



2023 Harbor 20 East-West Challenge

October 13-15, 2023

Hilton Head Island, SC

Organizing Authority is the South Carolina Yacht Club (SCYC)
And Harbor 20 Fleet 3

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation [DP] means that the penalty may be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024).
- 1.2 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty except for breaches of rules in Part 2 in the zone at a mark. For breaches of rules in Part 2 in the zone at a mark, the **Two-Turns Penalty shall apply**.
- 1.3 Rules 35, A4, A5 and A1 1 are changed as provided in instructions 11.5 and 14.
- 1.4 Appendix D, Team Racing Rules, will not apply.
- 1.5 Appendix T Arbitration, Section T2 ARBITRATION MEETING, will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the lobby of the South Carolina Yacht Club clubhouse. On the water, the race committee intends to communicate with competitors by VHF radio on channel 72.

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any onshore change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 For an on-the-water change to the sailing instructions, flag L will be displayed from the race committee signal boat while anchored and the change will be announced on VHF channel 72.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the Club flagpole at the harbor side of the clubhouse.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 45 minutes after flag AP is lowered.

5 BOATS PROVIDED BY THE ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

- 5.1 Harbor 20 class boats will be provided for competing teams by Fleet 3. Competitors must use the provided boats and may not make any modifications without prior approval of the Organizing Authority except that telltales may be added and batten tension adjusted. Supplied equipment must be carried aboard while racing.
- 5.2 While reasonable steps were taken to equalize the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1 (a).
- 5.3 The Rules for Assigning and Handling Boats attached to these Sailing Instructions shall apply.
- 5.4 Competitors shall inspect their assigned boats before each race for possible breakdowns and missing equipment. Competitors shall report any damage, breakdown or loss of equipment, however slight, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 5.5 Boats shall display on the backstay, at least five feet above the deck, the team identification streamer supplied by the Organizing Authority. Boats will race without spinnakers. Hiking is not permitted.

6 SCHEDULE

Thursday, October 12

1800-2000: Welcome Reception in the Bluefish Room on the first floor of the clubhouse.

Friday, October 13

1200-1400: Registration in the Trophy Room on the first floor of the clubhouse.

1430: Boat draw for Friday, Saturday and Sunday in the Trophy Room on the first floor of the clubhouse. Owners' representatives meet competitors.

1500-1700: Practice sail/practice race. Visitors learn lock-out/lock-in procedures.

1800-2100: Dinner at the De Sole residence in Sea Pines. (Casual attire)

Saturday, October 14

0800-1000: Continental Breakfast in the Bluefish Room on the first floor of the clubhouse.

1030-1100: Competitors meeting on the clubhouse deck.

1100: Harbor start, lock out assigned at competitors meeting.

1200: Warning signal for the first race of the day.

1800-2100: Cocktails and dinner at the home of Joe Highsmith in Bluffton.

Sunday, October 15

0830-0930: Continental Breakfast in the Bluefish Room on the first floor of the clubhouse.

1000: Competitors meeting on the clubhouse deck.

1030: Harbor start.

1130: Warning signal for the first race of the day.

1530: No warning signal will be made after this time.

1830: Prize awards and hors d'oeuvres on the clubhouse deck.

7 CLASS FLAG

- 7.1 The class flag will be an all white flag. Boats are not required to display any class flag.

