



ORIENTAL DINGHY CLUB

2020 Nautical Wheelers Pursuit Race Series

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1. Rules

- 1.1. The races will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020**.
- 1.2. The Racing Rules will be changed as described under paragraph 4 “The Start and Finish” outlined herein below.
- 1.3. A violation of rule 55 can result in a penalty other than disqualification.

2. Notices to Competitors and Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Notices to competitors and changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted at Race Headquarters, Whittaker Point Marina.
- 2.2. Oral changes to the sailing instructions may be given on the water by hail or VHF from the Signal Boat under code flag “L” in accordance with rule 90.2(c). Changes must be made before the warning signal.

3. Schedule of Races

- 3.1. Dates: The schedule is downloadable from the RACING page of the ODC website. [\[www.oriental dinghy club.com/racing\]](http://www.oriental dinghy club.com/racing)
- 3.2. The Skippers’ Meeting will be held at race headquarters at 0930hrs on race days.
- 3.3. Racedays will consist of one pursuit start race.
- 3.4. The scheduled time for the beginning of the five-(5) minute starting sequence for the first boat(s) is 1255. If there is a delay in the starting time of the first boat(s) off, subsequent boats will calculate their start from the first boat off.
- 3.5. Time delays of individual boats’ starts will be to the nearest minute and distributed at the Skippers Meeting. It is a pursuit start race.
- 3.6. There will be a social following each raceday. The venue will be the ground floor at Whittaker Pointe Marina unless announced otherwise.

4. The Start and Finish

- 4.1. The start and finish line(s) will be between the orange flag on the signal boat and an orange or yellow cylinder (Pin). Alternatively, and at the discretion of the PRO, the start and finishing line(s) may be between the orange flag on the Signal Boat and the nearest government mark.
- 4.2. Boats not scheduled to start shall stay clear of boats that are starting. Failure to do so may, at the discretion of the PRO, be grounds for disqualification.
- 4.3. The start will use a Pursuit format with slower boats starting first. Start times for individual boats will be determined by PHRF rating. Start time delays between boats will be in full minutes.
- 4.4. At the Skipper’s Meeting, each boat will be given the time delay (in minutes) between the start of the first boat(s) and its own start time. Thus, if the race is “Postponed” (meaning delay in the start time), indicated by the AP Code Flag (see below) being hoisted on the Signal Boat along with 2 horn blasts, entrants can calculate when they will start.



- 4.5. There will be a normal 5 minute starting sequence for the first boat(s) to start. The procedure for this is:

- 4.5.1. The raising of the “Class Flag” (Code Flag “3”, see below) and a blast on the horn at 5 minutes prior to their scheduled start.



Code Flag “3” (Class Flag)

- 4.5.2. At 4 minutes prior to the scheduled start, the “Prep Flag” (“P” flag, see below) will be raised and there will be a horn blast.



Code Flag “P” (Prep Flag)

- 4.5.3. At 1 minute prior to the scheduled start, the “Prep Flag” (“P” flag, see below) will be lowered and there will be a horn blast that is longer in duration

- 4.5.4. At the first boat’s Start, the “Class Flag” will be lowered and there will be a horn blast.

4.6. To indicate all subsequent starts, the Code Flag "3" Class flag (see below) will be raised approximately 30 seconds prior to the designated start time, and then lowered at the start time. The Race Committee will endeavour to notify each group of boats of their pending start in the minute before it is scheduled, via radio communication on VHF Channel 72.

4.7. Should a postponement occur, the changed start times will be announced over the VHF Channel 72.

5. The Course

5.1. The course, for each Pursuit race day, will be made up of some combination of government marks: "1SC", which is the current official designation of what was formerly Oriental "1",- (O), Garbacon 7-(G), Adams Creek 1AC-(A), Gum Thicket (T) and a floating Orange mark near the eastern most of the four-(4) fish attractors [Ar-396-b] that are south of Pierce Creek channel-(F).

5.2. See Page 3 of this document for a chart giving the approximate locations of these marks.

5.3. The course for each day will be displayed on a 'Course Board' to be mounted on the starboard side of the Signal Boat prior to the Start(s). Mark designations (O, G, A, F, T) in displayed **RED** are to be left to Port and when in **GREEN** to be left to Starboard.

6. Time Limit

6.1. The time limit for the first boat to finish will be 2 hours and 30 minutes.

7. Scoring

7.1. The scoring system will be a Pursuit Start using Time on Distance handicapping. Each boat will be given a start time offset (delay from start of first boat) at the Competitors' Meeting. The order of finishing shall be the order of placement, subject to the resolution of any protests.

7.2. The Finish order for each boat will be manually recorded by member of the Race Committee who is aboard the Signal Boat.

7.3. If no boats have crossed the Finish Line in 2 hours and 30 minutes, the boat in the lead, at that time, will be declared the winner.

7.4. Any boat finishing 60 minutes or more after the 1st competitor finishes, will be scored in place based on their position on the course. If a boat's position cannot be verified visually by the race committee or another competitor, she shall be scored DNF.

7.4.1. If a boat is using the **raceQs** tracking system, and she finishes 60 minutes or more after the 1st boat to cross the Finish Line, her **raceQs** recorded track position will be considered as credible evidence of her position.

8. Protests

8.1. If a yacht breaks a rule and does not exonerate herself in accordance with the RRS, a protest should be initiated. Notification that a protest will be filed shall be reported by the protestor to the Race Committee on the Signal Boat no later than when she finishes the race. The protest form, available on the ODC website, from the Signal Boat, or at the social must be filed within one-(1) hour of the signal boat docking.

8.2. A protest committee will be selected at the social and a hearing will take place at that time. If a protest is unable to be heard at that time, the RC will notify parties of an alternative time and location. Race scoring will reflect the decisions of the hearing. Note that the RRS permit a hearing to be held, and a decision to be made, in the absence of either party.

9. Radio Communication

9.1. All communication between the signal boat and the fleet will be on VHF channel 72. The race committee will TRY to announce all OCS starters on channel 72. Failure to observe the flag, hear the horn or radio call, if made, will not be cause for redress if the boat does not start properly.

9.2. All vessels must carry a VHF radio and aid in relaying messages when boats are out of range of the signal boat.

9.3. Any vessel withdrawing from the race shall make every effort to notify the committee.

10. Safety Requirements

10.1. Life Jackets shall be worn whenever the "Y" (see below) flag is flown on the Signal Boat.



10.2. No Mechanical, Electrical or electronic auto steering systems.

10.3. Use of spinnakers & gennikers is NOT allowed.

10.4. It is each Captain's decision to sail or not and conduct him/herself with due regard to proper seamanship and safety.

11. Disclaimer Of Liability

11.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority does not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the regatta

12. Insurance

12.1. Each participating boat shall provide Oriental Dinghy Club with proof of valid third-party liability insurance not less than \$300,000.

Course Chart

