



ANNUAL OSPREY CHALLENGE REGATTA
ASSA Race #1 – Saturday--June 3, 2017

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 2017-2020” of the U.S. Sailing Association except as modified by these sailing instructions.

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 have previously registered with the ASSA and race committee, display a prominent sail number, and be on the race course five minutes prior to the race start.

III. NOTICES:

The Race Committee will post official notices at Marina Park. All communications from the Race Committee will be on VHF Channel 72. Execution of penalty turns, withdrawal, protests and emergencies should be reported to the race committee as soon as possible.

IV. SCHEDULE:

Fri., June 2, 2017 1500 - 1900 Registration at Marina Park

Sat., June 3, 2017 0730 - 0830 Check-in for skippers to receive class ribbons & sailing instructions

0800 - Skippers' Meeting

1000 - First Race Start

TBA - Second Race Start

Sat., June 3, 2017 1800 – dinner and awards presentations

V. CLASSES AND STARTING ORDER:

1. Spinnaker Class - Red Flag
2. Non-Spinnaker Class A – PHRF of 189 or **LESS** – Blue Flag
3. Non-Spinnaker Class B - PHRF of 190 or **MORE** – Green Flag
4. Non-Spinnaker Cruising Class - foresails not more than 135% - Yellow Flag

NOTE: PHRF Ratings DO NOT CHANGE during the year once established by ASSA.

VI. COURSES:

The race courses will be sailed 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 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) is in effect** and will be observed by the race committee; penalties applied per rule 30.2.

On station will be advised by 3 short blasts one to three minutes (at the race committee's discretion) before the first class flag is raised. Each class sequence thereafter will then begin with the raising of its respective class flag 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 either side of the starting line proper. Stay clear of the starting area until your class starts.**

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.

VIII. SPECIAL SIGNALS:

Postponement: Two sounds and VHF announcement will indicate a delay in scheduled time to start. The 3-blast warning signal will be repeated just prior to resuming the start sequence.

Shortened Course: Two sounds and VHF announcement will precede a shortening of the course. Watch for committee boat repositioning and listen for announcement of course change.

Abandonment or Cancellation: Three sounds and VHF announcement.

General Recall: Two sounds and VHF announcement. A new starting sequence will be initiated for any class(es) not yet started.

Individual Recall: One sound and VHF hailing of the offending boat(s) indicates one or more yachts have started prematurely. The Race Committee will endeavor to notify each yacht over early by hailing.

IX. TIME LIMIT:

A class race may be abandoned if no boat in the class has finished within 2 hours. The race committee **may** terminate the race and score all remaining boats in that class in their positions at that time, 30 minutes after the first boat in a class has finished. As time permits, the second race starting signal sequence will begin at least 10 to no more than 30 minutes after the proper finish of the last boat of the last group and notified by 3 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 at OYC clubhouse 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 and an appropriate size anchor.
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 have previously registered with the race committee for a race.

1. Clubs entering less than the required number of four 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 head, 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. 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!!!!

4. **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 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.
5. Races will be scored using “time on time” with a correction factor = $650/(550+PHRF)$ as recommended by USSailing.