

Sailing Instructions

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Southern Collegiate Offshore Regatta February 14-16, 2020

Organizing Authority:

Charleston Ocean Racing Association (CORA)
and the College of Charleston

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (2017-2020).
- 1.2 PHRF rules will apply in this regatta. CORA PHRF rating for the boats will be used.
- 1.3 Sprit poles should only be extended in anticipation of setting the spinnaker and should be retracted as soon as possible after rounding the leeward mark.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board at the Boathouse of the Carolina Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board by 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Oral Changes made on the water may be given. Flag "L" will be hoisted, and the change will be communicated to each boat using regatta VHF Channel.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole at Carolina Yacht Club.
- 4.2 In the event of a postponement (flag AP), "1 Minute" is replaced with "not less than 15 minutes" in race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS/RACES:

- 5.1 It is the intention of the Race Committee to conduct as many races as practical in the prevailing conditions up to a maximum of five races per day.
- 5.2 Flag A displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means, "No more racing today". The Race Committee will also announce this on the regatta VHF channel.
- 5.3 The completion of one race will constitute the series.
- 5.4 The schedule of events/racing is as follows;

Fri., Feb. 14 1300: Race Clinic
1400: Practice

Sat., Feb. 15 0800: Continental Breakfast
0830: Skippers' Meeting
1100: First Warning
1700: Social at CYC Boathouse

Sun., Feb. 16 0830: Continental Breakfast and Skippers Meeting
1000: First Warning
1400: No warning signal after this time

6. CLASS FLAGS:

6.1 Class flags will be:

Class A - Pink

Class B - Green

7. RACING AREA: The racing area will be in Charleston Harbor.

8. THE COURSES:

8.1 The courses each day will be a windward/leeward course, a triangle course and a distance race using dropped marks and/or government buoys.

8.2 The Race Committee will display the course and will also announce this information on the regatta VHF channel.

Course display Example:

Start

BP (P) Round Government mark BP to Port

WY (P) Round windward Yellow mark to Port

LY (P) Round leeward Yellow mark to Port

Finish Go to finish from the direction of LY

9. MARKS:

9.1 The start / finish mark will be an orange ball.

9.2 The RC boat displaying an orange flag on a pole is a mark.

9.3 The windward and leeward marks will be yellow inflatable marks or government buoys.

10. THE START:

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between the course side of the starting mark and a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat.

11. RECALLS:

11.1 The Race Committee will attempt to hail boats OCS on the regatta VHF channel 73.

11.2 The failure to hear such a hail and the order of the hail shall not be grounds for Redress. This modifies RRS 62.1 (a).

12. THE FINISH: The finish line will be between the course side of the finish mark and a staff on the committee boat displaying an orange flag.

13. TIME LIMIT: The time limit for the first boat in a class to sail the course and finish will be 90 minutes. Boats that do not finish within 25 minutes after the first boat in their class will be scored TLE.

This modifies RRS 35 and Appendix A4.2.

14. SCORING:

14.1 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

14.2 Boats scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) will receive points equal to the number of boats that finished within the time limit plus two (2), not to exceed the number of points of a DNF.

14.3 The Races will be scored using Time on Time (ToT).

15. PENALTY SYSTEM:

15.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 will apply. The penalty shall be 20%.

15.2 Boats taking a scoring penalty shall notify the Race Committee by VHF at the completion of the race.

16. PROTESTS:

- 16.1 Boats intending to file a protest shall notify the Race Committee at the completion of the race and provide the sail number of the protested boat(s).
- 16.2 Protest forms are available at the CYC Boathouse. Completed protest forms shall be delivered to the protest desk located on the second floor of the Clubhouse within the protest time limit, which is one hour after the Race Committee signal boat docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the official bulletin board.
- 16.3 A list of protests delivered to the protest desk will be posted on the official bulletin board. Protests will be heard as soon as possible in the approximate order in which they are received.
- 16.4 On the last day of the regatta, the time limit for reopening a hearing or requesting redress is one hour after the decision is announced or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2 and RRS 66.

17. ARBITRATION:

- 17.1 For protests involving a breach of a Part 2 rule of the RRS, a short arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing.
- 17.2 After a written protest is filed, one representative from each boat conforming to RRS 63.3(a) will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed.
- 17.3 A boat that accepts fault at arbitration shall receive a penalty of 30% but in no case will a boat be scored worse than DNF.
- 17.4 Decisions accepted at arbitration cannot be appealed, reopened or be grounds for redress.
- 17.5 The arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears the protest but may observe the hearing and give testimony.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS: USCG Approved personal flotation shall always be worn while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes RRS 40.

19. CREW: The number of crew for a boat will be the same throughout the regatta. Individual crew members may be replaced for valid reasons. The Race Committee shall be notified of any such changes.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS: The regatta VHF channel will be VHF channel 73. Boats shall always monitor this channel while on the water. A hand-held VHF radio as a backup is recommended.

21. SAIL SELECTION:

- 21.1 Sail selection will normally be left up to the sailors (with the advice of the owner or owner's representative). However, the Race Committee reserves the right to dictate the size of the jibs that can be used and to prohibit the use of spinnakers. Announcements regarding sail restrictions will be made on the regatta VHF channel before the warning signal.
- 21.2 Teams who select to sail without the use of their spinnaker must raise a blue flag before their warning signal and sail the entire race with it hoisted. They will be scored for that race using their PHRF non-spinnaker rating.

22. Prizes

Class A 1st and 2nd place.

Class B 1st, 2nd and 3rd place.

Overall 1st place (Most competitive boat of Class A and Class B)

23. COMMERCIAL TRAFFIC: Boats are cautioned to be on the lookout for and yield right of way to commercial vessels, particularly those with limited ability to maneuver such as tugs and barges.