

**2019 Sailing Inc Offshore Challenge Series**  
Charleston Ocean Racing Association

**NOTICE OF RACE**

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**1 RULES**

- 1.1 Racing will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2017-2020 (“RRS”) and the CORA Uniform Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Competitors must ensure that boats comply with 2018 US Sailing *Safety Equipment Requirements*:  
<https://www.ussailing.org/resource-library/safety-equipment-requirements-2018/>  
Sailing Instructions (SI’s) for each race will stipulate either Coastal or Nearshore safety requirements. A functioning VHF radio is mandatory equipment for all Offshore Challenge Series races.
- 1.3 In the case of a conflict between the CORA Uniform Sailing Instructions and individual race SI’s, the individual race SI’s will take precedence.
- 1.4 Appendix V1 of the RRS will apply.

**2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

- 2.1 Eligibility requirements for boats are a minimum length overall of twenty four (24) feet.
- 2.2 All competing boats must have a current PHRF rating certificate, have auxiliary power, and be manned by an eligible captain and crew. CORA boats competing in this Series must be manned by members in good standing and have paid all CORA dues.

**3 CLASSES**

- 3.1 Classes for the Series are as follows:  
**Class A:** Boats whose PHRF rating is 132 and below. PINK class flag.  
**Class B:** Boats whose PHRF rating is above 132. GREEN class flag.  
**Class C:** Boats whose D/L is 200 and above, or whose upwind SA/D is 17.5 and below and do not choose to sail in Class A or B. YELLOW class flag.  
**Class D:** Boats who elect NOT to race with a spinnaker . LIGHT BLUE class flag.

Refer to CORA PHRF Policies and Procedures for Class information (non-spin rating adjustments, sails allowed, etc)

<https://www.charlestonoceanracing.com/images/documents/PHRF-Policies-2018-Update.pdf>

#### 4 **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

The 2019 Sailing Inc Offshore Challenge Series will consist of seven (7) races, with three (3) being overnight races. Three races will constitute a Series.

Scheduled races:

<b>Spring Ocean Race</b>	March 9
<b>Sheriff's Cup to Rockville</b>	March 30-31
<b>Quicksilver Cup to Hilton Head</b>	April 26
<b>Summer Sailstice Ocean Race</b>	June 21
<b>Savannah Cup</b>	August 9
<b>Alice Cup to Rockville</b>	Sept 28-29
<b>Fall Ocean/JIYC Centennial</b>	November 2

See CORA website for individual race Sailing Instructions containing course information:

#### 5. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions for each race will be posted on the CORA website no later than 14 days prior to the event and can be found here:

<https://www.charlestonoceanracing.com/2018-races/date-events-docs-results>

#### 6 **RACE AREA:**

6.1 The race area will be Charleston Harbour, the Atlantic Ocean, and the North Edisto River.

6.2 Potential courses will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions. Courses will be announced prior to the start of the race.

#### 7 **SCORING**

7.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the *RRS* will apply.

7.2 There will be two (2) throw outs allowed if all seven races are completed, one (1) if only six races are completed. To be eligible for a Series Trophy a competitor must complete at least one overnight race.

7.3 Scoring will be based on PHRF corrected times as follows:

PHRF Time-on-Time method for Spring and Fall Ocean races, Quicksilver Cup, Summer Sailstice and Savannah Cup.

PHRF Time-on-Distance for the Sherriff's Cup and Alice Cup.

7.4 Scoring will be pursuant to *RRS* A9, whereby boats that came to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired or were disqualified shall be scored points for the

finishing place one more than the number of boats that come to the starting area. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the Series. At the end of the Series the boat with the lowest point count wins the Series.

**8. AWARDS**

8.1 Series trophies will be awarded as follows: One trophy will be awarded for every three boats competing the Series up to a maximum of three trophies per class. To qualify for a Series award a boat must complete at least one overnight race. Series trophies will be awarded at the CORA Annual Meeting in December.

**9 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

9.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**10 FURTHER INFORMATION**

10.1 For further information please contact CORA Rear Commodore Andy Guhl at [aguhl@comcast.net](mailto:aguhl@comcast.net).