

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2015 Oriental Lightning Regatta Oriental Dinghy Club  
Midyette Street Boat Ramp Oriental, NC  
August 29 and 30, 2015

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2013-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) with US Sailing prescriptions and the International Lightning Class Association (ILCA) class rules..
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and any other document governing the event, the Sailing Instructions take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.3. RRS 41 "Outside Help" is changed by SI 16.1.
- 1.4. The Two Turns penalty of RRS 44 as changed below will apply:  
"When an infringing yacht has its spinnaker drawing at the time of the infringement, drops it completely while taking her penalty, and resets it immediately and has it drawing after the penalty, the penalty is one turn instead of two."
- 1.5. RRS 42.3(c) is deleted and replaced with Article VIII 11 of the Rules Governing All Lightning Class District Championships:  
On a free leg of the course, when surfing (rapidly accelerating down the leeward side of a wave) or planing is possible, the boat's crew may, in order to initiate surfing or planing, pump the sheet, but not the guy controlling any sail, but only once for each wave or gust of wind. When the mainsail is pumped, only that part of the sheet between the crew member handling the sheet and the first block on the boom shall be used.
- 1.6. The US SAILING prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on property adjacent to the boat ramp facility at the regatta tent.
- 2.2. A Competitors Meeting will occur on property adjacent to the boat ramp on Saturday August 29 at 1030.

## 3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Changes to the sailing instructions made on the first day of the regatta will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the end of the competitors' meeting.
- 3.2. Any change to the racing schedule for Sunday will be posted by 2100 on Saturday.

## 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the regatta tent.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in RRS "Race Signals"

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Saturday, August 29

0900 – 1015 Registration / Check in at the regatta tent

1030 Competitors Meeting

1200 Warning Signal first race of the day; subsequent races to follow.  
After race social, BYOB come as you are at the regatta tent

Sunday August 30

1100 Warning Signal first race of the day subsequent races to follow  
Awards at the regatta tent after sailing

- 5.1. The Race Committee may adjust the racing schedule to suit weather conditions.
- 5.2. A starting sequence may not begin after 1400 on Sunday May 18.

## 6. RACING AREA

- 6.1. Races will be sailed in Neuse River near the town of Oriental. From the launch ramp area, sail under the Green/Smith Creek bridge into the river. Keep clear of underwater obstructions on left side between ramp and bridge.

## 7. CHECK IN & RETIRING

- 7.1. Each boat shall sail by the race committee signal boat, hail her sail number and be acknowledged by the race committee with a return hail of her sail number. This shall be done before the first race in which a boat competes on each day.
- 7.2. A boat failing to comply with the check in procedure shall receive, without a hearing, a 5 point scoring penalty in the first race in which the boat competes, calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). This changes RRS 63.1, RRS A4.1 and A5.
- 7.3. A boat that retires from a race shall make an effort to notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity. The Race Committee may be contacted by VHF to comply with this information.

## 8. THE COURSE

- 8.1. The attached diagram shows the course, the marks in order and the side on which each rounding mark is to be left.
- 8.2. Course 5 will be five (5) legs (windward, leeward, windward, leeward, windward)
- 8.3. Course 4 will be four (4) legs (windward, leeward, windward, leeward)
- 8.4. The course designation and approximate magnetic compass bearing from the starting line to the first mark will be displayed on the starboard side of the committee boat before or with the PREPARATORY signal.

## 9. MARKS

- 9.1. The starting marks will be the race committee signal boat at starboard end and a small yellow mark at the port end. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of port end mark.
- 9.2. Mark (1) will be a large orange cylinder.
- 9.3. The offset mark will be a small orange ball.
- 9.4. Gate marks (2) will be large yellow cylinders.
- 9.5. Downwind finish will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and a small orange mark.
- 9.6. Upwind finish will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat and the windward mark.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1. Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.
- 10.2. The class flag is a white background with a red lightning bolt.
- 10.3. The Race Committee shall attempt to notify OCS boats and boats that have not complied with rule 30.1 by hailing sail numbers, on the specified VHF channel. The delay of such a hail, the order of hailing or the failure of a competitor to hear such a hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finish line) to a new position. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the mark may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated, without further signaling, to maintain the course configuration.

