



# NOTICE OF EVENT

## Hope Regatta Predicted Log Contest

### River Dunes

### June 6, 2015

The Hope Regatta Predicted Log Contest is part of a fundraising weekend raising funds for Hope Clinic, a 501(c)3 nonprofit agency providing free medical care to low-income, uninsured adults in Pamlico County and surrounding communities. As part of the event festivities, there is a Predicted Log Contest for powerboaters. All fees are tax-deductible to the fullest extent permitted by the IRS tax code.

The following rules are an adaptation from and a simplification of the Lake Norman Sail and Power Squadron Predicted Log Rules. The full text of those rules can be found at <http://www.usps.org/lakenorman/Predicted%20Log%20Description%20and%20Rules.htm>. That website contains additional useful information, tips, and hints. Note that our rules differ in some respects.

#### **1 PREDICTED LOG CONTEST DEFINITION**

1.1 A Predicted Log Contest (PLC) is a competition among boaters to demonstrate a Skipper's knowledge of his boat, his navigation, and boat handling skills. A Skipper may choose any speed to run the course. The size and type of boat will not affect the results. The contest is limited to vessels powered only by machinery. "Sailboats" may enter, but must use only their motor for propulsion in the contest.

#### **2 RULES**

- 2.1 The basic rules of a PLC are simple. The Principal Event Officer (PEO) will plan a course for participating boats to run that will be divided into two or more "legs" between waypoints (usually buoys or channel markers), including the starting and finishing points. The contestants will be given the course as a "list" of a starting point, waypoints, and a finishing point on the morning of the event at 0900. Each Skipper, using a chart and standard charting implements, will then plot the course, determine the distance between each waypoint, and choose a speed at which he/she wishes to run the course. Using this information, the Skipper predicts the length of time, in minutes and seconds, it will take to run each leg of the course. Trial or "practice" runs over the specific course are strictly forbidden.
- 2.2 Once the Skipper has determined his times to cover each leg, he enters this information into a form provided by the PEO, and files this form with the PEO. The form is checked and then sealed so the predicted information is kept secret until the finish of the event. Once filed, information may not be changed.
- 2.3 Each participating boat may begin at their leisure. Use of timing devices or speed indicators of any sort is not permitted by the skipper or crew during the running of any predicted log event. Tachometers are permitted. The Skipper needs to know his/her vessel's performance characteristics at specific throttle settings and RPM's.
- 2.4 An onboard Observer will be given a form on which to record, in a table, the "clock times" from a watch or other timing device to which only he/she will have access. This Observer may be anyone with the ability to read and record clock times, but should have no knowledge of the predicted times submitted by the Skipper. The "clock times" will be the actual "reading" of the timing device in hours, minutes and seconds (as HH:MM:SS) when the Skipper announces, "MARK" as he/she passes the "Start", "Waypoint(s)", and "Finish" points of the course. Upon completion of the course, the Observer will submit the form with recorded "clock times" no later than 1500, to the PEO, who will then determine the percentage error between the predicted and actual elapsed times for each leg calculated separately. All percentage errors are cumulative and do not offset one another.

#### **3 COURSE**

3.1 The course will be as described at the Skippers' meeting and may be expected to last a couple of hours.

#### **4 FINAL SCORING**

4.1 Following the submission of the "clock times" each Skipper may draw, at random, a "correction card." Each card will have a number, either positive or negative, which the Skipper may apply to his/her original results to improve his/her score. Skippers may also purchase additional correction cards for \$5 each (all proceeds benefit Hope Clinic). In addition, Skippers may seek out other Skippers who may wish to trade cards for their mutual benefit. Any Skipper wishing to use a correction card for score adjustment must turn in his/her final card by 1630. Scores will then be recalculated and awards presented at 1700.

#### **5 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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

#### **6 INSURANCE**

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

#### **7 FURTHER INFORMATION**

7.1 For further information, please contact Bill Michne at (252) 249-1175 or at [OrientalDinghyClub@gmail.com](mailto:OrientalDinghyClub@gmail.com).

