



**14th ANNUAL OSPREY CHALLENGE REGATTA
ASSA Race #2 – Saturday--June 27, 2009**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

I. JURISDICTION AND RULES:

The regatta is under the jurisdiction of the Osprey Yacht Club and the management of its Race Committee. All races will be sailed in accordance with the “Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012” of the U.S. Sailing Association except as modified by these sailing instructions. The 720° turns penalty, Rule 44.2 of the current USSA Racing Rules, will apply.

II. ELIGIBILITY:

All members in good standing of PRYC, EYC, CYC and OYC are eligible to participate at their own risks.

Note: To be considered for point scoring the boat participating in a race or series shall be on the race course and identify the boat with the race committee.

III. NOTICES:

The Race Committee will post official notices at Marina Park. All communications between skippers and the Race Committee regarding registration, withdrawal, protest, penalty turns and retirements shall be submitted to and recorded by the Race Committee on the race entry and score sheet. All radio contact between the committee boat and participants will be on VHF Channel 72.

IV. SCHEDULE:

Fri., June 26, 2009	1500 - 1900 Registration (continues during Regatta Reception) at Marina Park
Sat., June 27, 2009	0700 - 0800 Check-in for skippers to receive class ribbons & sailing instructions
	0800 - Skippers' Meeting
	1000 - First Race Start
	TBA - Second Race Start

V. CLASSES AND STARTING ORDER:

1. Spinnaker Class - Pink Flag
2. Non-Spinnaker Class A – PHRF of 188 or **LESS** – Blue Flag
3. Non-Spinnaker Class B - PHRF of 189 or **MORE** – Green Flag
4. Non-Spinnaker Cruising Class - foresails not more than 135% - Yellow Flag

NOTE: PHRF Ratings DO NOT CHANGE once established.

VI. COURSES:

The general locale of the race will be in the Albemarle Sound approximately 1.5 NM due south of the Yeopim River Entrance Marker #1. The **Start and Finish line** is between the ORANGE flag on the Committee Boat and an ORANGE pennant off the port side of the Committee Boat. The **Finish** will be crossed downwind in the direction of the course from the last mark. All turns are to port.

Spinnaker Class: Courses are to be windward/leeward courses.

Classes A, B & C: Course will use a modified Olympic triangle course. The first lap only is a triangle with any/all subsequent laps windward/leeward.

See attached course diagrams for reference.

VII. STARTING SIGNALS:

Attention to each signal broken out will also be called by a sound signal but the **VISUAL SIGNALS PREVAIL**. Time will be taken from the visual starting signals and failure or mistiming of a sound signal will not adversely affect the start. Races will be started using rule 26 and rule 30.1 (around the ends rule) applies to all races without the use of a separate signal.

On station will be advised by 5 short blasts one to three minutes (at the race committee's discretion) before the warning flag of the starting race **sequence**. Each class sequence thereafter will then begin with the raising of their respective class flag & course flag together with one horn blast and then continue the rule 26 sequence to **START**. Boats unable to start within 5 minutes of their starting time shall keep clear of the line until all the other classes and boats have started. Boats whose preparatory signal has not yet been made must keep entirely clear of the starting line (an area projecting 100 yards from each end and/or either side of the starting line proper).

Note: There will be a time delay between classes of at least one minute. Time delay will be at the Race Committee's discretion. Do not set your stop watches from the start of the last race. Time will start when each class flag is raised unless interrupted by a re-call. Stay clear of the starting area until your class starts.

VIII. SPECIAL SIGNALS:

Postponement: Two sounds and answering pennant (red on white) indicate a delay in scheduled time to start. The warning signal will replace this signal 30 seconds after it is lowered.

Shortened Course: Two sounds and code flag "S" (blue square on white). After the start, look for the leeward mark repositioning.

Abandonment or Cancellation: Three sounds and code flag "N" (blue and white checkered).

General Recall: Two sounds and First Substitute (blue and yellow) (Rule 29.3). A new starting sequence will be initiated for any class(es) not yet started.

Individual Recall: One sound and code flag "X" (blue cross on white) indicates one or more yachts have started prematurely. The Race Committee will endeavor to notify each yacht over early by hailing, and the signal will be lowered when the infringing yacht(s) has returned to the pre-start side of the line.

IX. TIME LIMIT:

A class race will be abandoned if no boat in the class has finished within 2 hours. 30 minutes after the first boat in a class has finished all boats in that class, still on the course, will be scored in their positions at that time, and the race will be terminated by the race committee. As time permits, the second race starting signal sequence will begin within 10 to no more than 30 minutes after the proper finish of the last boat of the last group and notified by 5 short blasts—on station—one minute before second race's starting sequence.