## **12. TIME LIMIT**

- 12.1. A boat starting more than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1, and A5.
- 12.2. The time limit is 120 minutes for the first boat to sail the course as required by RRS 28.1. Boats still racing more than 15 minutes after the first boat that sails the course finishes will be scored TLE without a hearing. This changes rules 35, 63.1, A4.1 and A5.

## **13. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

- 13.1. US Sailing Appendix T sections B (Post Race Penalties) and C (Expedited Hearings) shall apply.
- 13.2. RRS 61.1(a) is changed to require a boat intending to protest another boat to notify the race committee finish boat as soon as practical after finishing of her intent to protest and of the identity of the boat to be protested.
- 13.3. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the official arrival of the race committee signal boat at the dock.
- 13.4. The race committee will post its official arrival time on the notice board. Flag "B" will be hoisted with one sound signal when the RC signal boat docks and will be lowered with one sound signal at the protest time limit.
- 13.5. Notices will be posted on the notice board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the regatta tent unless an alternate location is posted with the hearing notices.
- 13.6. Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 13.7. On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day or no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 13.8. On the last day of the regatta a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

#### **14. SCORING**

- 14.1. The low point system of RRS Appendix A will apply. No race scores will be excluded from a boat's series, this modifies RRS A2.
- 14.2. Boats failing to meet the time limits of SI 12.2 will be scored without a hearing, Time Limit Expired (TLE). The score for TLE will be two more points than the number of boats finishing within the time limit, except where that would be higher than DNF. In that case TLE would get one more point than the number of boats finishing. This changes rule A4.2.

#### **15. PRIZES**

- 15.1. Prizes will be awarded to the skippers and crews placing first through fourth in the regatta.

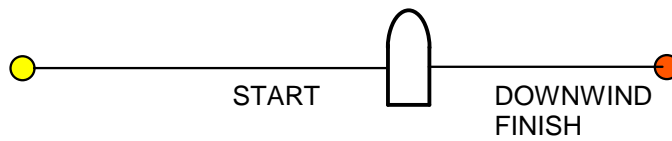
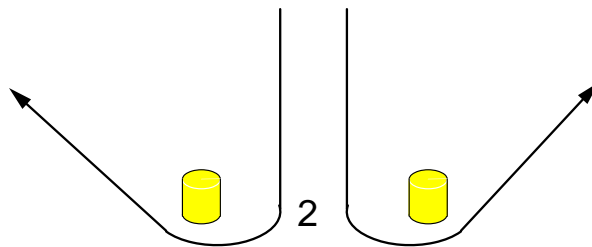
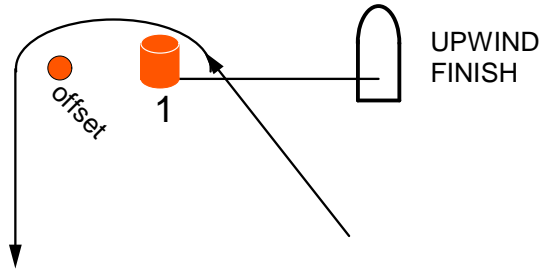
#### **16. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

- 16.1. Use of handheld VHF radios will be permitted for communication from the race committee to competitors. The race committee intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS (On Course Side of the line) boats after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Competitors shall only use the specified channel while racing to listen for OCS hails, for notification of retirement from the racing area, or for emergency. Any other use constitutes outside help. This changes RRS 41. The designated VHF radio channel for communication is will be 5A.

#### **17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 17.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority shall have no liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

# 2015 Oriental Lightning Regatta Course Diagram



COURSE 5: Start - 1 - offset - 2 - 1 - offset - 2 - Upwind Finish

COURSE 4: Start - 1 - offset - 2 - 1 - offset - Downwind Finish