



**2016 CROAKER FEST REGATTA  
Oriental Dinghy Club  
Oriental, North Carolina**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 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 Racing rule 44.1 will be changed as follows: substitute the words "One-Turn" for "Two-Turns".

**2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Changes to the sailing instructions will be announced at the skippers meeting.

**3 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 3.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 1300 (1 PM).
- 3.2 Number of races: Three or more will be sailed. This may be changed by the fleet captains and or the race committee.

**4 CLASS FLAGS AND ORDER OF START**

420/FJ Class	White Flag
Sunfish	Sunfish Class Flag
Optimist	Optimist Class Flag

**5 RACING AREA**

The races will be held on the waters of the Neuse River or the creeks in the vicinity of the town of Oriental.

**6 THE COURSE**

- 6.1 The course will be Windward/Leeward. A separate windward and leeward mark may be set for Optis (the shape and color will be announced at the competitor's meeting). All marks are to be left to port.

**7 MARKS**

- 7.1 The marks will be orange or yellow inflatable cylinders. There may be a separate or a common starting and finish line.

**8 THE START AND FINISH**

A series of short horn blasts shall precede the beginning of each starting sequence. The start will be in accordance with RRS 26 (5 minute sequence). The start/finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and an orange mark on the port end of the line.

**9 PROTESTS**

Each skipper is expected to know the rules and to do the proper 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.

**10 COMMUNICATION**

In addition to the starting signal flags, the signal boat may use verbal instructions to call the timing sequence or provide additional information.