

Charleston Ocean Racing Association

Spring Harbor Race Sponsored by Ashley Yachts



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Sailing Instructions (SIs)

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The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the rule is subject to a discretionary penalty which can be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) except as changed by these SIs.
- 1.2. All US Sailing prescriptions will apply except 63.1 and 63.2.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any changes to the SIs made on shore will be posted to the CORA website event page by 0000 the evening before the day of the race.
- 2.2. Oral changes to these SIs may be given on the water by hail from the RC Signal vessel in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). The RC Signal vessel will display code flag L with one sound and communicate the changes before the next warning signal.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official CORA website <https://charlestonoceanracing.com/calendar/races/spring-harbor-regatta-4> by 0000 the night before the race. On the water, the race committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate over VHF 73.

3.2. Check in will be on VHF channel 74 and is required to be scored

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1. [DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1. Signals made ashore will be made from RC Signal boat and announced to the fleet on VHF ch 73

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. Saturday, April 13, 2024 First race warning 1130.

6.2. No race starting after 1600. The target is to have racing completed by 1640.

6.3. Three races are planned for the one day of racing.

6.4. Post race party is planned at Salty Mike's

7. Class flags

7.1. Class flags:

A class - pink

S class- white

B class- green

J24 class - class flag

C class - yellow

D class - light blue

7.2. [NP] The grouping for fleet starts will be at the discretion of the Race Committee and the Race Committee may require a minimum of 5 boats for an individual fleet to get their own start .

8. Racing Area

8.1. Charleston Harbor, in the area of Middle Ground.

9. Courses

9.1. Courses diagram is included as an appendix to this SI.

9.2. Course will be posted as a pennant flag before the warning flag and announced over VHF 73

9.2.1. LA1 - Pennant 1

9.2.2. LA2 - Pennant 2

9.2.3. LA3 - Pennant 3

10. Marks

10.1. Mark 1 will be a yellow cylinder

10.2. Mark 1a. This is an offset mark and will be a pink ball

10.3. 2s and 2p will be orange cylinders

10.4. The starting marks will be a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal vessel and an white ball to the port side of the signal boat.

10.5. The finishing marks will be a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC signal boat and a red ball to the starboard side of the signal boat.

11. Start

- 11.1. Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal vessel and the course side of an orange mark.
- 11.3. A boat that has not met the definition of start within four (4) minutes after her start signal shall be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This is added to RRS 63.1, A4, and A5.

12. Recalls:

- 12.1. After an individual recall, the RC may broadcast the bow or sail number of any boats on the course side of the starting line.
- 12.2. Failure to make or receive such broadcasts or the order of transmission shall not be considered an improper action or omission of the race committee under RRS 62.1(a).

13. Change of the Next Leg of the Course:

- 13.1. The angles from marks 1/1a to marks 2s/2p may be changed in either direction to compensate for wind/current differences without signals or change marks, provided the change is made before any boat begins that leg. This is added to RRS 33.

14. Shorten Course

- 14.1. RRS 32.2 The race committee signals a shortened course (a) at a rounding mark, between the mark and a staff displaying flag S. (b) a line the course required the boats to Cross: or (c) at a gate, between the gate marks.
- 14.2. Shortening of the course signals by displaying Flag S with two horns. As a courtesy, race committee may announce shortening of the course on VHF 73.

15. Finish

- 15.1. The finish shall be between the course side of the Finish pin and Blue flag on the starboard side of the Race committee boat.

16. Penalty System

- 16.1. RRS Appendix V, V1 and V2 Shall apply.

17. Time limits

- 17.1. The time limit for the first boat in a class to sail the course and finish shall be 1 hour from the start of the class.

18. Protest

- 18.1. A protest by a boat, or by the Race Committee about an incident the Race Committee observed, shall be delivered or copied by email the first business day following the race. The Race Committee is not obligated to remain on station after the end of a race to await filing of protests.
- 18.2. Protest forms are available on CORA website www.charlestonoceanracing.com under Skippers Info. /Documents.

19. Scoring

- 19.1. PHRF time on time scoring will be used with RRS Appendix A4.
- 19.2. In the event that four races are held, the scores of the worst race will be discarded. Four races must be held to discard the worst scoring race.

