

2026 ORIENTAL DINGHY CLUB ORIENTAL CUP REGATTA

October 9 - 11, 2026

—SAILING INSTRUCTIONS—

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.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND NOTICES TO THE COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted to the official notice board at the Oriental Marina and Inn bulletin board before 08:30 am on Saturday.
- 3.2 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 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio 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 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official notice board in the breezeway near the OI&M office.
- 5.2 When AP flag is displayed ashore ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than ‘60 minutes’ in the race signal AP. This changes race signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Saturday, October 10, 2026.
- 6.2 The start for the first boat in the Cruising, Pursuit race will be at 12:30 on Saturday October 10th. One race will be sailed.
- 6.3 The warning signal for the first Around the Buoys races will be at 13:00 on Saturday October 10th. Up to three races will be sailed.
- 6.4 No race will start after 15:00.

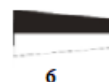
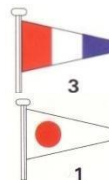
7 CLASS / DIVISION FLAGS

- 7.1 Around the Buoy Races

Spinnaker Numeral Pennant 3

JAM * Numeral Pennant 1

* JAM - Jib and Main only



- 7.2 Cruising Pursuit Race Numeral Pennant 6

8 RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be on the Neuse River off of Oriental north east of marker “SC1”..

9 COURSES

9.1 Around the Buoys Race

The Around the Buoys Races (Spinnaker and JAM Classes) courses 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. Course diagrams for the around the buoys races are shown in the appendix to these sailing instructions.

9.2 Cruising Pursuit Race

The start for the first boat for the Cruising Pursuit Race will be at 12:30. The course to be sailed and start times for all subsequent boats will be provided at the skippers meeting. The Cruising Class will sail one long distance race. Course diagrams will be provided at the skippers meeting.

10 MARKS

10.1 Around the Buoys Race:

Course marks are orange inflatable marks with the start/finish pin being a yellow inflatable mark.

10.2 Cruising Pursuit Race:

Marks will be government marks with the start pin being a yellow inflatable mark.

11 THE START AND FINISH

11.1 Around the Buoys Race

11.1.1 The start and finish line will be between the orange flag on the signal vessel and the adjacent start/finish mark (yellow mark).

11.1.2 No leg of the course shall pass through the Start/Finish line except to start or finish. (The start/finish line is closed.)

11.1.3 The Start/Finish Line is defined as an Obstruction except to start or finish.

11.1.4 Before the first warning signal, the Lima flag shall be flown, indicating that all boats shall pass by the signal vessel and check-in with the race committee.

11.2 Cruising Pursuit Race

11.2.1 The start line will be between the orange flag on the signal vessel and the adjacent yellow inflatable mark.

11.2.2 Before the first warning signal, the Lima flag shall be flown, indicating that all boats shall pass by the signal vessel and check-in with the race committee.

11.2.3 The Finish Line will be at Oriental One Buoy “SC1” and an adjacent orange mark. There is plenty of water within 200 feet of “SC1”.

11.2.4 Confirm your finish position by contacting the Race Committee over VHF channel 78a.

12 SCORING

12.1 Around the buoys Race

The Handicap system will be PHRF Time-on-Time. There will be no throw-outs.

12.2 Cruising Race

Individual start times will be assigned at the skippers meeting based on the boat’s PHRF rating. Scoring will be based on the finish sequence.

13 TIME LIMIT

13.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish in a division will be 3 hours.

13.2 For the Around the Buoys Race, a boat still racing 30 minutes after the first boat in their division that sails the proper course and finishes, and not thereafter retiring, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired).

- 14.3 For the Pursuit Race, a boat still racing 30 minutes after the first boat in their division sails the proper course and finishes, and not thereafter retiring, will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired).
- 14.4 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.
- 14.5 Boats scored TLE will be scored by the race committee points equal to the number of boats in their class/division finishing within the time limit plus two without a hearing.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Prizes will be Sunday morning at the Bloody Mary Breakfast at race headquarters.

16 PENALTY TURNS

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

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 A boat intending to protest shall report to the race committee at the signal vessel as soon as possible after finishing, giving the race committee its sail number and the sail number(s) of the protested boat(s).
- 17.2 Protest forms will be available on the official notice board at the Oriental Marina and Inn.
- 17.3 Protests must be filed with the race committee at regatta headquarters on the deck at the Oriental Marina and Inn within 1 hour after the signal boat docks after the last race of the day.
- 17.4 As soon as practicable after the protest time limit, the protest committee will post a notice to inform competitors of the schedule of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and the location of the hearings.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors is allowed without prior approval.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

21 SUPPORT TEAMS

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

22 TRASH DISPOSAL

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

23 RISK STATEMENT

- 23.1 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.
- 23.2 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.

