

**ORIENTAL DINGHY CLUB**  
**ENSIGN INVITATIONAL REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**September 6 & 7, 2008**

1. **RULES:** The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rule 33 will be changed as follows: The race committee may change a leg of the course that begins at a rounding mark by changing the position of the next mark (or the finishing line) without signaling and before any boat has begun the leg.
- 1.3 Outboard motors may be left mounted on the aft bracket. This changes ECA rules.
2. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted at the tent in the area of the Skippers' Meeting.
3. **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted just after the skippers meeting on Saturday and at the tent by 0800 Sunday.
4. **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**  
Will be displayed at Carpenter's Dock. If Pennant AP is displayed the first Warning Signal will be made no earlier than 60 minutes after the AP taken down.
5. **SCHEDULE OF RACES:** Saturday: First warning signal at 1100. Sunday: First warning signal at 1000. We have scheduled three races on Saturday and two on Sunday. We will start no races after 1500 on Saturday and 1400 on Sunday. One race constitutes a regatta.
6. **CLASS FLAG**  
The class flag will be the Ensign Class flag.
7. **RACING AREAS**  
The racing area will be on the Neuse River off the town of Oriental
8. **THE COURSES**  
The courses will be WINDWARD/LEEWARD, leave all marks to port. The signal boat will post the letter "W" with the number of LEGS to be sailed. Courses may be shortened at the discretion of the race committee.
9. **MARKS**  
The marks will be orange or yellow tetrahedrons.
10. **THE START**  
The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the LEEWARD mark.
11. **CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**  
Marks may be moved without signal if no boat is on that leg. Expect to go upwind and downwind.
12. **FINISH**  
The finish will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the LEEWARD mark.
13. **TIME LIMIT**  
The time limit is one hour thirty minutes for the 1<sup>st</sup> boat to finish. Other boats not finishing within two hours will be scored DNF. This changes Rule 35.
14. **PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**  
Protesters must report intent to the finishing race committee signal boat after that race and file a protest form to the RC at the tent within 2 hours after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. ODC recommends on-water exoneration in accordance with the rules.
15. **RADIO COMMUNICATION**  
The race committee will monitor VHF channels 16 and 72. In addition to any general information for the racers the race committee may announce any OCS starters on channel 72. Failure to observe the flag or to hear the horn or radio call will not be cause for redress if the yacht does not start properly.
16. **CHECKS IN/OUT**  
Check in with the RC signal boat before each days racing and let the race committee know if you leave the course area before the racing is finished.