



ORIENTAL DINGHY CLUB 2018 PHRF Fleet-Pursuit Race Series

NOTICE of RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. This race will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020**.

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1. The race series is open to boats with a minimum of 20' in length. There is no entry fee for Oriental Dinghy Club [ODC] full members. ODC associate members and non-ODC members are entitled to enter by completing a race entry form, providing a signed liability release and paying \$15 per raceday.
- 2.2. Entrants without a current NC-PHRF certificate are required to fill out a rating application form in advance of the raceday. Those without a current NC-PHRF rating certificate will be assigned a provisional rating for purposes of this race.
- 2.3. A pursuit race uses boats' PHRF rating to assign an individual starting times to each boat. Boats with the highest rating (slower boats) will be given an earlier starting time. The results are determined by the order in which each boat crosses the start/finish line.
- 2.4. Boats wishing to compete, using either a symmetrical or asymmetrical spinnaker, shall be allowed to for any or all races in this series, so long as they:
- 2.4.1. Notify the Joe Mattea (jmattea@illica.com) or Bob Luhrs (luhrsbob@gmail.com), or their designee, that they intend to do so by 1000hrs the Friday prior to each Pursuit Series raceday. This is needed so that PHRF ratings and Start Time Delays, can be adjusted.
- 2.4.2. Accept that their NC-PHRF or Provisional PHRF rating for that raceday will be decreased by 21.
- 2.5. The primary goal of the ODC Pursuit Series is to encourage boat owners to get involved in friendly club racing. Also, we hope experienced ODC PHRF Fleet skippers will participate but, make an effort to man their boats with ODC Crew Pool sailors.
- 2.5.1. Standard race practices and procedures, such use of flags, horn, etc for a 5-minute Starting Sequence for the first boat(s) off are used to give skippers, who are new to racing, an opportunity to learn how more formal races are conducted. The race committee will try to be as helpful as possible to assist new racers in understanding what to do and when.
- 2.6. Competitors can register by emailing Joe Mattea (jmattea@illica.com) or Bob Luhrs (luhrsbob@gmail.com) with their intention to race by 1000hrs the Friday prior to each Pursuit Series raceday.
- 2.6.1. Payments by Associate Members and non-members of ODC must be made no later than the raceday Skipper's Meeting. If an Associate Member or non-member of ODC registers ahead of raceday, and then elects not to race, he is not required to pay the entry fee. **THERE IS NO PENALTY OR COST FOR REGISTERING AND THEN ELECTING NOT TO RACE. WHEN IN DOUBT, PLEASE REGISTER!**
- 2.6.2. Non-rated boat must insure Mattea/Luhrs have a rating application form.

3. SCHEDULE

- 3.1. Dates: The schedule is posted on the ODC website. [www.oriental dinghy club.com/schedule.html]
- 3.2. A Skipper's Meeting will be held at 0900 on Saturday at Whittaker Pointe Marina in Oriental. If races are held in alternate waters than Oriental (i.e. River Dunes), an amendment to this NOR will be issued.
- 3.3. There will normally be 1 pursuit start race per race day (weather permitting). The first boat's scheduled starting time will be 1300.
- 3.4. There will be a social following the raceday. ODC will provide beer, soda, and munchies. Please, bring your crew, etc. You will meet fellow racers. You can make new sailing friends, share experiences and share laughs about the day's race!

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The sailing instructions will be available on the ODC website Racing page (www.oriental dinghy club.com/racing) at least 10 days prior to the first Pursuit race and copies will be available at the Skippers Meeting. They will be posted on a Notice Board at the Skipper's Meeting site. If there is a conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall govern. This changes RRS Rule 63.7.

5. VENUE

- 5.1 Race Headquarters will be at Whittaker Pointe Marina unless, in advance, announced otherwise. The race normally will be held in the waters off of Oriental, NC. If a raceday is held at an alternate venue, the race headquarters for that raceday will be announced and posted on the ODC website.

6. THE COURSE

- 6.1 Races will normally be held in the waters off of Oriental, NC. The course, for each Pursuit race day, will be made up of some combination of government marks: 1SC, which was formerly designated as Oriental "1",-(O), Garbacon 7-(G), Adams Creek 1AC-(A), Gum Thicket (T) and a floating **ORANGE** mark near the furthest east of the four-(4) fish attractors [Ar-396-b] that are south of Pierce Creek channel-(F). Every effort will be made to make the first leg in an upwind direction. If a raceday is held at an alternate venue, the race headquarters for that raceday will be announced and posted on the ODC website. SEE PAGE 3 OF THIS NOR.
- 6.2 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.
- If a Raceday is held at an alternate venue (i.e. River Dunes):
- 6.3.1 The race headquarters will be announced and posted on the ODC website.
- 6.3.2 Alternate marks and courses will be announced at the skippers meeting for a different venue.

7. THE START

- 7.1 The race will be started using RRS Rule 26, as herein modified, with the warning signal for the first boat(s) 5 minutes before the starting signal. The warning signal for the first boat(s) will be at or after 1255hrs.
- 7.2 If a raceday is held at an alternate venue, the first warning, for that raceday, will be announced and posted on the ODC website.
- 7.3 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. At the Skipper's Meeting, each boat will be given the time delay (in whole minutes) between the start of the first boat(s) and its own start time. Thus, if there is a "Postponement" (meaning delay in the start time) indicated by the AP Code Flag being hoisted on the Signal Boat along with 2 horn blasts.
- 7.2.1. There will be a normal 5 minute starting sequence for the first boat(s) to start. 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.



- 7.2.2. The Race Committee will endeavor to notify each group of boats of their pending start in the minute before it is scheduled, via radio communication on VHF Channel 72. This changes RRS Rule 26.

8. SCORING

- 8.1 The scoring system will be a Pursuit Start using Time on Distance handicapping. Each boat will be given a start time offset at the Competitors' Meeting. The order of finishing shall be the order of placement, subject to the resolution of any protests.
- 8.2 The Finish order for each boat will be manually recorded by member of the Race Committee who is aboard the Signal Boat.
- 8.3. Any boat finishing 60+ minutes after the 1st boat, will be scored in place based on their position. If a boat's position cannot be verified she shall be scored DNF.
- 8.4. Boat's series score will use the USSA recommended system for long series: Long Series High Point Percentage System.
- 8.5. There will be throw outs – 1 for every 4 races.
- 8.6. Boats must sail in a minimum of 50% of the races sailed to be eligible for the series trophies.

9. RADIOCOMMUNICATION

- 9.1. The RC will monitor VHF channel 72 and may make any race announcements on channel 72.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 10.1. Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS Rule 4, **Decision to Race**. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

11. INSURANCE

- 11.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

12. PRIZES/AWARDS

- 12.1 One-(1) award prize (normally a small prize such as a cap, T-shirt, etc) will be awarded in each race day normally, during the post race social. A Series Champion award will be made for the Pursuit Series and will be presented at the Oriental Dinghy Club Annual Meeting.
- 12.2 Since one-(1) of the primary goals of the ODC Pursuit Series races is to introduce and provide an 'on ramp' for skippers and crews to the thrill of racing, regular PHRF Fleet skippers defined by skippers who competed in a total of four-(4), or more, ODC PHRF Fleet series racedays during the prior two-(2) seasons, are not eligible for the Pursuit Class prizes and awards.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 13.1. For further information please contact Bob Luhrs at 252-671-0160 or at luhrsbob@gmail.com or Joe Mattea at 304-552-5299 or jmattea@illica.com

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