

2018 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

FHYC Ensign Fleet 19

MANAGEMENT AND 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 these sailing instructions and by the Ensign Class Rules. Where there is conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.

FLEET 19 RULE: All boats shall be “wet sailed” which means being in the water by the first race date of both series. Outboard engines shall be removed from the transom before starting a race. During all races, each boat shall monitor VHF channel 67. If a crew member falls overboard (separated from the boat) the affected boat shall immediately notify the Signal Boat and the race shall be abandoned.

CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: The Sailing Instructions are established during the Ensign Fleet 19 Annual Meeting by a majority vote of the Ensign Fleet 19 participating boats. Each boat has one vote. Subsequent changes to the Sailing Instructions shall only be adopted if no objections are submitted from participating boats. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be communicated by email.

PRERACE COMMUNICATION: There will be no skippers’ meeting prior to racing. The race committee may announce the general location of the course or any other notices on VHF Channel 67, by phone or by email.

CANCELLATIONS, POSTPONEMENTS AND ABANDONMENTS: No signals will be made ashore; however, decisions to cancel or postpone racing, if made before 10:00AM, will be announced by email or by phone. In the event of cancellation or postponement after 10:00AM, announcements will be made on VHF Channel 67 at 11:30AM or as soon thereafter as decisions allow. Races will be abandoned or cancelled for the day if sustained wind greater than 15 knots is experienced or expected on the race course. The PRO and the Fleet Captain jointly have the authority to cancel racing for the day. After the starting signal the decision to abandon a race rests solely with the PRO in accordance with rule 32.1.

A race will not be scored unless at least three boats start.

In the event of crew falling overboard (detached from the boat), the race shall immediately be abandoned, and all participants are to respond to assist with POB (person overboard) recovery.

SCHEDULE OF RACES: The first scheduled start is 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 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.

RACING AREA: Races will be held on the Neuse River in the area between markers 17, 19 and Broad Creek #2, or on Upper Broad Creek.

COURSES: The courses will be WINDWARD/LEEWARD and will be signaled by displaying a green or a red flag. Course diagrams for each course can be found below.

MARKS: Marks will be inflatable buoys, the Signal Boat, or a mark boat when displaying “S” or “M”.

THE START: Races will be started per Rule 26. The starting line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the course side of the Start/Finish pin. After the first race of the day, the following starting sequence will begin about 5 minutes after the last boat has finished the previous race. The PRO may consider requests from boats that ask for additional time (not to exceed 5 minutes).

CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE: Marks (or the finishing line) may be moved without signal if no boat is on that leg. Expect to go upwind and downwind. This changes Rule 33.

FINISH: The finish will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the course side of the Start/Finish pin.

PENALTY: The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing or Rule 31.”

TIME LIMIT: The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes. Once a boat finishes within the time limit, all boats not finishing within 15 minutes of the first boat will be scored TLE and scored two points more than the last boat in their class that finished within the time limit. This changes Rule 35s, A4 and A5.

PROTESTS: The Fleet Captain shall appoint the Protest Committee when needed. The Protest Committee may consist, in part or in its entirety, of sailors from competing boats that are not parties to the protest. In addition to the requirements of Rule 61.1, a protest shall be heard only if the protesting boat notifies the Race Committee, by hail, immediately upon finishing the race and the hail is acknowledged by the Committee. All protests must be presented to the Race Committee (PRO or Fleet Captain) in writing within 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. All protests shall be heard on the same day, or as soon as practicable, at a time and place to be determined by the Protest Committee.

SCORING: The low point scoring system of Appendix A, paragraph A 4 will be used and one completed race will constitute a Series. When fewer than 8 races have been completed a boat’s Series score will be the total of her race scores. When 8 or 9 races have been completed a boat’s Series score will be the total of her race scores excluding the worst score. When 10 to 13 races have been completed, a boat’s Series score will be the total of her race scores excluding the 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.

WITHDRAWAL FROM RACING: A boat that retires from racing shall notify the Race Committee, if possible, before leaving the racing area. Skippers shall notify the Fleet Captain as early as possible if their boat will not be racing.

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 scores.

MARK BOAT: All races shall have a mark boat to set marks, provide a safety watch and to assist in recovering persons overboard.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Competitors participate in the Series entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. Each Competitor is responsible for any and all liability claims, which may result from their participation, and should be adequately self-insured or covered by third party insurance. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after each day's racing.

Course Diagrams:

