



## **2016 Duckboat World Championship** **Sailing Instructions**

- 1) Life jackets must be worn (as designed) when on the water.
- 2) Spectator boats:
  - a) Please stay clear of the entire course, including the right side of the first windward leg after the Duckboats leave the starting line.
  - b) Please check in with the Race Committee every so often to see if we need help.
  - c) Please ascertain the sail numbers of boats that drop out or capsize and relay them to the RC.
- 3) We will try to complete five races. (The lunch break will likely be after the 2nd or 3rd race.) The lunch break will be approximately 40 minutes from sounding of the RC's horn upon docking.
- 4) US Sailing Rules are in effect except as modified herein.
- 5) Courses:
  - a) Gold Cup (Triangle, windward, leeward)
  - b) Triangle with finish to windward.
  - c) Heavy Air No-Jibe Box Course
- 6) If you hit a mark of the course, you must do a 360.
- 7) Marks may be moved without notifying competitors.
- 8) Start and finish will be between a buoy and a flag on RC boat.
- 9) Starts: 3 minute dinghy horns. (No horns between 10 seconds and start.) No flags.
- 10) "One minute rule" (round the ends) is in effect on all starts

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- 11) No race will be started after 3:30. However, if a sequence of recalls extends beyond 3:30, we will try up to five starts after 3:30 until we get one off.
- 12) Spectators may give advice to sailors in the back of the fleet, but must stay clear of racers when doing so. **It is particularly helpful when spectators give friendly advice to those bringing up the rear.** RC may also give advice to tail-enders.
- 13) RC may assign places to unfinished boats (to get the next race started).
- 14) Boats colliding are not required to protest. You may exonerate yourself by doing a 360, not a 720.
- 15) Protest flags are not needed. You must notify the protested boat at the time of the infraction, as well as the RC upon crossing the finish line. Protests, if any, will be heard in a time-limited format: 2 min. for protester, 2 min. for protestee, 2 min. for witness, 3 min. for RC. Protests not affecting the awarding of prizes may not be heard.
- 16) The RC may file protests against (a) grownups bullying little kids, and (b) finished boats not staying clear of boats still racing
- 17) Scoring: Low point with  $\frac{3}{4}$  point for first. Boat's DSQ'd hold their place open (i.e., boats behind them in that race do not move up a place.) All contestants are scored together.
- 18) All boats must check in with committee boat upon entering the course before the first race of the morning and of the afternoon. Otherwise, you won't be scored.
- 19) All boats must check out with committee boat upon retiring from a race.
- 20) The age for junior sailors is 15 years of age and under at the time of the race.
- 21) Sailors register to sail in one of three categories:
  - a) **Senior** – adult single skipper. Same skipper sails all races. Skipper must be 16 yrs or older. Skipper's name goes on the Overall Championship trophy.
  - b) **Junior** – junior single skipper. Same skipper sails all races. Skipper and crew must be 15 yrs or under. Skipper's name goes on the Junior Championship trophy.
  - c) **Group** - Boat is registered as a multi-skipper entrant:
- 22) There will be prizes awarded in the following categories.
  - a) **Overall:** 1<sup>st</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup> - Winners name goes on championship trophy
  - b) **Juniors:** 1<sup>st</sup> thru 8<sup>th</sup>
  - c) **Group:** 1<sup>st</sup> thru 3<sup>rd</sup>