

**HRYC 2026 GulfStreamer and Brian Every Memorial Sprint**  
**May 21-24, 2026**  
**Sailing Instructions**



**1 RULES**

**1.1** The rules governing the 2026 GulfStreamer will be: The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025- 2028 (RRS), the 2026 GulfStreamer Sailing Instructions (SI), the 2026 GulfStreamer Notice of Race (NOR), the 2026-2027 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR), the First Coast Sailing Association (FCSA) PHRF Ratings Policies and Rules (see [www.sailjax.com](http://www.sailjax.com)) and any special instructions issued by the HRYC Race Committee. From sunset to sunrise, the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (see 1.3 below).

**1.2 ALTERATIONS TO THE RULES**

**1.2.1** Sailing during the hours of darkness: see SI 1.3

**1.2.2** Recalls on VHF: see SI 9.1

**1.2.3** Failure to Start within time limit: see SI 8.5

**1.2.4** Time Limit: see SI 12.2

**1.2.5** Establishment of Arbitration Procedure: see SI 13.9

**1.2.6** Steering Assistance: see NOR 11.3

**1.2.7** Even if not racing, if the Race Committee (RC) observes a participating yacht obstructing the passage of a vessel not involved in the GulfStreamer 2026 and in violation of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, the RC may proceed against the yacht under RRS 60.2.

**1.3 SAILING DURING THE HOURS OF DARKNESS:** From sunset to sunrise, the Rules contained in RRS Part 2 will cease to govern the race which will be continued under the corresponding parts of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea. An infringement of the IRPCS during that time will be considered as an infringement of RRS Part 2.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

**2.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Halifax River Yacht Club in Daytona Beach, FL and will also be posted at Regatta Network.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**3.1** Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 EDT hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 EDT hrs on the day before it will take effect. Any changes will also be posted at Regatta Network.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

**4.1** No Signals made ashore will be displayed at any time.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**5.1** The 2026 GulfStreamer will consist of a common start for two consecutive races. The first leg will be a 10.6 nautical mile Sprint Race beginning at the Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy and paralleling the beach to the Daytona Beach Main Street Pier. All participating GulfStreamer Race yachts will cross the Sprint Race finish line and proceed on the second leg to the finish line at G15 of the Charleston Harbor Entrance Channel, located at approximately N32.42.80 W79.47.70. Total distance for the combined legs is 224 nautical miles.

**5.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal will be May 22, 2026 at 1355 EDT.

## **6 THE COURSE**

- 6.1** From the start line at Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy "2", yachts will continue northerly, passing the Daytona Beach Main Street Pier within 300 yards due east of the pier (10.6 nautical mile Sprint Race).
- 6.2** The RC will be stationed on the pier and will record a yacht's finish time when her bow crosses a line due east of the RC position at the end of the pier.
- 6.3** Yachts racing the GulfStreamer will continue to Charleston, SC, finishing at G15 of the Charleston Harbor Entrance Channel (224 nautical miles total). The approximate position of G15 is N32.42.80, W79.47.70.

## **7 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 7.1** The following areas are designated as obstructions: None

## **8 THE START**

- 8.1** The scheduled time of the warning signal is May 22, 2026 at 1355 EDT.
- 8.2** Races shall be started as stated below in section 8.4 (SI). This changes Rule 26 (RRS).
- 8.3** The starting line will be between the Committee boat and the starting pin, Ponce Inlet Sea Buoy "2". All yachts racing in the Sprint Race and GulfStreamer are required to check in with the RC on VHF channel 72 prior to the start sequence. ( See SI 15.1)
- 8.4** The starting sequence will be as follows (changes RRS 26):
1. Prior to the warning signal five short blasts of the horn will be sounded to alert the fleet.
  2. Five minutes before the start of the race a warning signal of a white flag will be raised and displayed for a period of one minute.
  3. Four minutes before the start of the race the white flag will be lowered.
  4. Four minutes before the start of the race a blue flag will be raised and displayed for a period of three minutes.
  5. One minute before the start of the race the blue flag will be lowered.
  6. The race will start upon the raising of the red flag one minute after the blue flag has been lowered.
  7. A single audible signal will be sounded upon the raising of all flags.
  8. The raising of a flag constitutes the official signal.
- 8.5** Yachts that have not properly started within 30 minutes of the raising of the Start Flag may be scored DNS.

