

# 2026 Croaker Fest Regatta

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY:  
Bow to Stern Boating Center

**SITE: Oriental, NC (Bow to Stern Boating Center, 290 Blackwell Point Loop Rd.)**

### 1. RULES:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the Notice of Race, and these Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence.
- 1.2. **RRS appendix P is in effect per ISSA Procedural Rule 14(c). Specifically, when a boat is penalized under rule P1 her penalty shall be a One-Turn Penalty. This modifies rule 44.1 and 44.2. If she fails to take it she shall be disqualified from that race without a hearing.**

### 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS:

- 2.1. Official notices including changes to sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board located on the blackboard at Bow to Stern Boating Center.
- 2.2. Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water by a hail from the Signal Boat. Changes must be made before the warning signal.

### 3. SCHEDULE:

- 3.1 Saturday, July 4<sup>th</sup>
- 3.2 Check-In 0830  
Captain's Meeting – 0900  
First Gun – 1200  
No Races After 1500  
Awards as soon after races are over.

3.3 Number of races: Will be announced at the Competitor's meeting and will be at the discretion of the race committee. The goal is to get in as many races as possible.

### 4. SHORTENING AND ABANDONING RACES:

- 4.1. In accordance with ISSA PR 7.7(d) races will not be shortened.
- 4.2. A race may be abandoned at any time at the discretion of the race committee, in consultation with the protest committee if possible. No signals are required to abandoned a race.

### 5. START, FINISH, AND RECALLS:

- 5.1. Races will start in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(a).
- 5.2. Individual recalls will be made in accordance with RRS Appendix S6.
- 5.3. General recalls will be signaled by a series of short whistles or horns. After a general recall, the round the ends provision of RRS 30.1 shall apply except Flag I need not be displayed in accordance with ISSA PR 7.8(b) (Changes RRS 30.1).

### 6. STARTS

- 6.1. Dinghy Starts – 3 Minutes starts with 3 Long sounds at 3 Minutes, 2 Long at 2 Minutes, 1 Long and 3 Short at 1 Minute 30 Seconds, 1 Long at 1 Minute, 3 Short at 30 Seconds, 2 Short at 20 Seconds, 1 Short at 10 Seconds, 1 Short at 5, 4, 3, 2, 1 seconds and 1 Long at the Start.

## **7. PROTESTS:**

7.1 A boat wishing to protest another shall so inform the target boat and, on its return to the shore, the race committee. Notification must be made to the Race Committee within 10 minutes after the committee boat docks.

7.2 Protest hearings will be held as soon as possible after the protest time expires. The jury will be made up of any volunteers not directly involved with the protest at hand. The Protestor will have two minutes to state his/her protest. The protested will then have two minutes to respond. The volunteers will vote for either side by a show of hands. All decisions of the jury are binding and final and may not be appealed.

## **8. SCORING:**

Scoring will be in accordance with **ISSA PR 9** for Dinghies

## **9. SAFETY:**

9.1. Per Procedural Rule 2.2, competitors shall wear USCG approved lifejackets. Inflatable type lifejackets are not permitted.

9.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee either before leaving the course, or if that is impossible, immediately after arriving ashore.

## **10. AWARDS:**

Will be at the discretion of Bow to Stern Boating Center and will be announced at the awards.

## **11. WAIVER OF LIABILITY:**

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## **12. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS:**

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

## **13. COURSES AND MARKS:**

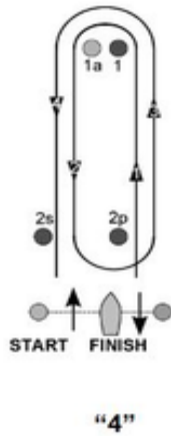
13.1. Number of Course legs will be posted near the stern of the RC boat for Dinghies.

Description of marks will be announced at the skippers meeting.

DINGHIES - The starting line will be between the orange flag on the RC boat and the starting pin to Starboard. The finish line will be the same as the Starting line.

In accordance with ISSA PR 7.7(c) after the starting signal, the race committee may change the position of any mark to maintain course configuration, provided that no boat is on the leg of the course that precedes the mark. No signals are required (changes RRS 33).

**13.2. Courses: Dinghy (Sunfish, Laser, FJ, 420, Wayfarer, etc)**



"2" is also an option which is just a windward leg and leeward finish.

Notes:

1a is the offset mark to 1.

2s and 2p make up the leeward gate.

The "number" shows the number of legs and will be posted on the committee boat.

"4" finish diagram will not be used. ALL finishes will be between the committee boat and the pin.

Colors will be noted at the competitor's meeting.

#### 14. Pro Authority

The PRO has the authority to make changes as they see fit to ensure a safe, instructional, and expedited regatta for all involved. The decisions made by the PRO cannot be disputed or protested.