

- NOTICE OF RACE -

Updated 9/14/2026

ORIENTAL CUP REGATTA October 9-11, 2026

ORIENTAL DINGHY CLUB
Organizing Authority

**The 2026 Oriental Cup will be a weekend of racing, good company and refreshments.
There will be races for all levels.**

1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as defined in the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The NOR is available at www.orientalcupregatta.com
- 1.3 The US Sailing Prescriptions will apply to the race.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Sailing instructions and supplementary materials will be available at registration on October 9th
- 2.2 Sailing instructions and supplementary materials will be published to the ODC Website at
- 2.3 www.orientalcupregatta.com

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is bulletin board across from the office at the Oriental Marina and Inn.
- 3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio channel 78a.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all PHRF rated boats with a minimum of 20' in length.
- 3.2 Those entrants in the Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker, Jib & Main (JAM) must have a valid NC PHRF rating. Those without a current NC-PHRF will be assigned a provisional rating for purposes of this regatta. The Organizing Authority reserves the right to reassign boats to a different class than the one in which they entered.

4 CLASSES

- 4.1 Classes will be divided into divisions based on the boat's PHRF rating as follows:
 - Spin - PHRF Spinnaker
 - JAM - PHRF Jib and Main
 - Cruising Division - Pursuit Race

The PRO may adjust the class break downs based on the number of boats registered.

- 4.2 **REGISTRATION is done online at www.orientalcupregatta.com/ or by filling out the form below and received it in by October 4th.**
- 4.3 LATE REGISTRATION are entries submitted after October 6th. LATE BOAT REGISTRATION will be accepted at the REGATTA HEADQUARTERS DESK at the Oriental Marina and Inn (OM&I) 17:00 to 19:00 Friday, October 9th however DINNER reservation need to be made by October 6th.
- 4.4 You may avoid LATE REGISTRATION FEE by emailing your intent to race to the regatta chairman by October 4th, including all information required on the entry form. Submit the completed entry documents and fees at the REGATTA HEADQUARTERS during the registration period Friday evening.

5 FEES

- 5.1 See the Oriental Cup Registration at www.orientalcupregatta.com/ for all fee information.
- 5.2 US Sailing members are eligible for a \$5. Discount if their current US Sailing membership number is on the entry form.

6.0 ADVERTIZING

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 **October 9th, 2026:**
- Registration, October 9th from 17:00 – 19:00 at the Tiki Bar at the OM&I. Wrist Bands and Sailing Instructions will be available for pickup at that time.
- 7.2 **October 10, 2026**
- A Skipper's meeting will be held at 08:30 on Saturday on the deck at the OM&I. Coffee will be served from 0730 until 0830 on Saturday morning.
 - Cruising Class – Start at 12:30 (Pursuit Race)
 - Round the Buoys Race – Warning signal at 13:00 (Spinnaker and JAM Fleets)
 - We will hold up to 3 races with one race constituting a regatta. The cruising class will have one long distance race
 - On Saturday following the races, there will be a cash bar social and dinner on the grounds of Oriental Marina & Inn at 18:00.
- 7.3 **October 11, 2026**
- Traditional NSA Bloody Mary / Mimosas, breakfast at 9:30 followed by the awards ceremony.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 Regatta headquarters will be on the deck of the Oriental Marina and Inn (OM&I) on the harbor in Oriental NC.
- 8.2 All races will be held on the waters off of Oriental NC north east of mark "SC1".

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 The course for Spinnaker and JAM will be displayed on the Signal Boat prior the Warning Signal. The courses may be windward/leeward (WL), triangle (T), or a combination of both (Diagrams are included in the Sailing Instructions). Inflatable cylinders will be used as marks.
- 9.2 The course for the Cruising Class will be around the local government marks.
- 9.3 The course and start time offsets will be reviewed at the skippers meeting.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

12 SCORING

Scoring will be done by low point total using TOT. There will be no throw-outs.

13 DOCK SPACE

Dock space may be available at the OM&I (252-249-1818). Dock space may be available at Whittaker Pointe Marina, 252-249-1750. Transportation to town is available from Whittaker Pointe Marina.

14 PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to each class or division based on the number of entrants.

15 RISK STATEMENT

15.1 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.

15.3 Competitors participate 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.

17 INSURANCE

Entry into this regatta certifies by the owner that the participating yacht is insured with current third-party liability insurance.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For information please contact

Regatta Chair	Todd Cox	toddcoxvt@gmail.com	802-999-7572
Racing:	Paul Welles	paulwelles3@gmail.com	252 670 8267
Registration:	NCO, P.O. Box 146, Oriental, NC 28571		

Please register online at www.orientalcupregatta.com/ if at all possible.

Entry Form

ORIENTAL CUP REGATTA 2026

October 9-11, 2026

Name: _____

Phone: _____

Address: _____

Home _____

Cell _____

Boat Name: _____

E-Mail: _____

Year: _____

Make: _____

(circle one)

Length: _____

Draft: _____

Propulsion: ☐

Inboard

Sail#: _____

NC-PHRF: _____

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Outboard

Class Entry:

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SPINNAKER

☐

JAM

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Cruising

NC-PHRF:

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Enclosed

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NC-PHRFWEBBSITE

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None—Rating needed

1. REGISTRATION Fee (received by October 4th) *

@ \$ 90 _____

2. LATE REGISTRATION Fee (received after October 4th) *

@ \$ 95 _____

3. 2026 US Sailing Member Current#: _____

@ -\$ 5 (_____) _____

4. Additional Saturday Dinner not covered in early boat REGISTRATION

@ \$ 40 _____

5. Additional Saturday Dinner on the day of (while available)

@ \$ 45 _____

6. Sunday Breakfast

@ \$ 7 _____

7. Donation to the Sailing Camp Scholarship Fund

Total Enclosed

Boat Registration includes 2 dinners and Sunday Breakfast

Make check out to NCO

Release:

I agree to be bound by the rules and regulations of the event. In consideration of the acceptance of this entry or by my being permitted to take part, I agree to waive all claims against the Oriental Dinghy Club, its organizers and their respective agents, officials, servants and representatives in respect to death, injury loss or damage to my person or property however caused arising out of or in connection with my taking part in this event notwithstanding that the same may be caused by or occasioned by the negligence of the same bodies or any of them or their agents, officials, servants or representatives. I furthermore understand and agree that this Release is binding upon me, my crew, my heirs executors and assigns.

Signature _____ Date ____/____/____

Mail to:

NCO

P.O.Box 146

Oriental, NC. 28571