

**Oriental Cup Regatta**  
**Sept 11, 12, 13 2015**  
**Oriental, North Carolina**  
**Organizing Authority: Neuse Yacht Racing Association**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Circle 1**

**1 RULES**

**1.1** The Regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

**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 at a wall near the Tiki Bar deck.

**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** Saturday, Sept 12, 2015, the first class warning signal is at 1125. Subsequent class warning signals will be at the discretion of the race committee.

**5.2** There is at least one race scheduled for each class. Additional races may be run for the spinnaker and Jib & Main classes.

**5.3** Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2200 on the day before it will take effect.

**6 FLAGS**

**6.1** The class flags are: Spinnaker A: Red, Spinnaker B: White, Jib & Main (JAM) A: Yellow, JAM B: Blue, Social Cruising Class: Green, Multihull: Purple.

**7 THE COURSES**

**7.1** The courses for the spinnaker and JAM fleets will sail a windward leeward course. A numeral displayed on the signal boat will show the number of times that the leeward mark must be rounded. The finish will be to windward. All marks shall be left to port.

**7.3** The course for the Social Cruising and Multihull classes will use the government marks, 1 AC, Neuse 7, Oriental 1, not necessarily in that order but with all marks left to port.

**8 MARKS**

**8.1** The port (pin) end of the start/finish line will be a yellow inflatable mark.

**8.2** The windward and leeward marks will be orange inflatable marks.

## **9 THE START**

**9.1** Races will be started with signals as shown below. Times shall be taken from visual signals.

| <u>Signal</u> | <u>Flag and sound</u> | <u>Minutes to start</u> |   |
|---------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Warning       | Class flag;           | 1 sound                 | 5 |
| Preparatory   | P flag;               | 1 sound                 | 4 |
| One-Minute    | P flag removed;       | 1 long sound            | 1 |
| Starting      | Class flag removed;   | 1 sound                 | 0 |

**9.2** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area and boats that are in their starting sequence or are maneuvering to start.

**9.3** A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored did not start (DNS) without a hearing.

**9.4** Class starting sequence will be announced at the skippers meeting.

## **10 THE START AND FINISH**

**10.1** The start and finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and a floating yellow mark.

## **11 TIME LIMITS – SPINNAKER AND JAM CLASSES**

**11.1** The time limit for the first boat to finish will be 2 hours.

**11.2** Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat in their class that sails the proper course and finishes, and not thereafter retiring, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). This changes rules 35 and A11.

**11.3** Boats scored TLE will be scored by the race committee points equal to the number of boats in their class finishing within the time limit plus two without a hearing.

## **12 TIME LIMITS – SOCIAL CRUISING AND MULTIHULL CLASSES**

**12.1** The time limit for a race will be three hours. If one boat finishes within the time limit, other boats in that class are entitled to one more hour or the full three hours, whichever amount of time is greater.

## **13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**13.1** A boat protesting or requesting redress must inform the signal boat at the finish of the race and must file same in writing no later than 60 minutes after the signal boat has docked after the finish of the day's racing. Time of the signal boat docking will be posted. Protest forms will be available at the OM&I office.

**13.2** Notice(s) of protest will be posted within 30 minutes of the close of protest time to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named witnesses. The time and location of hearings will be posted. Protest hearings will be held as soon as possible in the approximate order of receipt.

## **14 SCORING**

**14.1** There will be no result excluded. This changes rule A2.

**14.2** One completed race will constitute a regatta.

## **15 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**15.1** All boats racing shall check in at the signal boat prior to the start the first class by passing to the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and hailing the signal boat the boat name, sail number and class. Make sure that the signal boat acknowledges that they have received your hail and checked in your boat. Failure to do so may result in a DNS.

**15.2** A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. The race committee will monitor VHF channel 5A.

**15.3** Single handed sailors shall wear PFD's at all times.

**15.4** Any attempt by any competitor to exercise right of way, cross in close proximity to, or to interfere with the reasonable transit of the race area by a commercial vessel will be subject to protest and can be grounds for disqualification. Boats must take corrective action well in advance of any potentially close situation.

**16 OFFICIAL BOATS**

**16.1** The signal boat will display an “RC” flag.

**16.2** Support boats will be identified at the skippers meeting.

**17 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**17.1** A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile/cell phones.

**17.2** The race committee will monitor channel 5A.

**18 PRIZES**

**18.1** Trophies will be awarded in each class. The depth of awards will depend on class size. Trophy presentation will take place on Sunday on the Oriental Marina Deck.

**19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**19.1** 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.