8 RACING AREA

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

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The courses to be sailed will be Windward/Leeward. The numeral designating the course, which indicates the number of laps to be sailed, will be displayed on the race committee signal boat using the corresponding numeral pennant and announced on VHF channel 72 no later than the warning signal.
- 9.2 A leeward gate *may* be utilized. If it is not, the leeward mark is to be rounded to port.
- 9.3 On courses with more than one lap, the Start/Finish Line will be CLOSED to competitors racing.
- 9.4 See the course diagrams in Appendix A of these Sailing Instructions.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 The starting and finishing mark for the Harbor 20 class will be an orange round buoy. Original turning marks for the Harbor 20 class will be orange buoys. If a leg of the course is changed, the new mark will be a yellow buoy. In a subsequent change, when a new mark (yellow) is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark (orange).
- 10.2 Original turning marks for the Harbor 20 class will be 3ft orange buoys.
- 10.3 A small orange buoy may be used as an optional windward offset mark.
- 10.4 A "keep away" buoy may be attached to the race committee starting or finishing boat. When used, the keep away buoy, the line attaching it to the race committee boat and the race committee boat are all part of the starting or finishing mark. If used, the buoy choice will be displayed at the Competitors Meeting.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal made five minutes before the starting signal. The race committee intends to make a series of short sounds before the first warning signal in order to attract attention.
- 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 mark at the port end.
- 11.3 The race committee will attempt to hail on VHF channel 72 the sail number of each recalled boat.
- 11.4 Failure of a competitor to hear an adequate course, postponement, starting sequence or recall signal, the timeliness of such signal or broadcast and the order in which boats are recalled shall not be grounds for redress. [NP]
- 11.5 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

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. If there is a subsequent change, a new mark will be replaced by an original mark.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee finishing boat and the course side of finishing mark.

14 TIME LIMITS

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish a race will be 60 minutes. Boats still racing 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes and does not thereafter retire will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4, A5 and A10.

15 PROTESTS, REQUESTS FOR REDRESS AND SCORING INQUIRIES

- 15.1 A boat intending to protest shall comply with rule 61 and additionally shall notify the race committee as soon as possible after finishing, providing its sail number and the sail number(s) of the protested boat(s).
- 15.2 Protest forms are available at the front desk in the clubhouse. Written protest forms and written requests for redress shall be delivered there within the time limit specified.
- 15.3 The protest time limit and time limit for requests for redress not based on a protest committee decision is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The protest time limit, a list of protests received and notices of protests by the race committee will be posted on the official notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day in the Board Room on the second floor of the clubhouse.
- 15.4 A request for redress or reopening 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.
- 15.5 Scoring inquiry forms will be available at the front desk in the clubhouse and shall be delivered there. When the race committee receives a scoring inquiry form, it will review its records and respond as soon as practicable.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 The race committee will attempt to complete as many races as practicable in the prevailing conditions. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply except that a boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores.
- 16.3 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. The total shall not exceed the total number of boats entered.
- 16.4 To determine the winner of the Harbor 20 East-West Challenge Trophy, the score for each team will be the sum of all the race scores of all boats on that team. The team with the lowest score will be the winner of the trophy. If there is a tie, the race scores for all boats on each team shall be listed in order from best to worst. At the first point where there is a difference, the tie shall be broken in favor of the team with the better score. If a tie remains, it shall be broken in favor of the team with the best finishing boat in the last race.

17 PRIZES

The winner of the East-West Challenge will be awarded possession of the East-West Challenge Trophy until the next East-West Challenge Regatta. Permanent prizes will be awarded to the skipper and crew with the best individual performances in the regatta.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 Prior to the first starting sequence 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.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the race committee as soon as possible on VHF channel 72.
- 18.3 All boats shall keep clear of commercial vessels that are restricted in their ability to maneuver, including tugs with or without barges, ferries and cruise ships. Only the race committee may protest breaches of this rule. [NP]

19 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 19.1 The race committee will monitor VHF channel 72. Communications by the race committee to competitors by VHF radio shall not be grounds for redress.
- 19.2 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 and computer applications.

20 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.

RACE COMMITTEE

Robert deVeer
Jeff Doyle
Brenda Doyle
Chris Duer
Carter Minnich
Mark Newman

South Carolina Yacht Club urges all competitors to make this a clean regatta. Remember that rule 47 provides that a competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Please recycle or reuse plastics, cans, paper and cardboard. [NP][DP]

SI Appendix A Dropped Mark Courses

COURSE MWL

	Mid-Leg Windward/Leeward with Upwind finish, optional gate and optional windward offset mark 1a.	
	Possible courses	
	Classes	Mark Rounding Order
	MWL1	Start-1-1a-2s/2p-Finish
	MWL2	Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-Finish
MWL3	Start-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p-1-1a-2s/2p -Finish	