Southern Region Area 7
Commodore’s Cup
August 17-19, 2019
Oriental, NC

and Koch Cup Qualifier for 2020
William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup

NOTICE OF RACE

1. General Administrative Information
1.1 The organizing authority for this event is the William I. Koch Race Committee

1.2 The 2019 “SR A7 Commodore’s Cup Regatta” is a qualifying regatta for the 2020 William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup. Complete information on eligibility for that event is found in the Official Notice of Race at https://seascoutcup.org.

1.3 The SR A7 Commodore’s Cup Regatta will be located at the Bow to Stern Boating Center, 290 Blackwell Point Loop Rd, Oriental, NC 28577. http://www.bowtosternboating.com/

1.4 The hosts for this year’s event will be the Bow to Stern Boating Center and Southern Region Area 7 Sea Scout Committee with additional support from local sponsoring organizations.

1.5 The primary racing area will take place on the Neuse River and as finally determined by the Race Committee and the days’ weather. A minimum of 6 races are planned, additional races will be added as time and weather allows. One race constitutes a regatta.

1.6 Any changes to the Race, Registration and Event information will be available on Facebook page Area 7 - Southern Region Sea Scouting
1.7 Berthing options

1.7.1 Rooms at local hotels, inns and B & Bs are available at your own expense. Advanced reservations recommended. See attached business map.

1.7.2 Camp sites are available at no additional costs. Camping will be in an open field across the street from the Bow to Stern Boating Center. No campfires permitted and no electrical power available. Water, restrooms and shower are available at the Boating Center. Participants should bring their own portable chairs and camping gear.

2. **Advanced Registration**

2.1 Teams shall register in advance by Monday, July 22, 2019

2.2 Registration is on-line at [https://forms.tentaroo.com/embed.php?id=4343684](https://forms.tentaroo.com/embed.php?id=4343684)

Or find the link on the events calendar at Occoneechee Council

2.3 Registration fee is $65.00 includes boat rental, tent site for Friday and Saturday nights, meals, and awards for top three places.


3. **Rules, Regulations and Eligibility**

3.1 Governance. This Regatta will be governed by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020; The BSA Guide to Safe Scouting; Participant’s Rules of Conduct, Appearance and Comportment; Sailing Instructions; and this Official Notice of Race

3.2 The Event is open only to currently registered BSA Sea Scouts. All competitors must be at least thirteen (13) years of age and less than twenty-one (21) years of age.

3.3 A team shall consist of two Sea Scouts (Skipper and Crew). A Ship may enter multiple teams. A team may be members of different Ships. Alternates are permitted.

3.4 Vessels. The races will be conducted in FJ sailboats provided by the Bow to Stern Boating Center.

3.5 The provisions of The Guide to Safe Scouting Article XII, Transportation, Boats, Section 6. to have on-board oars and rowlocks, fire extinguishers and lights are waived for the competing vessels only.

3.6 Certain rules may be changed; changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions
3.7 The sailing instructions will be available at registration and at the competitors meeting.

4. Safety
4.1 Coast Guard-approved Type III PFDs will be provided by Bow to Stern Boating Center. A PFD shall be worn, properly fastened, at all times while launching and when sailing. Failure to comply with this rule can result in disqualification as deemed appropriate by the protest committee. A boat retiring from a race shall notify a Race Committee vessel before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, at the Race Table immediately after arrival ashore.

4.2 Public Safety and Healthcare. This event is physically demanding. Temperatures may range from 60° to 90° or more with winds of 15 knots or higher. Water temperature can be between 55° - 70° F. Sailors should “Be Prepared” for all weather eventualities.

4.3 Competitors must be accompanied by a parent(s) or registered BSA adult leaders as required by BSA Guide to Safe Scouting, Youth Protection Requirements.

4.4 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY: Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race.

5. Scoring
5.1 A maximum of eight races are scheduled, of which one completed race shall constitute a series. If six or more races are sailed, a boat’s worst score shall be discarded.

5.2 The regatta will be scored using the Low Point system, except as modified by the sailing instructions.

5.3 Protests hearings, if any, will take place 30 minutes after the race committee boat returns to the launching platform.

5.4 At the option of the race officer, the race may be split into two groups after the first three races. Competitors whose scores in the first three races would make it highly unlikely or impossible qualify may be split off to a secondary competition.

5.5 The crew with the lowest series point score in the fleet shall win the SR A7 Commodore’s Cup Regatta and receive invitation to the 2020 William I. Koch International Sea Scout Cup.

6. Schedule
Friday, August 16, 2019
1600 - Check-in opens. Set up tents. Dinner will be on your own at camp or in town. List of local restaurants and fresh seafood markets can be found at https://www.townoforiental.com
2000 – Meet and greet, preliminary instructions, snacks and social.
Saturday, August 17, 2019
0730 – Flags, Continental breakfast
  Competitors meeting, rig boats, practice racing, lunch, more racing
1730   Stow sails
1830   Awards, flags (Uniform required)
        Dinner and music

Sunday, August 18, 2019
0730 – Continental breakfast
0800 – Scout’s Own service
        Departure by 1000