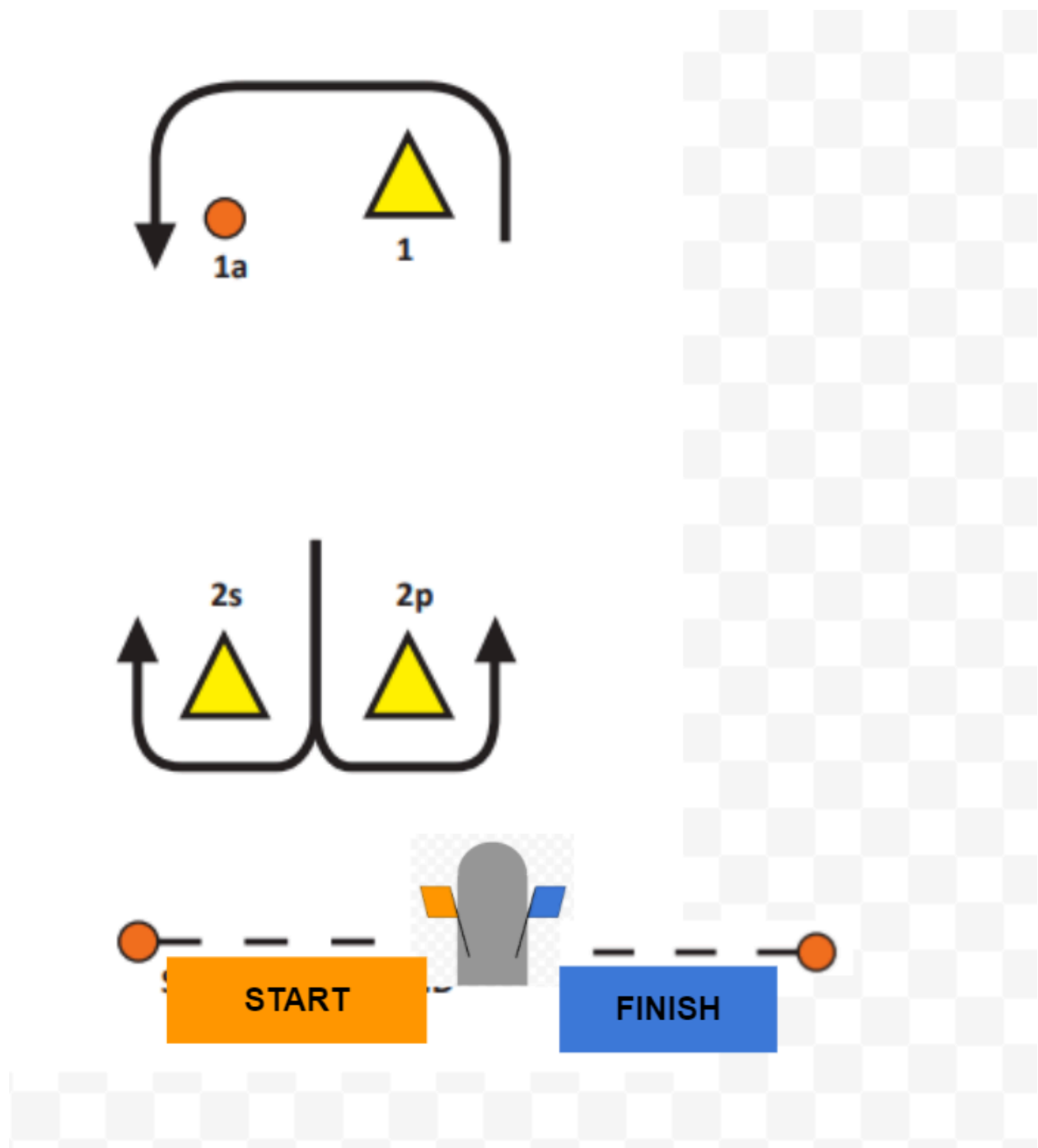
20. (DP) (NP) Safety Regulations

- 20.1. Each shall check in to their prospective Class with Sail Number and Class that they are competing in prior the start of their class on VHF channel 74 or by coming by and hailing the RC Boat.
- 20.2. Any boat retiring shall notify the RC that they are doing so on VHF channel 73.
- 20.3. All boats competing shall carry all required safety equipment as required by the US Coast Guard.

21. Risk Statement

- 21.1. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges the sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risk. 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 ids the risk of permanent, Catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

Appendix - Course Diagram



Course LA1: Start - 1 - 1a - Finish - Pennant 1

Course LA2: Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1, 1a - Finish - Pennant 2

Course LA3: Start - 1 - 1a - 2s/2p - 1, 1a - 2s/2p - 1, 1a - Finish - Pennant 3