



**50th HARBOUR TOWN CUP
THE GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
October 2&3, 2021**

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

This regatta is organized by The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island

2. RULES AND ENTRIES

- 2.1 This regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS, 2021-2024) as adopted with prescriptions by the United States Sailing Association, the rules of the competing classes racing, except as any of these that are altered by or added to these Sailing Instructions. This regatta is classified as a Category A event. Eligible yachts may be entered by completing registration with The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island. Eligible competitors shall be sailboats, with a valid PHRF rating.
- 2.2 PHRF ratings will be assigned prior to racing using a SARYA PHRF rating certificate. If such a certificate is not available, ratings will be determined using the USSAILING PHRF handicap book (most recent available) averaging class rating of clubs with conditions similar to Coastal South Carolina. Final rates are at the sole discretion of the scorer. No protest on rating will be heard.
- 2.2 Any competitor observed discharging trash into the waters of the racing area will be scored DSQ for that days racing.

3. CLASSES

3.1 The classes for the regatta are:

Class A	Spinnaker equipped PHRF rated yachts
Class B	Non-spinnaker equipped PHRF rated yachts
Other	Any One Design fleet of 3 or more boats

3.2 The following flags are assigned as the class flags:

Class A	White
Class B	Green
Other	Class flag or as announced at the Skippers meeting

3.3 Classes may be subdivided or combined at the discretion of the Race Committee depending on the number of entries within a class.

3.4 Awards will be presented to the first two boats in each class

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 09:30 Saturday and 08:30 Sunday.

5. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 5.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at The Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island clubhouse on the front windows.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag staff located on a staff at the Harbor Town Marina or the Signal Boat
- 6.2 At the conclusion of the day's racing, display of a red flag with one sound means, "The 45 minute time limit for filing protests has begun." When lowered with one sound signal, it means, "The time for filing protests has ended."
- 6.3 Code flag AP with two sound signals means "The race is postponed." One sound signal will be made when AP is lowered. The warning signal will be made not less than one hour after AP is lowered.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 Saturday, October 2, 2021 Warning at 12:00
- 7.2 Sunday October 3, 2021 Warning at 11:00 "NOR says 11 am"
- 7.3 Warning for first Class daily determined by flag. Independent start for other classes to follow
- 7.4 One race will constitute a regatta
- 7.5 No more than Three (3) races per class will be held on each day
- 7.6 No races will be started after 16:30 Saturday and 14:00 Sunday

8. Awards

- 8.1 Harbour Town Cup awards are scheduled to be presented under the Liberty Oak at Harbour Town Yacht Basin on Sunday at 17:00.

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be the waters of the Calibogue Sound off Harbor Town

10. COURSES

- 10.1 Courses will be displayed on a course board from the signal boat. A course (See Race course Appendix One), will be displayed by course letter(s).
- 10.2 Yachts must honor all government marks.

11. MARKS

11.1 Marks will be Government marks and/or Orange Tetrahedrons as described in the Race Course Appendix except at the start and finish line, which may be a mooring ball or orange tetrahedrons

12. THE START

12.1 Races for each class or combined classes will be started independently as indicated below this conforming to PART 3 Section 26 of the RRS

		SOUND SIGNAL	TIME IN MINUTES TO START
WARNING	Class flag(s) displayed	YES	5
PREPARATORY	P Flags displayed	YES	4
	Preparatory flags removed	YES	1
START	Class Flag(s) removed	YES	0

12.2 Before the First Warning Signal for each day, all skippers intending to race **shall check in by sailing past the stern of the Signal Boat**. Any yacht failing to do so may be scored **Did Not Start** (DNS) for that race. All boats shall compete in the Class for which they are registered.

12.3 The Race Committee will make several short sound signals shortly before any warning signal that is not at a scheduled time and is not preceded by the lowering of another signal.

12.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the start mark, which can be orange ball or Tetrahedron. The start mark may be replaced with another Race Committee boat displaying an orange flag on a staff.

12.5 A yacht shall start no later than 10 minutes after her starting signal, or be scored DNS.

12.6 Yachts whose preparatory signal has not been made, shall stay clear of the start area and all yachts whose preparatory signal has been made.

13. RECALLS

13.1 Individual recalls will be signaled with one sound signal and display of code flag "X" in accordance with RRS 29.1.

13.2 General recalls will be signaled in accordance with RRS 29.2.

14. FINISHING LINE

14.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and the start/finish mark, or a vessel at anchor displaying an orange flag on a staff.

15. SHORTENING THE COURSE

15.1 The race committee may shorten the course in accordance with RRS 32

16. TIME LIMITS

16.1 Each class will have a 90 minute time limit. Yachts finishing more than 30 minutes after the first yacht in her class will be scored "Did not finish."

17. RETIREMENT

17.1 A yacht which retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee before leaving the racing area. If this is impossible, she shall report her retirement to the Registration personnel at The

Yacht Club of Hilton Head Island immediately upon arriving ashore. Radio contact with the RC to notify of retirement will be permitted.

18. PROTESTS

A yacht intending to protest shall do so in accordance with RRS Part 5, with the following modifications.

- 18.1 After finishing or retiring, the protesting yacht shall notify the Race Committee near the finishing line, giving the sail number/yacht name, of the protested yacht.
- 18.3 Protests may be filed at the YCHHI office for 45 minutes after the docking of the signal boat. This docking time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 18.3 Protests shall be written on forms available at the yacht club office and lodged with the Jury's secretary at the office within the one-half hour protest period.
- 18.4 The jury will hear protests in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible. The approximate time and place of hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

19. SCORING

- 19.1 Scoring records shall be in accordance with Appendix A
- 19.2 The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A4 will apply, with one race constituting a series.
- 19.3 The yacht with the lowest score wins. First place yachts score 1 point, second place yachts score 2 points, other yachts score points equal to their finishing positions, except, "DNS", "DNC", "DNF", "RET", "DND", "DSQ", "OCS", and ZPG score points equal to one more than the number of yachts registered for the series in their class.
- 19.4 There are no throw outs for this regatta. This changes A2.

20. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 20.1 Penalties as provided in 44.1 & 44.2 of the RRS rules shall apply. A yacht which runs aground may use her engine to help free herself without improving her position, but must exonerate herself by making Two-Turns once she has shut her engine off.

21. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1 With the "L" flag raised, the race committee shall use VHF channel 72 when hailing the race fleet.

22. MAXIMUM CREW/MINIMUM CREW

- 22.1 No maximum crew is prescribed for this regatta excepts as specified in class rules for the H20 class
- 22.2 The minimum crew will be, Class A, 3 - Class B 2- Others will be by class rule
- 22.3 Each Yacht must sail with the same number of crew for all races of each regatta unless a change is requested of, and approved by, the race committee prior to the start of any race for which a crew number change is desired.

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