

2023 Croaker Fest Regatta

**Bow to Stern Boating
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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailingd

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICES TO THE COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors and changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the ODC website and Facebook page before 0730 the day of the race.
- 2.2 There will be two cut off times for changes to the schedule
 9:00 on Friday night in the case of extreme weather prediction
 7:30 on Saturday morning
 After 7:30, any changes will be made on the water by the race comittee
- 2.3 For on the water oral changes of the sailing instructions the "L" flag will be displayed on the signal boat. The change will be announced on VHF channel 78A prior to the warning signal.

3 COMMUNICARION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be on the day of the race will be communicated by the race committee on VHF channel 78a

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with all reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 No signals will be made ashore due to the distributed nature of our club. Monitor VHF Channel 78a for Race Committee communications.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Racing dates: See the official schedule posted on ODC website: www.orientaldinghyclub.com/racing.html
- 6.2 Number of races: Up to 5 races may be sailed each day.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of the day is 1200. No Races will be started after 1515.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The class flags
- 1 Sunfish
 - 2 FJ
 - 3 Laser
 - 4 Open Class

8 RACE AREA

- 8.1 The signal boat will set a course on the waters off of Oriental, NC unless conditions require racing in Green Creek.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The course will be displayed on the Signal Vessel prior to each class's Warning Signal. Classes may be assigned different courses. The courses may be single or multiple windward/leeward (WL), triangle (T), or combinations. If more than one lap is to be sailed, a number indicating the number of laps will be displayed. All marks are left to port.
- 9.2 Government marks may be used as alternative to inflatable club marks. The PRO will notify you when this is the case.

- 9.3 Race course diagrams (shown on the last page of the SIs)

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks (W), (L), (Offset) will be yellow inflatable marks.
 10.2 The start / finish marks will be orange inflatable marks.
 10.3 We reserve the right to substitute orange for yellow.

11 OBSTACLES

- 11.1 The race course will not contain any known obstacles when racing on the Neuse River.

12 THE START

- 12.1 ODC will be using the 3 minute dinghy start sequence. ODC will normally use an automated starting system. Signal format:
 12.2
 Wake-up – Multiple short blasts
 3 minutes – 3 long blasts
 2 minutes – 2 long blasts
 1 ½ minutes – 1 long, 3 short blasts
 1 minute - 1 long blast
 30 seconds – 3 short blasts
 20 seconds - 2 short blasts
 10 seconds – 1 short blast
 5-1 - short bkast each second
 Start - One long blast
 12.3 The start line will be between the orange flag on the signal boat and the adjacent orange starting mark to port.
 12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall stay clear of the starting area.
 12.5 All boats shall pass by the signal boat on starboard tack and check in with the race committee after the Lima flag is flown and prior to their warning signal.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 In the case of a change to the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to a new position.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finish line will be between the orange flag on the signal boat and the adjacent orange mark to starboard.
 14.2 Boats who have already finished shall stay clear of the starting finish area.
 14.3 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

15 PENALTY TURNS

- 15.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

16 TIME LIMIT

- 16.1 The time limit for the first boat in each division to finish will be 30 minutes after its start.
 16.2 Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired).
 16.3 Boats who are significantly behind may be scored PS (Position Secured). Notification will be made over VHF channel 78a and the boat will be asked to return to the starting area immediately.

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 No Protests

18 SCORING

- 18.1 The One-design Class (Sunfish) will be scored using the Low Point System.
 18.2 The Open Class will be scored using the RYA Handicap System Low Point System.

- 18.3 If more than four races are sailed, 75 % of the total races sailed by the class will count towards the final score.
- 18.4 Boats not competing in a day's race will be scored DNS.
- 18.5 Boats scored TLE will be scored by the Race Committee points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two without a hearing.
- 18.6 Boats Scored PS will be scored by the Race Committee points equal to the number of finishers plus one without a hearing.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION AND SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 VHF radios are recommended but not required.
- 19.2 Race communication will be on VHF channel 78A.
- 19.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Substitution of competitors is allowed without prior approval.

21 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 21.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

22 SUPPORT TEAMS

- 22.1 Support teams, including all support persons and support person vessels, shall comply with all Race Committee instructions.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

- 23.1 Trash may be placed aboard official [or support person] vessels.

24 PRISES

- 24.1 Prizes will be given out at the annual meeting to the winner of each series.

25 RISK STATEMENT

- 25.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

26 INSURANCE

- 26.1 Recommended but not required

Courses will be indicated by an appropriate number plus letters displaced on the Signal Boat. All marks will be left to Port. The Starting mark is used only for the Start and is to port of the committee boat. The Finish mark is used only for the Finish and is to starboard of the committee boat. After starting boats may not sail through the Start or Finish lines except for the purpose of starting or finishing.

“WL” indicates course configuration is Windward/Leeward