

ORIENTAL DINGHY CLUB

ENSIGN/J24 INVITATIONAL REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS June 11 & 12, 2011

- 1 **RULES:** The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 2 **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:** Notices to competitors will be posted on the bulletin board in the gazebo at Sailcraft Marina.
- 3 **CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**
Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted immediately after the skippers meeting on Saturday and by 0800 Sunday.
- 3.1 For any discrepancy between these Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall control.
- 4 **SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**
Signals made ashore will be displayed at the gazebo. When the AP flag is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than '60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes race signal AP.
- 5 **SCHEDULE OF RACES:** Saturday: First warning signal at 1100. Sunday: First warning signal at 1000. Order of starts will be announced at the Skippers' Meeting. We will start no races after 1500 on Saturday and 1400 on Sunday. One race constitutes a regatta. The number of races will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 6 **CLASS FLAG**
The class flags will be the Ensign Class flag and a Yellow flag for the J24 class.
- 7 **RACING AREAS**
The racing area will be on the Neuse River near the town of Oriental.
- 8 **THE COURSES**
The courses will be windward/leeward, leaving all marks to port. The signal boat will post the letter "W" with the number of LEGs to be sailed. Sample course diagrams are attached.
- 9 **MARKS**
- 9.1 The windward mark (1) will be a large orange tetrahedron for the J24s, and the windward mark (4) will be a large yellow tetrahedron for the Ensigns.
- 9.2 The leeward mark (3) will be a large orange tetrahedron to weather of the Start/Finish line.
- 9.3 The start/finish pin and windward finish pin will be small yellow tetrahedrons.
- 10 **THE START**
- 10.1 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Signal Boat and the start/finish pin.
- 11 **CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**
Marks (or the finishing line) may be moved without signal if no boat is on that leg. Expect to go upwind and downwind. This changes RRS 33.
- 12 **FINISH**
The finish will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the start/finish pin or the windward finish boat and its finish pin.
- 13 **TIME LIMIT**
The time limit is one hour thirty minutes for the 1st boat to finish. Other boats not finishing within thirty minutes of the first boat to finish will be scored DNF. This changes Rule 35.

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

Protesters must report intent to the signal boat after that race and file a protest form to the RC at the gazebo within 2 hours after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A designated observer may report visual signals displayed by the race committee over VHF Channel 72. Information reported by the designated observer is provided as a courtesy to competitors and does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the race committee's visual signals which govern the conduct of the racing. Errors or omissions on the part of the designated observer will not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

16 CHECKING IN/OUT

Each contestant is requested to check in with the RC signal boat before each days racing and let the RC know if you retire from the course area before the day's racing is finished.

Course Diagram Examples