SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020 (RRS), the Interclub Dinghy 2019 National Championship Notice of Race (NoR) and the Technical Regulations of the Interclub Dinghy as revised April 20, 1997 except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions (SI).  https://interclub.org/help/ic-technical-info/

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Rochester Canoe Club (RCC) Fleet notice board located just inside the southeast door of the RCC clubhouse on the south wall.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals Made ashore will be displayed on the RCC flag pole on the east lawn.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Friday May 3 – 1530 to 1700 hours, Practice Races
Saturday May 4 – 1000 hours, Warning, first race
Saturday May 4 – 1530 hours, last race of the day to not start after
Sunday May 5 – 0930 hours, Warning first race
Sunday May 5 – 1200 hours, last race to not start after
The number of races sailed will depend upon weather conditions.

6 CLASS FLAGS

The sunfish class flag will be used as the Interclub Dinghy class flag.

7 RACING AREA

Attachment 1 shows the location of the racing area.
8  THE COURSES

The diagrams below show the courses including the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

A sign indicating the course to be used for a race will be displayed on the side of the committee boat prior to the warning signal for that race. A “1” or “2” after M or MW indicates once or twice around respectively. A windward offset mark will be used for the MW course. In this case boats must round the windward and windward offset mark. The windward offset mark may be left in place but can be ignored for all other courses but the MW course.

The start/finish line may be shortened after the race start and before boats begin the last leg of the course for any given race. The Race Committee maintains the option to place a second leeward mark to form a leeward gate for the MW course. When in place competitors can round either mark.
9 MARKS

The marks W(indward), G(ybe), L(eeward), will be orange inflated tetrahedrons. WO (windward offset) and Start/Finish marks will be yellow inflated tetrahedrons. The windward offset mark may be in place at all times, but can be ignored for the M, MG and MZ courses.

10 THE START / FINISH

10.1 Races will be started using US Sailing Prescription Appendix U Audible-Signal Racing System (3 minute sound signal starting sequence). This changes RRS 26.

10.2 The starting line and finishing line will be between a staff on the committee boat displaying a yellow flag at the starboard end and the port-end start/finish mark. Do not recross the finish line after finishing and clear the line promptly after finishing.

10.3 The start/finish line is open during the race.

10.4 A boat shall not start later than five minutes after the starting signal.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 will not be changed (as originally documented in the issued NOR Rev 18jan2019).

12 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for any race will be 1.0 hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat finishes or within the time limit, whichever is later, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

13.1 Protestor or requestor of redress must notify the Race Committee verbally of a protest or request for redress at the end of the race or, if not feasible, at the next earliest opportunity. Notification must include protestor and protestee sail numbers (or skipper name) and race number the incident occurred. Example ... “1425 protests 1250 in race number 3”. Notification of a request for redress requires the requesting skipper name and/or sail number with applicable race number. The Race Committee shall acknowledge the hail and record the protest or redress information on the race results sheet. Failure to notify the Race Committee at the earliest opportunity will make a protest or redress request invalid.

Note: This process helps the Protest Committee chair begin arranging resources and preparations (or not, if no protests or redress requests are logged with the RC).

13.2 Protest forms are available at the RCC clubhouse. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

13.3 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee boat has docked after racing has completed for the day.

13.4 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the RCC clubhouse upstairs locker area beginning at the time posted.

14 SCORING

14.1 The low point scoring system, RRS Appendix A will apply with exception that each boat’s series score shall be the total of her race scores without exclusion. This changes RRS A2.1, sentence one.

14.2 A minimum of one race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 Competitors are required to check in with the Race Committee on the water before the first race of the day by sailing past the stern of the committee on starboard tack and hailing their sail number and skipper name and hearing a response from the Race Committee.

Failure to check-in will result in disqualification (DSQ) for the first race of the given day.

15.2 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the sailing area must notify the Race Committee or Safety/Mark-set Boat as soon as possible.

15.3 Skippers and crew are required to wear US coastguard approved personal flotation devices at all times while on the water except for brief changes of clothing.

15.4 No boat shall leave the dock until at least one Mark-set/Safety boat has left the dock.

15.5 All boats shall remain in the general sailing area while not racing (between races).
ATTACHMENT 1 – RACING AREA (A)