## **9 RECALLS**

- 9.1** Display of code flag "X" and one sound signal shall signal individual recalls. The RC will attempt to hail premature starters by sail number on VHF channel 72; yachts starting early and not restarting properly will be penalized one hour to their elapsed time. Changes RRS29.1.
- 9.2** Display of the "First Repeater Flag" and two sound signals shall signal a general recall.

## **10 POSTPONEMENT**

- 10.1** Display of the "Answering Pennant" and two sound signals shall signal a postponement. After a postponement, the "Answering Pennant" shall be lowered with a sound signal one minute before raising the white warning flag.

## **11 THE FINISH**

- 11.1** The Sprint Race finish line will be an imaginary line extended due east from the RC station on the northeast corner of the Daytona Beach Main Street Pier. Yachts must pass within 300 yards from the end of the pier and will be scored as finished by the RC when the bow crosses the finish line.
- 11.2** The GulfStreamer yachts will finish at buoy G15 (approximate position N32.42.80, W79.47.70) of the Charleston Harbor entrance channel. The GulfStreamer finish line will extend from G15 buoy

due north; a yacht finishes when buoy G15 bears 180 degrees magnetic from the HELM position.

**11.3** GulfStreamer yachts shall take their own finishing times for the ocean race and convey them to the Race Committee as soon as safely possible. Finish times should be texted to Rodney Blount at (321) 212-9342 AND to Timothy Vienneau at (843) 557-2607. Yachts should report their name, sail number, finish time of day in 24 hour format, and date. Yachts not reporting their time before the time limit shall be scored as DNF.

## **12 TIME**

**12.1** All published times in association with the 2026 GulfStreamer will be Global Positioning Satellite time (GPS) in a 24 hour format. Official RC time will be synchronized with the US Naval Observatory Master Clock telephone voice announcer: 202-762-1401 or 202-762-1069.

**12.2** Time Limits are as follows:

All Classes: 48 Hours

## **13 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**13.1** Protest forms will be provided in the entry package, and are also available from the Race Committee. Protests shall be delivered within the protest time limit.

**13.2** For each class, the protest time limit is 1500 EDT the 24th of May 2026. A yacht intending to protest should make every effort to inform the RC when reporting her finish time. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and/or Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area. Yachts racing only in the Sprint Race may file any protest by email to Rodney Blount [rblount7@yahoo.com](mailto:rblount7@yahoo.com) or in person at HRYC within 24 hours of their finish.

**13.3** Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit on the protest board at the Charleston Yacht Club to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located at a place and time to be determined by the Race Committee. Yachts racing only in the Sprint Race who file a protest will be notified as to the time and place for the hearing separately.

**13.4** Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform yachts under Rule 60 (RRS)

**13.5** A list of yachts that have acknowledged breaking Rule 42 (RRS) that have been disqualified by the Protest Committee will be posted before the protest time limit.

**13.6** Breaches of Instructions 15.3, 19.1, 20 and 23 will not be grounds for a protest by a yacht. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the Protest Committee so decides.

**13.7** Decisions of the Protest Committee will be considered final. Part 5 Section D (RRS) defines any appeal process.

**13.8** All yachts shall carry at all times a protest form and a standard protest flag.

**13.9** Arbitration: for protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, an optional short arbitration hearing may be held prior to proceeding with an official protest hearing (modifies RRS Part 5, B).

## **14 SCORING**

**14.1** All yachts shall be scored using their FCSA or CORA PHRF Valid Rating and corrected time on time.

**14.2** The Race Committee reserves the right to reclassify any yacht at its discretion.

**14.3** Scoring will be the low point system. Each race is scored separately.

## **15 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**15.1** Check-in: Yachts shall sail within hailing distance of the Committee Boat, call the RC on VHF channel 72, and state their yacht's name, sail number and fleet.

