

**Wrightsville Beach Ocean Racing Association
2009 Series Race/Cruises
Sailing Instructions**

1 Rules

1.1 Governing Rules

The 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing and the prescriptions of the US Sailing will govern the regatta, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions. Wrightsville Beach Ocean Racing Association is the organizing authority. These Sailing Instructions shall have precedence over the Notice of Race if there is a conflict between the two.

1.2 Minimum Equipment and Accommodation Requirements

Boats should be suitable for sailing in the ocean within about 5 to 10 miles from Masonboro Inlet in daylight. Open daysailors and beach cats are not suitable. Boats need either outboard or inboard auxiliary power. You need to have a VHF to communicate with race committee and receive on the water instructions and courses. We will use Channel 68. Like all boaters, you are subject to inspection by the USCG and local law enforcement for compliance to equipment regulations. The federal and state regulations are minimum requirements. Category 5 standards described in the 2006-2007 ISAF Special Regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Equipment provide additional guidance for equipment and training, but are not governmental requirements. You can obtain the standard from: http://www.sailing.org/offshore/2006/OSR2006_AppJ_081205.pdf

2 Notices to Competitors and Changes in Sailing Instructions

Any change in the sailing instructions will be communicated to you by VHF at the time of the race.

3 Race Signals

3.1 Visual Signals

Flags will be flown by the race committee in accordance with RRS 26 and the Race Signals in the back of the rule book. In some cases we may not be able to use signals and VHF communication will be substituted.

3.2 Audible Signals

Sound signals will be given using a horn.

4 Signals Made Ashore

Signals typically made ashore will be communicated by VHF on Channel 68.

5 Schedule of Races

5.1 Races are scheduled as follows:
Refer to WBORA Calendar

6 Fleet Flags

Class flags will be:

Fleet	Flag
Cruising	Yellow
Racing	Red

Note that more than one class may be started in the same start.

7 Racing Area

The racing area will be in the sound off of Wrightsville Beach, NC and near offshore waters.

8 Courses

Courses will be designated by Letters per the WBORA Racing Marks List and/or by their navigational name. These may be designated by signboard or code flags or communicated verbally by VHF. Marks will normally be left to port. If it is necessary to leave marks to starboard this will be verbally communicated to you.

9 Marks

Marks of the course are designated government marks and WBORA temporary inflatable marks.

10 The Start

10.1 The Starting Area

The starting area will be in the vicinity of the Masonboro Inlet Sea Buoy MI Mo A. Banks Channel or near the Blockade Runner dock. The inside course may be used if sailing conditions outside are nasty.

10.2 The Starting Line

The starting line shall be between the orange flag on a staff displayed by the Race Committee RC and either a temporary mark or a government mark. If an orange flag is not displayed the starting line will be designated by the main mast of the vessel.

10.3 The Start Signals

Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

10.4 Keeping Clear Before the Start

Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all boats whose preparatory signal has been made.

11 Recalls

11.1 Individual Recall

The RC will attempt to hail the sail numbers or name of the yachts concerned on VHF channel 68. Failure to hail or failure of the boat(s) concerned to hear the hail shall not relieve such boat of her responsibility to start properly and shall not be grounds for protesting the race committee.

11.2 General Recall

General recalls shall be announced by VHF.

12 The Finish

12.1 The Finish Line

The finish line will be between an orange flag on a staff displayed by the RC at one end and the finish mark at the other end. If a staff with an orange flag is not displayed the finish designation is the main mast of the RC Boat. If no committee boat is on station take your own time, preferably using your GPS time when the finish mark is abeam on the heading from the last mark.

12.2 The Race Finish

A boat shall finish the race in accordance with the RRS definition for Finishing:

13 Time Limit

The time limit for the lead boat in each fleet is three hours to complete the course. Boats will have one hour after the first boat in their fleet sails the course and finishes to complete the course. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored DNF. This modifies RRS 35 and Appendix A.

14 Safety

14.1 Disclaimer of Liability

RRS 4 states that "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or cruise or to continue racing or cruising is her's alone." Sailors participate in the races or cruises entirely at their own risk. 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 a race and or cruise.

14.2 Rendering Assistance

RRS 1.1 states "A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger". Any boat(s) so rendering assistance to another shall record her actual time spent (lost) as accurately as possible under the circumstances and upon application under RRS 62, the assisting yacht's elapsed time may be adjusted by the race committee taking into consideration any other factors deemed appropriate as well as time lost.

14.3 Check In/Check Out

Before the warning signal for the first class of the first race each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the RC and hail her sail number which will be acknowledged by the race committee. You can also use your VHF on 68. Make sure you are acknowledged. A boat which retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course area or, if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore. Use your VHF and make sure you are acknowledged.

15 Scoring

PHRF time allowances shall be calculated using handicaps from NC-PHRF and the stated course distances using Time on Distance. Scores will count toward the WBORA 2008 Points Series. If conditions permit we may run a second race. The second race will not count in the overall series score. If you don't have a PHRF rating we will give you one.

16 Protests and Requests for Redress

A boat intending to protest or request redress shall notify the Race Committee at the finish line of her Intentions. Protests and requests for redress shall be written on forms available from the Race Committee and shall be mailed, emailed, faxed or delivered to the RC no later than the Monday following the race. Timeliness of filing shall be determined by postmark if mailed. The time of protest or redress hearings will be set for a time convenient to protestor and protestee. If a boat fouls another boat she can exonerate herself by making two penalty turns. (720 Rule).

17 Grounding

Boats running aground may use their motor or receive assistance to re float without penalty. A boat assisting may get redress under 14.2. The use of a motor or tow will be discontinued as soon as possible after re-floating.

18 Amendments

The Race Committee may amend these rules as necessary by E-Mail, Web posting or by VHF.
APPENDIX A

WBORA Starting Sequence

- It is advisable to fire a few short blasts prior to going into sequence to get all competitors' attention.
- As best possible, do the flag action and sound signal at the same time.

Time (counting down)	Flag Action	Sound Signal	Comment
5 minutes	RAISE the class flag (RED).	One short blast	Warning Signal. 5 minutes to race start when class flag raised.
4 minutes	RAISE the prep flag (BLUE RC).	One short blast	Preparatory signal. 4 minutes to start when P flag raised. Flag P used.
1 minute	DROP the prep flag BLUE RC (the class flag remains).	One long blast (3 sec.)	Preparatory signal. P flag removed 1 minute before start. Flag P used.
0 minutes (Start)	DROP the class flag. RED	One short blast	Start Signal. Race start when class flag removed.

POSTPONE FLAG IS YELLOW

We will try to use the VHF at each step as we know that this can be confusing. We may have a situation where only the VHF is used.