



NORFOLK HARBORFEST® CHALLENGE REGATTA

Thursday, June 9, 2016

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 Section C (Expedited Hearings) of Appendix T (Alternative Procedures of Dispute Resolution) will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Notices to Competitors and Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at the Wednesday Evening Skippers Meeting.

3. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Wednesday, June 8

6:00 pm	Reception & Check-In	Norfolk Yacht & Country Club
6:45 pm	Skippers Meeting	Norfolk Yacht & Country Club

Thursday, June 9

10:00 am	Warning Signal	In Harbor off Craney Island
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Friday, June 10

10:00 am	Parade of Sail Rendezvous	In Harbor
6:00 pm	Post-Race Party & Awards	Gazebo
8:00 pm	Presentation of Mayor's Cup	Harborfest Main Stage

4. RACING AREA

The race starts off Craney Island, rounds marks in the harbor, and then proceeds up the Elizabeth River to finish in front of Waterside.

5. COURSES

Starting Line = Near 36 56.5 N 76 20.7 W (1 nm NNE of NE tip of Craney Island)

Possible Marks:

Mark Q	Y N "J"	Shallow Draft Fairway	36 57.0 N	76 22.4 W
Mark Y	Y N "H"	Shallow Draft Fairway	36 56.8 N	76 21.6 W
Mark 8	Fl R "8"	Norfolk Harbor Reach	36 57.0 N	76 20.3 W
Mark 10	Fl R "10"	Norfolk Harbor Reach	36 56.6 N	76 20.4 W
Mark 18	Fl R "18"	Craney Island Reach	36 54.3 N	76 20.4 W
Mark 25	Fl G "25"	Lamberts Point Bend	36 52.5 N	76 19.9 W

Finish Line = Off Dockmaster Kiosk on Waterside Pier 36 50.6 N 76 17.6 W

Boats shall sail the following course, leaving each mark to the indicated side.

PHRF Spinnaker Fleet Course:

Start – Mark Q (Star) – Mark 8 (Star) – Mark 18 (Port) – Mark 25 (Port) – Finish (10.2 nm)

Cruising Fleet Course:

Start – Mark Y (Star) – Mark 10 (Star) – Mark 18 (Port) – Mark 25 (Port) – Finish (8.4 nm)

6. CLASS FLAGS & ORDER OF STARTS

Boats shall show the following class flag on their backstay and start in the following order:

<u>Fleet</u>	<u>Class Flag</u>
Cruising	White
PHRF Spinnaker	PHRF Class Flag (#9, #6, or #7)

7. CHECKING-IN

Before the race, each boat must pass by the stern of the RC boat and hail their sail number and/or boat name until acknowledged by the race committee. Boats not checking in properly will not be scored.

8. RADIO

8.1 The Race Committee will monitor VHF-72 for emergency broadcasts only. They will not respond to calls from boats except to deal with emergencies or acknowledge retirements.

8.2 The Race Committee will, however, make courtesy announcements prior to the start regarding time to warning, the nature of any postponements or delays, etc. Such announcements are as a courtesy only and in no way relieve the competitors of their need to monitor and respond to Race Committee flags and signals.

8.3 Should severe weather on race day force cancellation of the regatta, the Race Committee will make an announcement on VHF-72 beginning at 0830 and continuing until approx. 0845.

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning Signal being made five (5) minutes before the starting signal. In addition, as a courtesy, an Attention Signal consisting of a series of short sounds will be made five (5) minutes prior to the Warning.

9.2 The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at one end of the starting line and an inflatable mark at the other.

10. THE FINISH

Unless the race is shortened at a mark of the course, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Waterside Pier and a colored inflatable mark set approximately 600' off the dock.

11. TIME LIMIT

Any boat not finished by 1600 will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing.

12. PROTESTS

12.1 Written protests must be delivered to the Race Committee on the Waterside Pier within thirty (30) minutes of the protesting boat finishing. Boats may dock temporarily for the purpose of delivering a protest.

12.2 Boats will be notified of the time and place of a protest hearing as soon as possible by the Protest Committee. Contact phone numbers for each skipper should be carefully and legibly entered on each boat's entry form and verified at the Wednesday evening check-in.

12.3 As per RRS 63.3(b), hearings may be conducted and penalties assessed even if one or more parties are not present at a hearing. Failure to provide a good contact number is a valid reason for a boat to be penalized, despite not being present at a hearing.

13. SAFETY

13.1 Boats withdrawing or retiring from the race are requested to notify the Race Committee at (757) 814-7593 immediately. This is an extremely important safety function and boats are requested to cooperate fully.

13.2 Boats racing in or near a shipping channel have no rights over commercial and/or military vessels operating in a channel and are required to KEEP CLEAR of those vessels.

14. DISCLAIMER

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.