

CAROLINA YACHT CLUB INVITATIONAL REGATTA
July 27 – 28th, 2019
Carolina Yacht Club
Charleston, SC

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1.The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2.US Sailing Appendix V, alternate penalties are in effect.

1.3.The USS Prescriptions to RRS 63.2 and 63.4 are deleted.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

2.1.Notices to competitors will be posted to the Official Notice Board located downstairs at the Boathouse.

3. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1.Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than one hour prior to the warning signal of the first race in which the change will take place.

3.2.Any changes to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 2000 hours on the day before the change will take place.

3.3.Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water by hail from the Signal Boat under code flag “L” in accordance with RRS 90.2 (c). Changes must be made before the warning signal.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1.Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the Carolina Yacht Club.

4.2.When code flag “AP” is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 45 minutes” in the RRS Race Signal “AP”.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1.Races are scheduled as follows:

Friday, July 26 th	1300	Junior Sailing Clinic
Saturday, July 27 th	1100	Skipper’s Meeting (under Boathouse)
	1225	First Warning, race(s) to follow
Sunday, July 28 th	1200	First Warning, race(s) to follow
	1500	No Race After
		Awards Ceremony to Follow

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. Class flags will be posted on the Official Notice Board prior to the Skipper's Meeting.

7. RACING AREA

7.1. Course A will be sailing in the harbor outside of Middle Ground.

7.2. Course B will be sailed inside of Middle Ground.

7.3. The Junior Course will be sailed near the Battery.

8. COURSES

8.1. The diagrams show the courses, the approximate angle between legs, the order in which the marks are rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

8.2. If the offset mark (1a) is missing on Courses A and/or B, boats should sail to the leeward mark (2) after rounding mark (1). This change is added as Rule 34 (c).

8.3. There will be no offset mark accompanying a change mark.

8.4. No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the course to be sailed. For Courses A & B, this will be designated by international code numerical flags. In the absence of flags, course boards may be used. Course boards will be used to designate the course to be sailed on the Junior Course.

9. MARKS

	Course A	Course B	Junior Course
Course Marks	Yellow Tetrahedron	Orange Tetrahedron	Orange Ball
Offset Mark	Orange Ball	White Ball	N/A
Starting Mark	Orange Flag or Orange Ball	Orange Ball or Orange Flag	White Ball
Finish Mark	White Ball or Orange Flag	Orange Ball or Orange Flag	White Ball
Change Mark	Green Tetrahedron	Green Tetrahedron	N/A

10. THE START

10.1. Races for course A and B will be started using RRS 26. Races for the Junior Course will be per Appendix U sound starting system (whistles).

10.2.The starting line for Course A and B will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat on the starboard end of the starting line and the port end orange flag displayed on the starting pin boat or an orange ball.

10.3.The starting line for the Junior Course will be between the orange flag on the signal boat and the starting mark.

10.4.A boat that has not met the definition of start by 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This sentence is added to rules A4 and A5.

11. CHANGE OR SHORTEN COURSE

11.1.When the “C” or “S” flag is displayed at a rounding mark(s), it applies to all classes unless specific class flags are displayed with it in which case it applies to only those classes displayed. A signal board may also be used to designate affected classes.

12. THE FINISH

12.1.The finish line for Courses A & B will be between two orange flags displayed on the Signal and Finish boats, or an orange flag and a finish mark.

12.2.The finish lines for the Junior Course will be between an orange flag displayed on the signal boat and a finish mark.

12.3.The Start/ Finish Lines on the Junior Course are closed. Boats who violate the Sailing Instructions can be protested only by the Race Committee.

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1.The time limit for the first boat in each class to finish is 90 minutes.

13.2.Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in the class sails the course as stated in RRS 28, will be scored Time Limit Expired, TLE. TLE is added to rules A4.2 and A5

13.3.If a boat(s) is in last or next to last place and is delaying the start of another race, the Race Committee may end the race before the time limit and score the boat(s) in their place.

14. PROTESTS & PENALTIES

14.1.Appendix V, Alternate Penalties are in effect.

14.2.Protest forms will be available at the Official Notice Board. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

14.3.The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat for each Course has docked for the day and sounds a horn, signaling the start of the time limit.

14.4. Notices of scheduled protests or requests for redress hearings will be posted to the Official Notice Board within 15 minutes of the protest time limit expiration to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or affected parties.

14.5. Protests will be held in the Clubhouse as soon as possible and in approximate order of receipt.

14.6. Notices of protests by Race Committee will be posted to the Official Notice Board to inform boats under rules 61.1(b) and 61.1(c).

15. SCORING

15.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.

15.2. An unlimited number of races are planned.

15.3. One race completed and scored will constitute a regatta.

15.4. When six races have been completed, each boat will exclude her worst score. When less than six races have been completed, each boat's series score will be the total of all races scored.

15.5. All boats scored TLE will receive the number of boats that have finished plus two, not to exceed DNF.

16. SAFETY

16.1. Safety boats will be on each course and identified with a "safety" flag. Competitors who require safety assistance should signal by waving hands overhead.

16.2. E-Scows are required to sail with "Float Packs" at all times while racing.

16.3. A boat that retires shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

16.4. A boat and its crew shall at all times *keep clear* of all commercial vessels and shall not maneuver in any manner which would cause a commercial vessel to alter course or normal operations.

16.5. A boat whose actions or maneuvers result in a Danger Signal (5 horns or sounds) from a commercial vessel may be protested.

16.5.1. This Sailing Instruction can only be protested by the Race Committee. This changes RRS 60.1, 60.3.

16.5.2. The penalty for breaking this rule is disqualification from the regatta.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

17.1. The Race Committee will use VHF Channel 74 for Course A, 72 for Course B, and 69 for the Junior Course. Alternate channels may be used at the discretion of the Race Committee.

17.2.The Race Committee broadcasts as a courtesy only. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the channel of the broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress.

18. PRIZES

18.1.Prizes shall be awarded according to the Notice of Race.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1.Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4 Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.