

THE FIFTEENTH ANNUAL GREEN'S CREEK CHALLENGE REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

THE ORIENTAL DINGHY CLUB

A Regatta Limited to Sail Boats Under 20' LOA



1. RULES

Races will be sailed under the 2005-2008 Racing Rules of Sailing including US Sailing Prescriptions and the rules of the class associations for each yacht except as they may be modified by these instructions.

2. ENTRIES

Sailing yachts under twenty feet LOA declared eligible by the Race Committee may be entered by completing registration with The Oriental Dinghy Club accompanied by the appropriate fee. All yachts must display their number as assigned at registration.

3. LIFE JACKETS

Life jackets must be worn by all participants while on the water. Code flag "Y" will not be displayed.

4. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on an official notice board located at the Oriental Wildlife Ramp and announced at the skippers meeting. All notices so posted and/or announced will be deemed as being delivered in writing to all parties.

5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be announced at the skipper's meeting.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Oriental Wildlife Ramp.

6.2 Code flag "AP" with two sound signals means "The race is postponed".

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The first race will start at 10:00 AM Saturday August 19, 2006 with one common start for all yachts racing. The second race is scheduled to start at 2:00 PM the same day using a pursuit start with starting sequence assigned at the mid-day skipper's meeting.

8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the vicinity of the bridge in Oriental including the waters of Green's and Smith Creeks.

9. THE COURSES

The courses will be announced at the skipper's meetings. They will generally be from the starting line on the river side of the bridge to the first mark then proceeding under the bridge up Greens Creek to the second or third mark, as assigned. From the second (or third) mark the course returns toward the bridge and then up Smith Creek to the fourth mark. After rounding the fourth mark proceed back under the bridge to the finish. All marks are left to starboard (clockwise rounding).

10. MARKS

The marks will be inflated orange or yellow tetrahedrons.

11. THE START

11.1 The first race will be started in accordance with racing rule 26. This is the 'Five minute' sequence. Yellow Class flag is raised at 5 minutes; "P" flag is raised at 4 minutes; "P" flag is lowered at 1 minute; Class flag is lowered at 0 minutes (the start).

11.2 The second race will use a pursuit style start with starting positions assigned at the mid-day skipper's meeting. The first boats to start will follow rule 26 as above with all subsequent starts at their assigned time separation after the first start. The committee boat will display or

announce the time of the group that will be starting next.

11.3 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and a nearby yellow mark.

12. RECALLS

There will be no recalls. Yachts deemed to have started early will be penalized by having their finishing order moved back two places for the purposes of finish position. The adjusted place will not be used for handicapping purposes in the second race.

13. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START

If it becomes necessary to change or shorten the course after the start, competitors will be notified by a chase boat.

14. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between an orange flag on the RC boat and a nearby mark. The RC boat will display a blue flag when on station.

15. PROTESTS

15.1 A yacht wishing to protest another shall so inform the target yacht and, on its return to the wildlife ramp, the race committee. Notification must be made to the Race Committee within 10 minutes after the committee boat docks.

15.2 Protest hearings will be held as soon as possible after the protest time expires. The jury will be made up of any volunteers not directly involved with the protest at hand. The Protestor will have two minutes to state his/her protest. The protestee will then have two minutes to respond. The volunteers will vote for either side by a show of hands. All decisions of the jury are binding and final and may not be appealed.

16. SCORING

Scoring shall be based on a Portsmouth System handicapped finish position in the first race plus the order of finish in the second race. It will not pay to be a "Sand Bagger".

17. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the end of the final race at the official awards ceremony.

18. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS

18.1 Retiring - A yacht which has retired from the race shall notify the race committee before leaving the course area.

18.2 Courtesy - Because this event is in an area of shallow water and narrow channels where a large fleet of small sail boats can be daunting, you are requested to show all courtesies to non-participating vessels trying to negotiate the creeks.

