

**Notice of Race  
2018 Spring and Fall Series  
FHYC Ensign Fleet 19**

**RULES**

The FHYC Ensign Spring and Fall Series shall be conducted and managed by the Fairfield Harbour Yacht Club. The racing shall be governed by *The 2017 - 2020 Racing Rules of Sailing*, including the prescriptions of US Sailing, except as altered by the sailing instructions and by the Ensign Class Rules. Fleet 19 requires that outboard engines be removed from the transom before starting and that all boats be "wet sailed" which means a boat must be in the water by the first race date of both the Spring and Fall Series". Rule 44 is changed according to the published sailing instructions. Where there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedent.

**ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY**

Entries shall be accepted from all Ensign Skippers. Skippers may enter either series by sending the completed entry form and required fee to the address given on the entry form prior to racing.

**FEES**

**The entry fee for each series shall be \$40, due prior to the first Race Day of that series.**

**SCHEDULE**

**There will be no Skippers' Meeting.** The first scheduled start will be at 1:00 PM on all race days. Three races are scheduled each day; however, the Warning Signal for any race shall not be put up after 3:30 PM. Practice Days are optional un-scored events with the format determined by the participants.

Series dates are as follows:

SPRING SERIES – Practice Day: March 15; Race Days: March 22, 29, April 5, 12, 19, 26, May 3.

FALL SERIES – Practice Day: September 27; Race Days: October 4, 11, 18, 25, November 1, 8, 15.

SPRING PARTY – May 3, 5pm, Red Sail Park

FALL PARTY - November 15, 5pm, location to be determined

At these parties we present racing awards and say thank you to the Race Committee. All racers, substitute crew and RC helpers along with their spouses are invited. Racers are asked to bring a dish to pass. The RC helpers will be our guests. Beer, wine, soft drinks and table service will be provided by the Fleet Captain.

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing instructions will be published by email and posted on FHYC website.

## **SCORING**

The low point scoring system of Appendix A, paragraph A 4 will be used. A Series will be official if a minimum of one race is sailed. When fewer than 8 races have been completed, a boat's Series score will be the total of her race scores. When from 8 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's Series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. When from 10 to 13 races have been completed, a boat's Series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores. When 14 to 17 races have been completed, a boat's Series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores. When 18 or more races have been completed, a boat's Series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her four worst scores.

## **AWARDS**

One award shall be presented for every three yachts entered. The Boat of the Year Award shall be determined by the sum of the spring and fall series scores.

## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

1. Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "*The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone*".
2. Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
  - i. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the event;
  - ii. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
  - iii. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions and omissions;
  - iv. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
  - v. Provision of a race management team, mark boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
  - vi. Provision of a mark boat's coverage is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

**2018 FHYC Fleet 19 Ensign Spring Series Entry Form**

Skipper/owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Boat name \_\_\_\_\_ Sail # \_\_\_\_\_

I (we for jointly owned boats) agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Ensign Class rules.

**WAIVER:** As a condition of participation in this FHYC Regatta, I assume all risks of accident or loss to myself or my crew while participating in all regatta activities of FHYC and release the FHYC and those acting on its behalf from any liability arising from participation in this regatta. I recognize that sailing activities can be hazardous under certain circumstances and my participation in FHYC sponsored regatta activities is voluntary on my part and I therefore assume all risks of loss or injury when I choose to participate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry form and fee of \$40.00 must be received prior to March 22 Race Day.  
Make checks payable to FHYC and send to:  
Mark Hittner, 5214 Bucco Reef Road, New Bern, NC 28560**

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**2018 FHYC Fleet 19 Ensign Fall Series Entry Form**

Skipper/owner(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Boat name \_\_\_\_\_ Sail # \_\_\_\_\_

I (we for jointly owned boats) agree to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the Ensign Class rules.

**WAIVER:** As a condition of participation in this FHYC Regatta, I assume all risks of accident or loss to myself or my crew while participating in all regatta activities of FHYC and release the FHYC and those acting on its behalf from any liability arising from participation in this regatta. I recognize that sailing activities can be hazardous under certain circumstances and my participation in FHYC sponsored regatta activities is voluntary on my part and I therefore assume all risks of loss or injury when I (we) choose to participate.

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Home phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

**Entry form and fee of \$40.00 must be received prior to Oct. 5 Race Day.**  
**Make checks payable to FHYC and send to:**  
Mark Hittner, 5214 Bucco Reef Road, New Bern, NC 28560