with the race committee within 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the race. Protest forms will be available at the BSC clubhouse. Protest hearings will be held at the BSC clubhouse as soon as possible.
- 13. Weather:** The R/C may postpone, abandon, or shorten this race due to weather conditions: IE, high wind, no wind, severe storm approaching, or any condition that prevents fair & competitive racing. Such R/C decisions are not subject to protest or redress. If this race cannot be concluded on this date, it may be rescheduled for a later date.
- 14. Time limit:** Time limit for finishing will be “18” hours.
- 15. Starting sequence:**
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| 5 minutes (1 horn) | Class Flag up | (Colored flag for that class) |
| 4 minutes (1 horn) | P Flag up | (Blue with white square) |
| 1 minute (1 horn) | P Flag down | |
| 0 minutes (1 horn) | Class Flag down. | |

Next starting class will start “not less” than 1 minute.

R/C will be monitoring cell phone #252-916-2789 at all times during the race & VHF 68 during the start and during the finish at Blackbeard Sailing club.

NOTE: We are requesting a courtesy call by cell phone when reaching the turning marks “NR” for Performance boats and #7 for Cruising boats. As boats will be finishing at various times, a second courtesy call when reaching #17 on the return trip will insure the R/C can respond to your finishing time.

Coffee, juice and donuts will be available on the “T” end of C-Dock for boats after they finish the following morning.