

ICRC Rules for Regional Championship Events 2016

The ICRC has recognized a need to change the way these events (formerly ICRC Club championships) were run in order to increase the fun factor and decrease disagreements about various issues, including scoring, PHRF rating break variations, etc. A Sub Committee of the ICRC composed of the Commodore of BSC, Eddy Parker, the Race Committee Chair of the ODC (Henry Frazer) with Bill Jarvis (Chair of NC-PHRF) as chair was formed and given the charge to come up with recommendations that would encourage participation in PHRF racing on the Neuse River.

The Sub Committee's recommendations were discussed, modified and adopted by the ICRC on February 27, 2016 as Rules for Regional Championship events, currently comprised of the BSC Sound Band ETYSA Regatta at BSC and the ODC Dragon's Breath Regatta in Oriental. Other events may be included in future years.

1. The ICRC Club Championship is replaced with a Regional Championship comprised of two regions, the Upper Neuse and the Lower Neuse with the dividing line at Minnesott. The Lower Neuse region is made up of the ODC, NSA, SCOO, River Dunes and Pamlico River clubs while the Upper Neuse Region includes BSC, NYRA, FHYC and HCYC and any other clubs in the New Bern area.
2. ICRC events will be based on existing Club events. The Clubs would be responsible for the event NOR, SI, awards, etc. The events would have fleets for Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker boats and perhaps for Cruising boats. However the Cruising boat fleet would not be scored for the Regional Championship.
3. Fleets (Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker) would be broken into classes based on PHRF ratings as follows: A \leq 120, 123 \leq B \leq 192 and C \geq 195 for all ICRC events for 2016. The PRO has no discretion to adjust or amend these class breaks even if it results in a class of one boat. Class breaks may be changed in future years.
4. All boats in a Fleet (Spinnaker or Non-spinnaker) would sail the same courses and there would be Overall ICRC trophies for Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker fleets. Classes within fleets might have combined starts at the discretion of the PRO.
5. The current Club trophy would become the Regional trophy and remain in Oriental.
6. The ICRC agreed unanimously to determine the Regional Championship of each event by taking the top 5 scores of each region (split at Minnesott) in either the spinnaker or non-spinnaker fleets. Note that effectively this requires each region to have at least 5 boats to be competitive. The ICRC will use the low point scoring system.

7. For Regional scoring purposes, a racer must declare the region in which he/she is competing for the entire season and must be a member of a sailing club in the Upper or Lower region as defined above.
8. Finally, the ICRC SOTY (Sailor of the Year) rules have been modified for 2016.
 - a. There are now 8 OPEN events that are scored for this award. They include the:
 - (1) NRYA Invitational, New Bern, NC
 - (2) ETYSA, Blackbeard Sailing Club
 - (3) NCOC, Beaufort, NC
 - (4) Ocracoke Race, Indian Island to Ocracoke
 - (5) Hancock Creek, Cherry Point MAS, NC
 - (6) Dragon's Breath, Oriental, NC
 - (7) Oar Race, New Bern-Oriental, NC
 - (8) Michelob Cup, Oriental-New Bern, NC
 - b. To qualify for the ICRC SOTY, a sailor must compete in 4 of these.
 - c. The ICRC will award both a Spinnaker SOTY and a Non-spinnaker SOTY.
 - d. The HPA (High Point Average) scoring system will be used.