

# GREEN'S CREEK CHALLENGE REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

THE ORIENTAL DINGHY CLUB

A Regatta Limited to Sail Boats 20' LOA & Under



## 1. RULES

Races will be sailed under the **Racing Rules of Sailing** including US Sailing Prescriptions and the rules of the class associations for each yacht except as they may be modified by these instructions.

## 2. ENTRIES

Sailing yachts 20(twenty) feet LOA or less declared eligible by the Race Committee may be entered by completing registration with The Oriental Dinghy Club accompanied by the appropriate fee. All yachts must display their number as assigned at registration. A waterproof number card will be furnished for that purpose, to be displayed on the back of the life jacket or shirt.

## 3. LIFE JACKETS

All participants while on the water must wear life jackets. Code flag "Y" will not be displayed.

## 4. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on an official notice board located at the Oriental Wildlife Ramp and announced at the skippers meeting. All notices so posted and/or announced will be deemed as being delivered in writing to all parties.

## 5. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be announced at the skipper's meeting.

## 6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the Oriental Wildlife Ramp.

6.2 Code flag "AP" with two sound signals means, "The race is postponed".

## 7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

The warning signal for race 1 will be at 10:00 AM Saturday with one common start for all yachts. The second race is scheduled to start between 1:00 and 2:00 PM the same day using a pursuit type start with starting sequence assigned at the mid-day skipper's meeting.

## 8. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the vicinity of the bridge in Oriental including the waters of Green's and Smith Creeks.

## 9. THE COURSES

The courses will be announced at the competitor's meetings. They will generally be from the starting line on the river side of the bridge to the first mark then proceeding under the bridge up Greens Creek to the second or third mark, as assigned. From the second (or third) mark the course returns toward the bridge and then up Smith Creek to the fourth mark. After rounding the fourth mark proceed back under the bridge to the finish. All marks are left to starboard (clockwise rounding).

## 10. MARKS

The marks will be inflated orange or yellow tetrahedrons or cylinders

## 11. THE START

11.1 The first race will be started in accordance with racing rule 26. This is the 'Five minute' sequence. Yellow or Class flag is raised at 5 minutes; "P" flag is raised at 4 minutes; "P" flag is lowered at 1 minute; Class flag is lowered at 0 minutes (the start).

11.2 The second race will use a pursuit style start with starting groups assigned at the mid-day skipper's meeting. The first group to start will follow rule 26 as above with all subsequent starts at their assigned group after the first start. Numerical flags will be used as class flags in the start sequence. The committee boat will display the start sequence

using the designated start number on the course board on the signal boat.

11.3 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the race committee boat and a nearby yellow mark.

**12. RECALLS**

There will be no recalls in race 2. Yachts deemed to have started early in race 2 will be penalized by having their finishing order moved back two places for the purposes of finish position. The adjusted place will not be used for handicapping purposes in the second race.

**13. CHANGE OF COURSE AFTER THE START**

If it becomes necessary to change or shorten the course after the start, competitors will be notified by a chase boat.

**14. THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between an orange flag on the RC boat and a nearby mark.

**15. PROTESTS**

15.1 A yacht wishing to protest another shall so inform the target yacht and, on its return to the wildlife ramp, the race committee. Notification must be

made to the Race Committee within 10 minutes after the committee boat docks.

15.2 Protest hearings will be held as soon as possible after the protest time expires. The jury will be made up of any volunteers not directly involved with the protest at hand. The Protestor will have two minutes to state his/her protest. The protested will then have two minutes to respond. The volunteers will vote for either side by a show of hands. All decisions of the jury are binding and final and may not be appealed.

**16. SCORING**

Scoring shall be based the order of finish in the first and second races using the low score system.

**17. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded at the end of the final race at the official awards ceremony.

**18. SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS**

18.1 Retiring - A yacht that has retired from the race shall notify the race committee before leaving the course area.

18.2 Courtesy - Because this event is in an area of shallow water and narrow channels where a large fleet of small sail boats can be daunting, you are requested to show all courtesies to non-participating vessels trying to negotiate the creeks.

