

2026 ODC PHRF FLEET



Oriental Dinghy Club

www.oriental dinghy club.com

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

1 RULES

- 1.1 The series will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 These sailing instructions are applicable to the ODC PHRF around the buoy races.

2 CHANGES to the SAILING INSTRUCTION

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the web site before 07:30 on the day it will take effect.
- 2.2 Cancellations and schedule changes due to inclement weather will be made by text and email no later than:
 - 2.2.1 2100 if known the night before the race.
 - 2.2.2 0730 on the day of the race.
 - 2.2.3 After 7:30 on the day of the race, any changes will be made on the water or over VHF Channel 78a by the race committee.
- 2.3 For changes to the Sailing Instructions on the water, the "L" Lima flag will be displayed on the Race Committee Vessel. The change will be announced on VHF channel 78a prior to the warning signal.

3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors before the day of the race will be posted to the web site and on Facebook.
- 3.2 Notices to competitors on the day of the race will be communicated by the race committee on VHF channel 78a
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 78a.
- 3.4 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

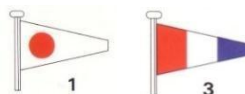
- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with all reasonable requests from race officials.

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: [Oriental Dinghy Club - 2026 Race documents](#)
- 6.2 Number of races: Up to 4 races may be sailed each day.
- 6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Spinnaker Class will be at 12:55. The JAM classes' will start shortly after the Spinnaker Class.
- 6.4 No race will start after 16:00.



7 CLASS FLAGS

- JAM – PHRF (all ratings) [Pennant "1"]
- SPIN– PHRF (all ratings) [Pennant "3"]

8 RACE AREA

- 8.1 The Race Committee Vessel will set a course on the waters off of Oriental, NC, generally north east of mark SC1.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 Courses will be displayed on the Race Committee Vessel prior to each class's Warning Signal. Classes may be assigned different courses.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 All marks are left to port.
- 9.4 No leg of the course shall pass through the Start/Finish line except to start or finish. (The start/finish line is closed.)
- 9.5 Course diagrams are shown in the appendix to these sailing instructions.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 Marks of the course will be orange inflatable marks.
- 10.2 The start / finish marks will be a yellow inflatable mark.
- 10.3 The RC reserves the right to substitute red and yellow balls for the inflatable marks
- 10.4 The RC reserves the right to substitute government marks for the inflatable marks

11 OBSTACLES

- 11.1 The race course has no known obstacles. The Start / Finish line is not considered an obstacle when starting, however boats can not pass through the start/finish line except when starting or finishing. (the gate is closed)

12 THE START

- 12.1 All boats shall pass by the Race Committee Vessel on starboard tack and check in with the race committee after the "L" Lima flag is flown and prior to their warning signal.
- 12.2 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the wake up signal 1 minutes before the starting signal. ODC will normally use an automated starting system.
- 12.3 The start line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel and the adjacent yellow starting mark.
- 12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE and ABANDONMENT

- 13.1 The RC may abandon a race by displaying flag N, N over H, or N over A with three sounds in accordance with RRS 32.
- 13.2 The RC may shorten the course by displaying flag S with two sounds as in accordance with RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finish line will be between the orange flag on the Race Committee Vessel and the adjacent yellow finishing mark
- 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.
- 15.2 RRS Appendix P applies with the Two-Turns penalty replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

16 TIME LIMIT

- 16.1 The time limit for the first boat in the Spinnaker and JAM classes to finish will be 1 hour and 30 minutes after its start of that class.
- 16.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3 Boats still racing 30 minutes after the first boat in their division sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired).
- 16.4 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 When a boat protests another boat, a red flag must be flown by the protestor until that race is finished.
- 17.2 Protesting boats shall notify the Race Committee upon crossing the finish line.
- 17.3 Protest forms are available on the website and must be filed with the Race Committee or any ODC Board member at the post race social by 1800 on the day of the race.
- 17.4 All parties will be notified of the protest hearing time and location by email.

18 SCORING

- 18.1 The race will be scored using the Low Point System with 75 % of the total races sailed by the fleet counting towards the final score.
- 18.2 Boats must sail on 50% of the races to qualify for awards.
- 18.3 Boats not competing in a day's race will be scored DNS.
- 18.4 Boats scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) will be scored by the Race Committee points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two without a hearing.
- 18.5 Boats Scored PS (Position Secured) will be scored by the Race Committee points equal to the number of finishers plus one without a hearing.

19 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 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 PRIZES

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

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.
- 25.2 Competitors participating in the races entirely at their own risk, See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority (ODC) does not accept any liability for materials damaged, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after racing.

26 INSURANCE

- 26.1 Each participating boat must be insured with a valid third-party liability insurance carrier.

Courses will be indicated by an appropriate number (if more than one lap) plus letters displaced on the RC Signal Vessel.

Example: "2WL"

"2" indicates that competitors must sail 2 times around the course.

"WL" indicates course configuration is Windward/Leeward

All marks will be left to Port.

The Starting mark is used only for the Start and Finish.

The race course will not contain any known obstacles when racing on the Neuse River, as such, the start/finish line is not considered an obstacle.

COURSE DIAGRAMS

