



2026 DeSole Cup Regatta for Harbor 20 Class Boats

May 2-May 3, 2026

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

South Carolina Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority

Notice of Race

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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).

1 Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The following USA prescriptions do not apply: 63.2.

2 Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 The sailing instructions will be available online at the regatta website and through Regatta Network by May 1, 2026. No printed copies will be provided.

3 Communication

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at Regatta Network at
- 3.2 [NP] [DP] Each boat shall be equipped with a VHF radio. The race committee will make communications by VHF radio. Channel 72
- 3.3 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and computer applications.

4 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 The regatta is open to:
 - (a) all boats of one-design classes with a length overall of 18 feet or greater. Anticipated one design classes include:
DeSole Cup Course: Harbor 20
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form online at [DeSole Cup : South Carolina Yacht Club](#)
- 4.3 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees by **Friday, May 1, 2025**.
- 4.4 The minimum number of entries for a one-design class start is four boats.

5 Fees

5.1 Entry fees are as follows:

One-Design Boat: \$85

5.2 Fees may be paid online at Regatta Network by credit card or, for South Carolina Yacht Club members, by charge to the member's Club account.

6 Schedule

6.1 Registration: Online before Saturday 9 am.

6.2 Competitors' Meeting: Saturday, May 3, 2024 at 9:30 AM on the Back Deck at SCYC.

6.3 Racing:

Date	DDSA/Harbor 20 Course (Harbor 20, One Design) 1 st Warning
Saturday May 2, 2026	11:00 AM
Sunday May 3, 2026	10:30 AM

6.4 The Race Committee will run as many races as is practicable each day.

6.5 No warning signal will be made after 3:00 PM on Sunday.

6.6 Awards: Sunday May 3, 2025 after racing, protests and scoring is completed on the Back Deck at SCYC or the Pool bar area. (New Pool Bar or New Bluefish Bar)

7 Venue

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

8 Courses

8.1 The courses to be sailed by one-design classes may be windward/leeward or windward/leeward/windward races around dropped marks.

9 Penalty System

9.1 For one-design classes, 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.

10 Scoring

10.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 The Low Point System of Appendix A of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* will be used except that

(a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10.3 TLE will be scored as Number of boats finishing in a fleet + Number of boats scored TLE/2 in the same fleet. The total shall not exceed the total number of boats entered in the class.

11 Berthing

- 11.1 Dockage at slips and launching facilities on a boat ramp will be provided by the Organizing Authority in coordination with Windmill Harbour Marina. Space is limited and advance reservation is essential.
- 11.2 Competitors who are not SCYC members or Windmill Harbour residents should request a Windmill Harbour guest gate pass when submitting an entry or at Registration. There will be no charge for the gate pass.

12 Haul-Out Restrictions

- 12.1 [NP] [DP] The Harbor 20 Class Association Rules and Specifications will apply for boats racing in the Harbor 20 Class with the following modifications:
 - 12.1.1 Specification III.D.14 which requires that each boat have a full and complete coat of anti-fouling bottom paint shall not apply for this regatta.
 - 12.1.2 As permitted by Specification III.I.1 regarding storage and haul outs, each boat shall be in the water not later than one hour before the start of the first race for the Harbor 20 Class in the regatta and shall not be hauled out prior to the completion of the last race for the Class in the regatta, except in each case with the permission of the Organizing Authority.
- 12.2 [NP] [DP] Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Organizing Authority.

13 RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1 RRS 3 states: ‘The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.’ By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.
- 13.2 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, committees, employees and race officials for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.
- 13.3 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.

14 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded at an awards presentation following the completion of racing and resolution of any protests on Sunday, May 3, 2026.

15 Further Information

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