

**ORIENTAL
DINGHY
CLUB**

Presents

The 26th Anniversary
Neuse River Solo Regatta



SATURDAY OCTOBER 10TH, 2009

7:30 - 8:30 am Late Registration
Whittaker Pointe Marina (WPM)
5001 Maritime Drive, Oriental, NC 28571

9 am Captain's Meeting
(Followed by committee and chase boat meeting.)
Whittaker Pointe Marina (WPM)

RACE STARTS 12 NOON

5 pm Get Together
Party and Awards
BBQ dinner by Moore's BBQ
Whittaker Pointe Marina (WPM)

2009 Neuse River SOLO Sailing Instructions

Management. The race will be run under the management of the organizing committee of the Oriental Dinghy Club

Rules. The Race will be conducted in accordance with the Rules of Sailing as adopted by USSA, current at date of regatta and modified by these instructions.

Race Headquarters. Whittaker Pointe Marina (WPM)

Schedule. Times and locations will be as published with these instructions and posted at Race Headquarters. A separate "scratch" sheet of start times will be available to each competitor

Eligibility. Entries are accepted by completing the registration form and signing the waiver of responsibility. The committee will allocate boats to classes according to the Handicap system in use. Eligible boats are 21' and over conforming to PHRF equipment standards and sailors who race solely as a pastime.

Ratings. As far as possible handicap ratings will be as determined by NC PHRF. The organizing committee reserves the right to modify or establish ratings for the purpose of this race only. One design boats racing as a group or class must comply with class rules

Start Times. Times of individual/group starts will be established by the committee to the nearest minute and distributed at the mandatory captains meeting on the morning of the race at 0900. It is a pursuit race.

Course. The course will be set on the Neuse River off Oriental utilizing both government marks and additional marks to create a "circular" course of between 10 and 15 miles. The course may be in either direction at the discretion of the Race committee. For the purposes of the Race Government Marks may be left on either hand to suit the course.

Start. A Start / Finish line will be set between an Orange flag on the Committee Boat and an adjacent mark. The line so formed will be closed from the Warning signal to the completion of the race except for starting or finishing. Penalty is disqualification.

Time Limit. If no yacht has finished within 4 ½. hours the Race may be abandoned at the discretion of the race committee. Closure time is 1700. The course will not be shortened.

Finishing. The order in which boats finish shall determine their finish place. In the event of the time limit rule being imposed the committee on the water will attempt to establish the placing of boats not yet finished at the time of closure. All competitors are asked to note the name and type of vessel ahead and astern of them at that time.

Start signals. A five-minute start sequence will be used for the first boat(s). The number placards will represent the class flag. All boats will have a unique start time. (See special instructions for starting). Attempts will be made to recall / hail early starters. Failure to do so shall not constitute grounds for redress. It is the Captain's responsibility to start correctly. In the event of an early start.

Postponement. A postponement may be necessary to permit conditions to improve and shall be at the discretion of the committee. In the event of a postponement attempts to restart shall be at 30-minute intervals. Start times will alter by 30 minute increments.

Abandonment. In the event that the race is abandoned before the first start, an attempt will be made to re-sail the race on Sunday October 11th. The course would be a short triangle utilizing government Marks. Captains meeting at 0900 hours.

Penalty and protest. Protest must be made in writing in accordance with the Rules of Racing and presented to the race Committee within 30 minutes of the committee boat docking.

Right of Way. Commercial traffic shall have the right of way. Any entrant not complying shall be disqualified.

SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- ❖ **Life Jackets shall be worn – (Code flag “Y” flown on Committee Boat)**
- ❖ **VHF Radio to be tuned to Ch 72**
- ❖ **Anchors shall be deployable from on deck.**
- ❖ **No Mechanical, Electrical or electronic auto steering systems**
- ❖ **No Spinnakers, Bloopers, Gennikers etc**
- ❖ **Yachts retiring shall endeavor to notify the committee.**

It is each Captains decision to sail or not and conduct him/herself with due regard to proper seamanship and safety.

Special Information for starting

The Official start time is 12 Noon

All times are GPS time.

All starts will be in accordance with the time on the issued scratch sheet.

Each Competitor has an individual number and start time to the nearest minute.

The committee boat will show a competitor number as indicated on the scratch sheet prior to each start. This number will be lowered at the time of start.

Where there are group starts only the first and last numbers in that group will be shown.

To identify whether you should have started, check the number displayed on the committee boat - If its lower than your number then wait your turn. If its higher than your number you are late – get going without interfering with those starting correctly!

A 5-minute preliminary sequence shall be given for the first starter(s) starting at 1155 hrs. The appropriate number(s) for the first to start will be displayed as above. At 12 Noon the numbers will be lowered to indicate the Race has started and the first competitor(s) should be away.

All following starts will be in accordance with the time on the issued scratch sheet.

Stay clear of the start line! Don't interfere with others who may be about to start.

Using GPS time means we can all be accurate in our timing. If you can't get GPS set your watch from an atomic signal from the web or UST from a Radio time signal or even your cell phone!

THE COURSE

See chart #s 11552 and or 11548

Generally the race area will be between Gum thicket and Dawsons Creek. Government Marks may be used supplemented by additional inflatable buoys to create a course not exceeding fifteen miles to encompass all points of sailing.

Where government marks are used it is intended that there is enough depth of water for any competing boat to pass on either side! Government marks used for the course may not necessarily be passed on their navigationally "Correct" side.

Course Marks are approximately located at:

Solo 'A': Tetrahedron at 35 degrees, 1.8 minutes latitude; 76 degrees, 38.8 minutes longitude.

Solo 'B': Tetrahedron at 35 degrees, 0.6 minutes latitude; 76 degrees, 37.7 minutes longitude.

Garbacon: at 35 degrees, 0.5 minutes latitude; 76 degrees, 39.7 minutes longitude.

Adams Creek: at 34 degrees, 58.5 minutes latitude; 76 degrees, 41.75 minutes longitude.

Oriental 1:..... at 35 degrees, 0.9 minutes latitude; 76 degrees, 41.5 minutes longitude.

