

# 2013 Carolina Ocean Challenge Regatta and 2013 DDS & A Cup Regatta for Harbor 20 Class Boats

October 11-13, 2013

South Carolina Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority

## Sailing Instructions

### 1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. Racing rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty. Racing rules 35, A4 and A5 are changed as provided in instructions 11.3 and 14. PHRF ratings will be assigned by the Organizing Authority based upon US Sailing PHRF Handicaps. All sails on a boat shall bear the same sail number unless written notice of a changed number is delivered to the Race Committee prior to the start of the first race.

### 2. Eligibility and Entries

Keelboats 20' LOA or longer sailing in the PHRF Class with spinnakers, the PHRF Class without spinnakers or the Harbor 20 Class may enter by completing the entry form online at [www.scyachtclub.com](http://www.scyachtclub.com) and paying the entry fee online or at check-in on Friday, October 11 between 5:00 and 7:00 PM in the Chart Room at South Carolina Yacht Club.

### 3. Notices to Competitors; Changes to the Sailing Instructions

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the lobby of the South Carolina Yacht Club clubhouse. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 9:00 AM on the day it will take effect except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00 PM on the day before it will take effect. On the day a change is posted, code flag Lima will be displayed on the Club flagpole.

### 4. Signals Made Ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Club flagpole. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 1 hour after flag AP is lowered.

### 5. Schedule

**Friday, October 11** 5:00 to 7:00 PM — Check-in at South Carolina Yacht Club

#### **Saturday, October 12**

10:00 AM — Competitors meeting on the SCYC promenade near the Club flagpole

12:00 Noon — Warning signal for the first race

#### **Sunday, October 13**

11:00 AM — Warning signal for the first race of the day.

No warning signal will be made after 4:00 pm.

As soon as possible after completion of racing—Prize awards near the Club flag pole. Code Flag A displayed while boats are finishing means “no more racing today.”

### 6. Class Flags

The class flags for the PHRF Spinnaker Class will be numeral pennant 1 (white with red circle) and for the PHRF Non-Spinnaker Class will be numeral pennant 2 (blue with white circle). The class flag for the Harbor 20 Class will be the Harbor 20 Class logo flag.

## **7. Racing Area**

The racing area will be in Calibogue Sound.

## **8. Safety Check-in Before Racing**

Prior to the first warning signal each day, each boat shall come within hail of the Race Committee signal boat on starboard tack and hail its sail number. The Race Committee will acknowledge check-in by repeating the sail number.

## **9. Courses**

The courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward (letter L) or Windward/Leeward/Windward (letter W). The letter designating the course followed by the number of laps to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing to the windward mark will be displayed on a white board on the Race Committee signal boat and announced on VHF channel 72. Please see the attached course diagrams.

## **10. Marks**

Original marks will be orange inflatable buoys. Changed marks will be yellow inflatable buoys.

## **11. The Start**

**11.1** Races will be started by using rule 26. The Race Committee intends to make a series of short sounds approximately one minute prior to the warning signal.

**11.2** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the starting line buoy at the port end.

**11.3** A boat starting later than 15 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

**11.4** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

## **12. Change of the Next Leg of the Course.**

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark or move the finishing line and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

## **13. The Finish**

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of the starting line buoy.

## **14. Time Limit**

The time limit for each race will be 1 hour for the first boat to finish. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

## **15. Propulsion**

A boat that runs aground may use her engine to get clear provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race by doing so. Any boat that uses its engine in accordance with this exception to rule 42 shall complete a One-Turn penalty after shutting off its engine.

## **16. Safety Check-Out**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible on VHF channel 72.

## **17. Protests**

Written protest forms shall be delivered to the Race Committee in the lobby of the clubhouse within 45 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day in Board Room located on the second floor of the clubhouse. A request for reopening or redress based on a protest committee decision shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision. This changes rule 66.

## **18. Scoring**

The Race Committee will attempt to complete as many races as practicable in the prevailing conditions. One completed race constitutes a series. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A to the *Racing Rules of Sailing* will apply, except that if five or more races are completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **19. Prizes**

Trophies will be awarded as soon as practicable after the completion of racing and any protest hearings on Sunday, October 13, on the SCYC promenade near the Club flagpole.

## **20. Radio Communications**

The Race Committee will monitor VHF channel 72. Communications by the Race Committee to competitors on channel 72 shall not be grounds for redress. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

## **21. 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, 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.

# ATTACHMENT

