

**Sheriff's Cup**  
March 17-18, 2018  
Charleston Ocean Racing Association

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2017-2020 (“*RRS*”) and the CORA Uniform Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2. Boats shall comply with the World Sailing Special Regulations 2016-2017 for Category 5, including the USSAILING prescriptions.
- 1.3. In the case of a conflict between the CORA Uniform Sailing Instructions and these sailing instructions, this document will take precedence.
- 1.4. Appendix V1 of the *RRS* will apply.

**2. ENTRIES**

- 2.1. Eligible boats may be entered only by members of CORA who are in good standing and have paid all dues. Eligibility requirements for boats are a minimum length overall of twenty four feet. All competing boats must have obtained a PHRF rating from the CORA Measurer.

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the CORA Website ([CharlestonOceanRacing.com](http://CharlestonOceanRacing.com)).

**4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 2200 hours on the day before it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2200 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2. Fleet (Non-Pursuit) starts: Verbal changes to the SIs on the water will be signaled by the “L” flag with 3 sounds. The change will be communicated over the VHF radio Channel 73. Once the change has been communicated the “L” flag will be dropped with no sound.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1. Preliminary Pursuit start times will be posted a few days prior to the race.
- 5.2. Official Pursuit start times will be posted on the CORA website before 1800 hours on the day before the race. They will be posted by PHRF rating. Boat names will be added as a courtesy for Race Committee, however, if there is an error, PHRF start times will take precedent over the boat name listing.
- 5.3. There will be a Skipper’s Meeting on Friday March 16, 2018 at 18:00 at the ChYC.

**6. STARTING TIMES:**

- 6.1. To Rockville on Saturday March 17: Boats will start according to their PHRF rating, with the first start scheduled for 0900. The scheduled start times for each PHRF rating will be posted separately on the CORA website. No starting flags will be used. This changes *RRS* Rule 26. The Race Committee may notify boats when they are a minute from their starting time as well as when they are at their start time; however, failure to do so will not be grounds for redress.
- 6.2. To Charleston on Sunday, March 18: The start will be by class (in accordance with *RRS* 26), with the first class’s warning at approximately 1000.

## 7. CLASSES

7.1. Classes are as follows:

7.1.1. Class A: Boats whose PHRF spinnaker rating is 132 or below.

7.1.2. Class B: Boats whose PHRF spinnaker rating is above 132.

7.1.3. Class C: Boats whose D/L is 200 or above, or whose upwind SA/D is 17.5 or below and who do not wish to sail in class A or B.

7.1.4. Class D: Boats who elect NOT to use a spinnaker (see Appendix A of the CORA PHRF Policies and Procedures for non-spinnaker rating adjustments).

7.2. Class flags are: A: Pink, B: Green, C: Yellow, D: Light Blue

7.3. A boat will be scored in the same class for both races.

## 8. RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area will be Charleston Harbor, the Atlantic Ocean, and the North Edisto River.

## 9. CHECK IN

9.1. A boat intending to race must check in with the Race Committee using the boat name, sail number and Class **via VHF radio channel 74**.

9.2. A boat shall continue to check in until it has been acknowledged by the Race Committee.

9.3. Boats failing to check in will be given a scoring penalty equal to 20% of the number of boats entered in that class without a hearing. (This changes *RRS A5*). This will apply to each race that a boat fails to check in.

9.4. Channel 73 will be used for all announcements.

## 10. THE COURSE

10.1. Each mark and required side are listed below:

10.1.1. To Rockville: 32.7NM

1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the CYC dock and an inflatable starting mark. If there is no inflatable starting mark, the starting line will be between the orange flag on CYC dock and the flagpole on Castle Pinckney.
2. RG "BP" (port)
3. G "17" FL G 2.5s (starboard)
4. R "2NE" FL R 4s WHIS (starboard)
5. R "6" FL R 4s (starboard) If mark is missing, please honor the location.
6. Finish. The finish line will be between an orange flag on a race committee boat and the Q FL W 16ft range marker. The line will be approximately 50 yards long and will bear 245 degrees magnetic from the Q FL W 16 ft range marker. If for whatever reason there is no RC boat on station at the finish line, boats must record their GPS finish time as they cross a bearing of 65 degrees magnetic to the Q FL W 16 Ft range marker. Boats shall report this time to the Rear Commodore Andy Guhl at [aguhl@comcast.net](mailto:aguhl@comcast.net) or text 410-805-1749 at the first reasonable opportunity, but not later than 17:00 the following day.

10.1.2. To Charleston: 31.9NM

1. The Start: The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on Race Committee boat at the starboard end of the line bearing approximately 245 degrees from the port end of the line created by the Q FL W 16 ft range marker.
2. R "6" FL R 4s (port) If mark is missing, please honor the location.
3. R "2NE" FL R 4s WHIS (port)
4. G "17" FL G 2.5s (port)
5. RG "BP" FL (2+1) R 6s (starboard)
6. Finish: Finish line will be between RG "BP" and AR1. As you cross between the two marks record your finish time. Boats shall report this time to the Rear Commodore Andy

Guhl at [aguhl@comcast.net](mailto:aguhl@comcast.net) or text 410-805-1749 at the first reasonable opportunity, but not later than 17:00 the following day.

## **11. RECALLS**

- 11.1 The race committee intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes *RRS* rules 41 and 62.1.

## **12. PROTESTS**

- 12.1 See Rule 14 of the CORA Uniform Sailing Instructions.

## **13. SCORING**

- 13.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply. Each boat's score will be the total of her scores in all races. No scores will be thrown out. This changes *RRS* Rule A2.

In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken using the combined corrected time of the two races. This changes *RRS* rule A8.

- 13.2 This race (both races) shall be scored using the **PHRF Time-on-Distance method**.

## **14. DISPOSAL OF TRASH**

- 14.1 Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified from the race sailed on the day the infraction is observed, be subject to other suitable disciplinary action, or both.

## **15. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 15.1. When exiting and entering the Charleston Harbor if a competitor finds themselves in a position that will impede or cause concern for the commercial traffic the competitor may use their engine to clear the channel for the inbound or outbound ship. You must record the start time the engine was engaged and time it was disengaged. You also cannot take a course or restart in a position that improves your position towards the finish. Such action shall be reported to the race committee upon the finish.
- 15.2. A boat retiring from a race shall notify Race Committee before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, telephone the Rear Commodore Andy Guhl at 410-805-1749 at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **16. PRIZES**

One trophy will be awarded for every three yachts starting the two races for each class up to a maximum of three trophies per class.