X. PROTEST, TURNS PENALTY, RETIREMENT

Protests must be filed with the Protest Committee in addition to all of the following:

1. Display a code flag “B” or its equivalent (red pennant) conspicuously in the rigging at the first reasonable opportunity.
2. Attempt to inform the yacht protested as soon as possible.
3. File a written protest with the race committee within 30 minutes of the Race Committee’s return to the dock.
4. Attend a protest hearing when called ASAP after filing.

Rule 44.2, Turns Penalty – Any yacht who recognizes she has infringed a rule of Racing Rules-Part 2 or is protested and thinks she is in error should retire immediately or avail herself of the alternate turn penalty by carrying out the turns as indicated in Rule 44.2 and by notifying the race committee.

Note: Turn Penalty: Hitting a mark = 1 turn (360°); any part 2 infringement = **2 turns (720°)**

Retirement – Any yacht retiring from a race after starting for any reason shall inform the Race Committee and will be scored DNF.

XI. SAFETY:

Each yacht participating must:

1. Carry on board USCG approved PFD for each person aboard plus a throwable.
2. Carry on board a towline suitable for the yacht.
3. Stay clear of safety and committee boats during and between all races except in case of an emergency.
4. Allow the OYC Safety Committee to inspect for safety equipment at any time and accept disqualification for cause.
5. Official safety boat can be reached on Channel 72 in case of emergency.
6. Racing may be canceled with sustained winds of 25 knots or more.

XII. POINT SCORING:

Note: To be considered for point scoring, the boat participating in a race or series shall be on the race course and identify itself with the race committee for a race or series.

1. Clubs entering less than the required number of six boats will be scored to the highest number (DNF + 1) for the largest class entered; spinnaker, non-spinnaker Division A or B.
2. Olympic scoring will be used (1 point first place, 2 for second and 3 for third, etc).
3. If a tie should occur in the combined score for a two race regatta, the following tie breaking procedures shall be used:
 - a) The boat with the lowest total cumulative corrected time shall win.
 - b) If the boats are still tied using the above scoring, then the boat that had the better finishing place in either of the two races shall be declared the winner.
 - c) If a tie still exists, then a flip of the coin shall be the determinate.

XIII. SPECIAL RULES:

1. There will be no restriction on whisker pole length for non-spinnaker class boats.
2. To reduce the advantage boats with two slotted head foils have over boats without, the following will apply: Boats may fly a single jib attached only at the tack and with no hanks to forestay. When changing sails, the new sail may be hoisted before lowering the old sail; however, the new sail must be on the same side as the old sail. Except for the above, a boat may only fly a single headsail unless she is cutter rigged.
3. **“ROUND-THE-ENDS” (Rule 30.1)** shall apply during the minute before starting signal for your class has been displayed. If any part of the boat’s hull, crew or equipment is on the

- course side of the starting line or its extensions during the minute before her starting signal, she shall sail to the pre-start side of the line around either end before starting.
4. Colored Class Ribbons issued by the Race Committee shall be visibly flown from the back of all racing boats attached either to the backstay or by other suitable means for boats without backstays. Colors for each class are:
 - i. Spinnaker Class --- Pink
 - ii. Non Spinnaker Class A --- Blue
 - iii. Non Spinnaker Class B --- Green
 - iv. Non Spinnaker Class C --- Yellow

NOTE: You MUST HAVE A SAIL NUMBER and have a class ribbon displayed on the backstay, or equivalent, to be scored!!!!
 5. **Communications with the Race Committee Regatta Officials.**

During the conduct of regattas sponsored by ASSA, communications with the Race Committee shall be governed by the following rules:

 - a. Communications with the Race Committee Regatta Officials is prohibited beginning with the Warning Signal of the first race and continuing on until the awarding of trophies, except for the following:
 - 1) Questions and comments related to yacht identification upon crossing the finish line
 - 2) On course notification of intended protest
 - 3) Notification of withdrawal from a race
 - 4) Requests for emergency assistance shall be directed to the Race Committee
 - b. Requests for information by the Race Committee shall be promptly answered.
 - c. Regatta results will be posted prior to award of trophies. All questions or comments regarding the posted results shall be made to the Fleet Captain of the host club or its designee.
 - d. Profane or uncivil comments that are directed to or about the Race Committee or Regatta Officials before, during or after a regatta will be subject to disciplinary action by ASSA as provided by Rule 69 of U.S. Sailing.
 - e. Discipline may include disqualification from the current regatta and denial of participation in other ASSA sponsored regattas.
 - f. Skippers shall be liable for the conduct of their crew.
 - 6 Races will be scored using “time on time” with a correction factor = $650/(550+PHRF)$ as recommended by USSailing.

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