

ORIENTAL CUP REGATTA

Sept 11, 12, 13 2015

Oriental, North Carolina USA

Organizing Authority: Neuse Yacht Racing Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Circle 2

1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2013-2016*.
- 1.2 Racing rule 40 will be changed as follows: Life jackets must be worn while racing. The race committee signal boat will not fly the Y flag or sound any signals.
- 1.3 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.

2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices will be placed on the Official Notice Board, which is a wall near the Tiki Bar deck, located at the Oriental Marina and Inn (OM&I).

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be announced at the skippers meeting and posted immediately thereafter.

4. Signals made ashore

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee Boat, docked at the Oriental Marina.
- 4.2 Flag "AP" with two sound signals means races are postponed on all courses, do not leave the Marina. Races will start no earlier than 60 minutes after "AP" is lowered, with one sound signal.
- 4.3 Flag "N" with three sound signals means all races on all courses are canceled for the day.

5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1 Racing is scheduled as follows: Saturday, Sept 12, 2015, first class warning signal at 1200, GPS Time, subsequent class warning signals will follow not sooner than one minute after the prior class start.
- 5.2 There is at least one race scheduled for each class. There may be up to four races for each class. One completed race will constitute a regatta.

6. Classes, Class Flags, and Order of Starts

- 6.1 **Classes may be one design or open. A minimum of three boats will be necessary to constitute a class.** The classes, class flags and order of start will be announced at the skippers' meeting, and a supplement to the Sailing Instructions will be provided to the participants at that time.

7. Racing Area

- 7.1 Racing will take place on the Neuse River in the area between Whittaker Creek Channel and the shore, in the general direction of Oriental 1.

8. The Course

- 8.1 The course will be Windward/Leeward and will be displayed on the Course Board on the signal boat ("W" followed by a number designating the number of LEGS).

9. Marks

- 9.1 The starting and finish line will be between a staff displaying an **Orange Flag** on the Committee Boat and a floating yellow cylinder.

10. The Start

10.1 Races will be started using Appendix S, SOUND SIGNAL STARTING SYSTEM as shown below. Audible signals shall govern. Only the class flag will be displayed during the sequence.

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Sound</i>	<i>Minutes before start</i>
Warning	3 long	3 minutes
Preparatory	2 long	2 minutes
	1 long, 3 short	1 minute, 30 seconds
	1 long	1' minute
	3 short	30 seconds
	2 short	20 seconds
	1 short	10 seconds
	1 short	5 seconds
	1 short	4 seconds
	1 short	3 seconds
	1 short	2 seconds
	1 short	1 second
Starting	1 long	0

**As a courtesy, the Race Committee, will attempt to sound a horn with 4 short blasts approximately 1 minute before the warning signal for the first class.*

10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area, or be subject to disqualification.

11 PROTESTS

11.1 Each skipper is expected to know the rules and to do the penalty turns promptly if they break a rule. If a yacht breaks a rule and does not do the proper turns, a protest should be initiated. Protest forms are available from the race committee and are to be filed immediately after the day's racing. Protest hearings will be held after the races at a time and a place chosen by the protest committee. The interested parties will be notified in advance.

12 Scoring

12.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A4 will be used, except that there will be no result excluded. This changes Rule A2. In the event of one or more open classes the Portsmouth Yardstick scoring system will be used.

13 Safety Regulations

13.1 All boats racing shall check in at the Signal Boat, when flag L is raised with one signal, prior to the start of the first class sequence, by passing to the stern of the Race Committee Boat, on starboard tack and hailing the Race Committee to convey the following information: **sail number and class**. Make sure that the Race Committee signifies that they have received your hail and checked in your boat. Failure to do so may result in a Did Not Start score for the boat.

13.2 A boat which retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

14 Prizes/Awards

14.1 Trophies will be awarded in each class. The depth of awards will depend on class size. Trophy presentation will take place on Sunday, Sept 13, 2015 at 1045, Oriental Marina Deck.

15 Disclaimer of Liability

15.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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 the regatta.