

2011 ONE DESIGN CLUB SERIES**Oriental Dinghy Club****SAILING INSTRUCTIONS****1 RULES**

1.1 The races and series will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Notices to competitors and changes to sailing instructions will be forwarded by e-mail and posted on the ODC website.

3 SCHEDULE OF RACES

3.1 Dates of Racing: The official schedule is posted on the ODC website.

3.2 Number of races: Normally three for Ensigns and up to seven for the Laser/Sunfish fleets. This may be changed by the fleet captain(s) and/or the race committee on the water

3.3 The first warning signal each day is 1200 for the Ensigns. The first warning signal for the Laser/Sunfish will be at 1210 or five minutes after the Ensign start if the Ensigns are delayed. Subsequent races will be started at the discretion of the RC. No Warning will be sounded after 1530.

4 CLASS FLAGS

Ensign Ensign class flag

Laser Laser class flag

Sunfish Sunfish class flag ***** If Lasers and Sunfish start together, both will use the Laser class flag.

5 RACING AREA

The signal boat will set a course in the nearby waters of Oriental NC.

6 THE COURSE

6.1 The courses will all be Windward/Leeward ("W" followed by a number designating the number of LEGS), and will be displayed on the course board on the signal boat. Ensigns will have a minimum of four legs per race. Lasers/Sunfish will sail 2 or 4 leg races. The RC may change the number of legs. The Ensign course will be displayed on the top row, the Laser/Sunfish course will be displayed on the lower row. All marks are to be left to port. Lasers and Sunfish may have a common start. Ensigns will have a separate start.

7 MARKS

7.1 The windward mark for Ensigns is a large ORANGE inflatable tetrahedron directly upwind of the starting line. The windward mark for Laser/Sunfish is a smaller inflatable tetrahedron directly upwind of the starting line and closer than the Ensign windward mark.

7.2 If only one fleet is racing, the leeward mark is the inflatable tetrahedron serving as the pin end of the starting line or, if set, an inflatable tetrahedron immediately to windward of the starting line.

7.3 If more than one fleet is racing the race committee will set a leeward mark to windward of the starting line.

7.4 The starting and finishing mark will be a tetrahedron adjacent to the signal boat.

7.5 Marks may be moved without signal. This changes Rule 33.

8 THE START AND FINISH

The start and finish line will be between the orange flag on the signal boat and the adjacent starting and finishing mark.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM**9.1 FOR LASERS AND SUNFISH ONLY**

A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a One-Turn Penalty by promptly making one turn in the same direction, including one tack and one gybe. This changes Rule 44.1.

10 TIME LIMIT

10.1 The time limit for each class will be two hours after its start. Any yachts not finishing within that time will be scored DNF. This changes Rule 35.

11 PROTESTS

If a yacht breaks a rule and does not exonerate herself in accordance with the RRS, a protest should be initiated. Notification that a protest will be filed shall be reported by the protestor to the Race Committee on the Signal Boat no later than when she finishes the race. The protest form, available on the ODC website, from the Signal Boat, or at the social must be filed within 1-1/2 hours of the last boat to finish the days racing. A protest committee will be selected at the social and a hearing will take place at that time. Note that the RRS permit a hearing to be held, and a decision to be made, in the absence of either party. If a protest is unable to be heard at that time, the RC will notify parties of an alternative time and location. Race scoring will reflect the decisions of the hearing.

12 SCORING

A yacht must compete in at least 50% of the races held in order to qualify for the series. A minimum number of three yachts are required each race, in each class in order for the race to be scored in the series. See NOR for scoring methods.

13 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.