

Quicksilver Cup to Hilton Head

Friday April 26, 2019

Charleston Ocean Racing Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Preliminary v1.0

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta 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. Boats must comply with 2018 US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements: <https://www.ussailing.org/resource-library/safety-equipment-requirements-2018/>
This race is categorized as a Coastal Race. A functioning VHF radio is mandatory equipment for all Offshore races.
- 1.2. In the case of a conflict between the CORA Uniform Sailing Instructions and these sailing instructions, this document will take precedence.
- 1.3. Appendix V1 of the RRS will apply.

2. ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligibility requirements for boats racing to Hilton Head are a minimum length overall of twenty-five feet.
- 2.2 Boats with a length of 24 feet or less shall race in the Sprint portion of this race.
- 2.3 All competing boats must have obtained a PHRF rating from the CORA measurer, have auxiliary power, be manned by an eligible captain and crew, and have valid membership in the Charleston Ocean Racing Association or have paid the entry fee of \$50.00. Boats competing from South Carolina Yacht Club will be waived from the entry fee.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the CORA Website (CharlestonOceanRacing.com).
- 3.2 A Skippers Meeting will be held Thursday, April 25 at 18:00 at the Charleston YC.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 2200 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2. Verbal changes to the SIs on the water will be signaled by the “L” flag with 3 sounds. The change will be communicated over the VHF radio Channel 73. Once the change has been communicated the “L” flag will be dropped with no sound.

5. CLASSES

- 5.1 Classes are as follows:
 - 5.1.1 Class A: Boats whose PHRF rating is 132 or below.
 - 5.1.2 Class B: Boats whose PHRF rating is above 132.
 - 5.1.3 Class C: Boats whose D/L is 200 or above, or whose upwind SA/D is 17.5 or below and who do not wish to sail in class A or B.

- 5.1.4. Class D: Boats who elect NOT to use a spinnaker. See Appendix A of the CORA PHRF Policies and Procedure for non-spinnaker rating adjustments. Boats using a Code 0 headsail must compete in a spinnaker class.
- 5.2. Class flags are: A: Pink, B: Green, C: Yellow, D: Light Blue

6. CHECK IN

- 6.1 A boat intending to race must check in with the Race Committee using the boat name, sail number and Class **via VHF radio channel 74**. When boats check in they must inform RC how many crew are on board for purposes of informing the Coast Guard.
- 6.2. A boat shall continue to check in until it has been acknowledged by the Race Committee.
- 6.3. **Boats failing to check in via VHF 74 will be scored DNS.**
- 6.4. Channel 73 will be used for all announcements.

7. THE START

- 7.1 Starting Line: The starting line for all classes will be between an orange ball and an orange flag located on the Carolina YC dock. If no orange starting mark is placed, the start will be between the flagpole on Castle Pinckney and an orange flag on the CYC dock.
- 7.2 Starting Time: The first start is scheduled for approximately 1600.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be the Charleston Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean.
- 8.2 **COURSE: 62.7NM**
Start at CYC dock
R "4", Port
G "25" Starboard
G "15" Starboard
Finish at R "4" at the entrance to Port Royal Sound

9. THE FINISH

- 9.1 Record the instant when R "4" bears 000 degrees magnetic and within 75 yards of your vessel.
- 9.2.1 Reporting Finish: Contact Rear Commodore Andy Guhl by email at aguhl@comcast.net or text at 410-805-1749 upon retiring or finishing, and record finish time in ships log. Please use GPS time and the 24-hour clock format when reporting times. **Times must be reported no later than four (4) hours after finishing** so RC can account for all boats. Boats failing to report finish time within four hours of finish will be given a 20% scoring penalty.

10. RECALLS

- 10.1 The race committee intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rules RRS 41 and 62.1.

11. PROTESTS

11.1.1 See Rule 14 of the CORA Uniform Sailing Instructions.

12. SCORING

12.1.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply.

12.1.2 Scoring will be based on PHRF corrected times scored by PHRF Time-on-Time method.

12.1.3 Elapsed time credit will be given for any fish caught during the race. We must have a photo of the fish with the measuring tape alongside to confirm length. You will notify the race committee at the time of your finish the type and length of fish caught and you will earn a fifteen second deduction to your elapse time per inch of fish.

13. DISPOSAL OF TRASH

13.1 Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified from the race sailed on the day the infraction is observed, be subject to other suitable disciplinary action, or both.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

14.1. When exiting the Charleston Harbor if a competitor finds themselves in a position that will impede or cause concern for the commercial traffic the competitor may use their engine to clear the channel for the inbound or outbound ship. You must record the start time the engine was engaged and time it was disengaged. You also cannot take a course or restart in a position that improves your position towards the finish. Such action shall be reported to the race committee upon the finish.

14.2 Any boat receiving five horns from a commercial vessel will be disqualified (scored DSQ) without redress.

14.3. A boat retiring from a race shall notify Race Committee before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, telephone the Rear Commodore Andy Guhl at 410-805-1749 at the first reasonable opportunity, but no later than two hours after retiring so RC can account for all boats.

15. PRIZES

15.1 One trophy will be awarded for every three yachts starting for each class up to a maximum of three trophies per class.

15.2 The Quicksilver Cup will be awarded to the one boat with the lowest corrected time over the course.

16. DOCKING

16.1 Docking accommodations will be available at the South Carolina YC in Windmill Harbor and at Skull Creek Marina on Skull Creek. Boats with draft greater than 6 feet may want to dock at Skull Creek Marina (843-681-8436). For info on docking at SCYC contact Joe Highsmith at Joe@highsmithconstructioninc.com.

17. AFTER RACE AWARDS PARTY

17.1 The after-race party will be held at the South Carolina Yacht Club, starting at 18:00 on Saturday, April 27.