



## 2016 Carolina Ocean Challenge Regatta

October 28-30, 2016

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

South Carolina Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority

### Notice of Race

#### 1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Racing rule 44.1 will be changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. Rules 35, A4 and A5 may be changed by the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may change other racing rules.

#### 2 Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 The regatta is open to (a) all monohull boats with a current PHRF rating and a length overall of 20 feet or greater and (b) all boats of one-design classes with a length overall of 18 feet or greater.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form online at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet\\_registration\\_form.php?regatta\\_id=13259](https://www.regattanetwork.com/clubmgmt/applet_registration_form.php?regatta_id=13259) and paying the required fee of \$95 per PHRF boat or \$75 per one-design boat online by credit card or, for South Carolina Yacht Club members, by charge to the member's Club account. Entry forms must be received and the fee paid by **Friday, October 28**.
- 2.3 Monohull boats with PHRF ratings will be divided into classes for boats using spinnakers and boats not using spinnakers. Boats without a current PHRF rating certificate will be assigned a rating by the SCYC Yachting Committee based upon the US Sailing PHRF Handicap Manual. Boats racing in the non-spinnaker class that do not have a non-spinnaker rating will have their rating adjusted by the Organizing Authority. Boats racing in PHRF classes should comply with the US Nearshore provisions of the US Safety Equipment Requirements published by US Sailing. It is the responsibility of each captain to provide and maintain a safe boat.
- 2.4 The minimum number of entries for a one-design class start is four boats.

#### 3 Schedule

- 3.1 Registration: Friday, October 28, from 5:30 to 7:00 PM in the Chart Room on the second floor of the South Carolina Yacht Club clubhouse.
- 3.2 Competitors' Meeting: Friday, October 28, at 6:30 PM in the Chart Room.
- 3.3 Racing: Saturday, October 29: The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race is 11:00 AM.

Sunday, October 30: The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race of the day is 11:00 AM.

No warning signal will be made after 3:00 PM on Sunday

#### 4 Sailing Instructions

The sailing instructions will be available online at the regatta website and through Regatta Network by October 27 and at Registration on October 28.

#### 5 Venue

The racing area will be in Calibogue Sound near Windmill Harbour, Hilton Head Island, South Carolina or, if conditions require, farther south in Calibogue Sound.

#### 6 Courses

6.1 The courses to be sailed by PHRF classes will be short-to-medium distance races around government marks or a combination of government marks and dropped marks using a pursuit or staggered starting system in which boats will be assigned starting intervals based upon their respective PHRF ratings.

6.2 The courses to be sailed by one-design classes may be windward/leeward or windward/leeward/windward around dropped marks using Rule 26 starts.

#### 7 Scoring

7.1 Multiple races are scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

7.2 The Low Point System of Appendix A of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* will be used except that when fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

#### 8 Berthing

8.1 Dockage or launching facilities on a boat ramp will be provided by the Organizing Authority in coordination with Windmill Harbour Marina. Space is limited and advance reservation is essential.

8.2 Competitors who are not SCYC members or Windmill Harbour residents should request a Windmill Harbour guest gate pass when submitting an entry or at Registration. There will be no charge for the gate pass.

#### 9 Radio Communication

9.1 Each boat should be equipped with a VHF radio. The race committee may make communications by VHF radio.

9.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and computer applications.

#### 10 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at an awards presentation following the completion of racing and resolution of any protests on Sunday, October 30.

11 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. Competitors acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against South Carolina Yacht Club and its officers, directors, members and committees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision.

12 Further Information

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