24 INSURANCE

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

APPENDIX

Spinnaker & JAM Courses

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

Example: "2WL"

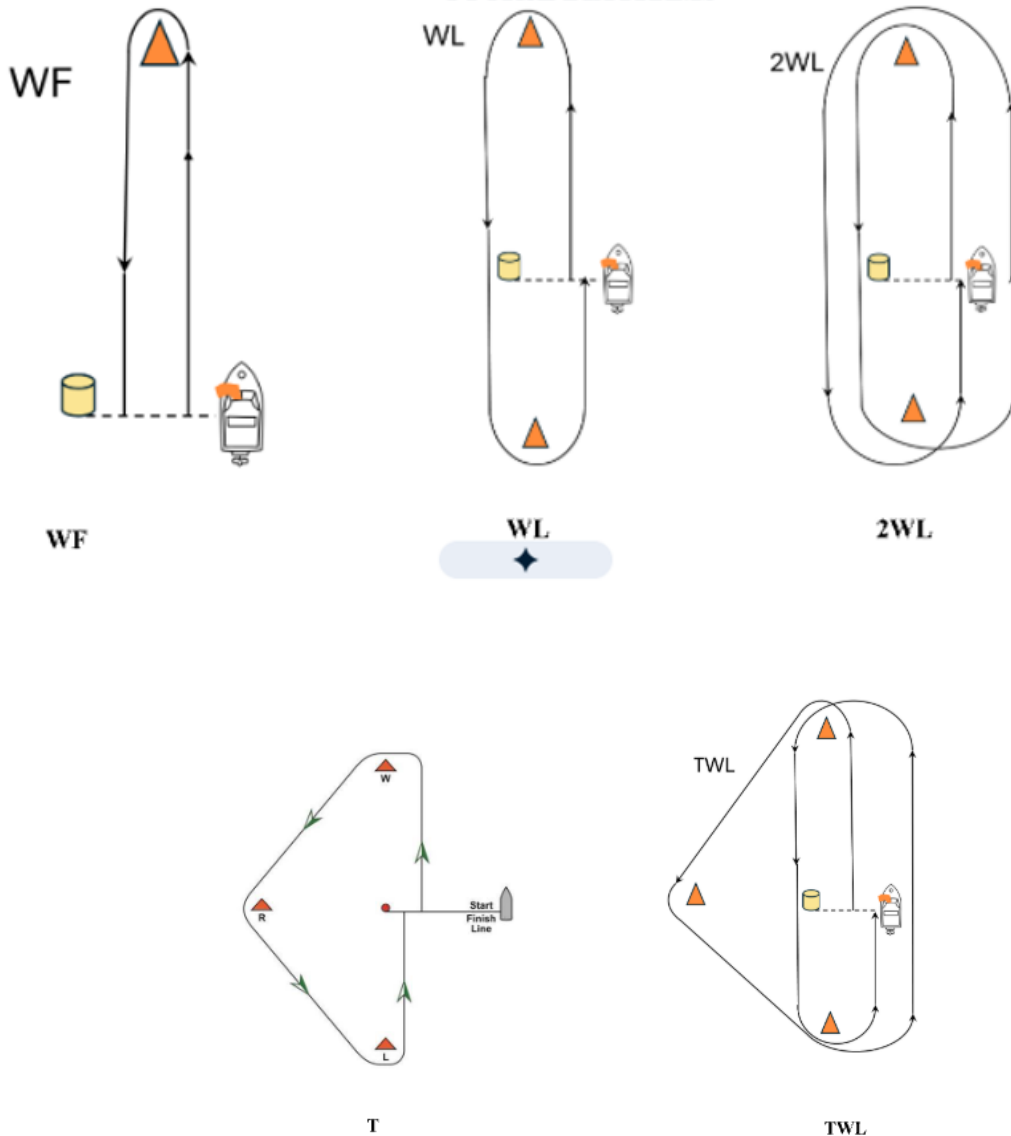
"2" indicates that competitors must sail 2 times around the course.

"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.

COURSE DIAGRAMS



Crusing Class