**15.2** A yacht that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by phone at

Rodney Blount at 321-212-9342 AND to Timothy Vienneau at (843) 557-2607.

**15.3** All yachts shall carry all the necessary safety equipment required by law, regulation, or class rules.

**15.4** It is recommended that all yachts racing in the GulfStreamer comply with all OSR Category 2 requirements. The only exceptions will be:

1. A dingy, inflatable or rigid, carried on deck or in davits ready for immediate deployment may be substituted for a life raft.
2. Life rafts are not required to have a canopy or an insulated floor.
3. It is recommended that all yachts racing only in the Local Sprint Race should comply with all OSR Category 4 requirements.
4. All skippers or designated representatives shall provide the RC with a list of all crew members and emergency contact information at the Race HQ check-in no later than Thursday May 21st, 2026 at 1600 EDT.

**15.5** Both Performance and Cruising Class yachts may be sailed with assistance of self-steering gear, electric or wind. (Modifies RRS 52).

**15.6** All competing yachts shall carry hard copies of the appropriate NOAA charts covering the race course.

## **16 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

**16.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.

**16.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made, in writing, to the Race Committee before the end of the skippers meeting.

## **17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

**17.1** A yacht or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, the FCSA Ratings Policies and Rules, the Sailing Instructions and all other rules and policies that apply. On the water, a boat may be instructed by a Race Committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

**17.2** Yachts racing the GulfStreamer shall be a minimum of 30 feet LOD. The Race Committee will consider exceptions individually. Request for exemption shall be submitted, in writing, with entry application. The GulfStreamer Sprint Race is open to all yachts with a LOD of 16 feet or more.

## **18 OFFICIAL YACHTS**

**18.1** Race Committee boats will be marked with a Race Committee flag. Exceptions will be identified on the water via VHF Channel 72.

## **19 SUPPORT YACHTS**

**19.1** All support yachts shall stay outside areas where yachts are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all yachts have started the race, or the Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **20 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**20.1** A boat shall neither send nor receive any radio, mobile phone or WIFI network transmissions or use any other communications device, technology or other aid which is not available to all boats.

## **21 RACE TRACKING DEVICES**

**21.1** In addition to any other device required in Safety Regulations, each boat must be equipped with an active SPOT or Garmin/InReach position transponder, be subscribed to the “Track Progress” option offered by SPOT or Garmin/InReach, and provide the Race Committee with the “shared URL” for the purpose of tracking the location of participating boats.

**21.2** The tracking unit should be mounted and operated throughout the race.

**21.3** SPOT or Garmin/InReach tracking data may not be used as grounds for a protest.

## **22 PRIZES**

**22.2** Trophies will be given as follows:

- GulfStreamer 1st overall (corrected time)
- GulfStreamer 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in all classes with 5 or more yachts competing
- Sprint 1st overall (corrected time)
- Sprint 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in all classes with 5 or more yachts competing
- GulfStreamer 1st, with youngest crew member
- GulfStreamer 1st, with oldest crew member
- GulfStreamer Perseverance Award
- GulfStreamer Corinthian Award
- GulfStreamer Club Trophy

## **23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

**23.1** The Race Committee will be in charge of all scheduled races. The Race Chairman or his designate will have final decision over management issues of the race, including, but not limited to whether a yacht will be allowed to compete, penalties (except protest and ratings), scoring, eligibility of yachts to race and time limits.

Despite the schedule to race and despite the committee's decision to race, it is ALWAYS the skipper's decision whether he, his vessel and/or his crew should participate in any race. The responsibility of the decision to race and any and all consequences lie SOLELY with the skipper, captain or owner/operator of the vessel. YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE OF YOUR VESSEL AND ANYONE ABOARD! YOU ARE FURTHER RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIONS TAKEN BY YOUR CREW AND DAMAGE TO, OR CAUSED BY, YOUR VESSEL. THIS SHOULD ALWAYS GUIDE YOUR DECISION TO RACE AND YOUR ACTIONS WHILE RACING. The race committee accepts NO responsibility for your decision to race and the consequences that accompany it.

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

## **24 INSURANCE**

Each participating yacht shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$250,000.00 (USD).