

Spring Ocean Race
March 9, 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. For the purpose of RRS 79 and Appendix 1 this race is designated Category “C”.
- 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 Nearshore Race. A functioning VHF radio is mandatory equipment for all Offshore races.
- 1.3 In the case of a conflict between the CORA Uniform Sailing Instructions and these sailing instructions, this document will take precedence.
- 1.4 Appendix V1 of the RRS will apply.

2. Entries

- 2.1 Eligible boats may be entered only by members of CORA who are in good standing and have paid all dues. Eligibility requirements for boats are a minimum length overall of twenty four feet. All competing boats must have obtained a PHRF rating from the CORA Measurer.

3. Classes

Classes are as follows:

- 3.1 Class A: Boats whose PHRF rating is 132 or below.
- 3.2 Class B: Boats whose PHRF rating is above 132.
- 3.3 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.
- 3.4 Class D: Boats who elect NOT to use a spinnaker (see Appendix A of the CORA PHRF Policies and Procedures for non-spinnaker rating adjustments).
- 3.5 Class Flags are: A: Pink, B: Green, C: Yellow, D: Light Blue

4. Notice to Competitors

Notices to Competitors will be posted on the CORA Website (charlestonoceanracing.com)

5. Changes to Sailing Instruction

- 5.1 Any Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted before 2200 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 5.2 Verbal changes to the SIs on the water will be signaled by the “L” (Lima) flag with 3 horns. 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.

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**.
- 6.2 A boat shall continue to hail the Race Committee until it has been acknowledged by the Race Committee.

6.3 Boats failing to check in will be given a scoring penalty equal to 20% of the number of boats entered in that class without a hearing. (This changes RRS A5).

6.4 All announcements will be on VHF 73, and are given as a courtesy only.

7. The Start & Finish

7.1. STARTING: The starting line for all classes will be between the inflatable mark and the orange flag located on the Carolina YC dock. If there is no inflatable starting mark, the flagpole on Castle Pinckney will be used as the other end of the starting line.

7.2. **Staggered Fleet Starts will be done as follows:**

D Fleet will start at approximately 10:00

C Fleet and B Fleet will start together at approximately 10:30

A Fleet will start at approximately 11:00

This starting method is being used to have all boats finish within a narrow timeframe in order to accommodate an after-race awards party

7.3 FINISH: The finishing line for all classes will be between the inflatable mark and the orange flag located on the Carolina YC dock. If there is no inflatable starting mark, the flagpole on Castle Pinckney will be used as the other end of the finishing line.

8. The Course

8.1 There are five possible courses for this race. The marks and the order in which marks are to be passed and the side which each mark is to be passed is indicated. If weather conditions dictate, the Race Committee may elect to do an inshore course instead (per CORA Skippers Guide courses).

COURSE A: 25.39 NM

START	Starting mark and orange flag on CYC dock
RG"BP"	PORT
R "2"	STARBOARD
R "14" FI R 2.5s BELL	PORT
RN "2" (Rattlesnake)	PORT
R "14" FI R 2.5s BELL	STARBOARD
R"4"	STARBOARD
FINISH	Between Orange flag on CYC dock and inflatable mark

COURSE B: 39.24 NM

START	Starting mark and orange flag on CYC dock
RG"BP"	PORT
R "2"	STARBOARD
G "13" FI G 2.5s	STARBOARD
RW "C" Mo (A) WHIS	PORT
G "13" FI G 2.5s	PORT
R "4"	STARBOARD
FINISH	Between Orange flag on CYC dock and inflatable mark

COURSE C: 18.88 NM

START	Starting mark and orange flag on CYC dock
RG"BP"	PORT
R "2"	STARBOARD
G "13" FI G 2.5s	STARBOARD
R "4"	STARBOARD
FINISH	Between Orange flag on CYC dock and inflatable m

COURSE D: 41.70 NM

START	Starting mark and orange flag on CYC dock
R "4"	PORT
R "14" FI R 2.5s BELL	PORT
RN "2" (Rattlesnake)	STARBOARD
RW "C" Mo (A) WHIS	STARBOARD
R "4"	STARBOARD
FINISH	Between Orange flag on CYC dock and inflatable mark

COURSE E: 15.60 NM

START	Starting mark and orange flag on CYC dock
RG "BP"	PORT
R "2"	STARBOARD
G "15" FI G 2.5s BELL	PORT
R "4"	STARBOARD
FINISH	Between Orange flag on CYC dock and inflatable mark

9. Recalls

- 9.1. 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.

10. Protests

- 10.1 See Rule 14 of the CORA Uniform Sailing Instructions.

11. Scoring

- 11.1. The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply.
11.2. Scoring will be based on PHRF Time-on-Time method.

12. Disposal of Trash

- 12.1. Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water will either be disqualified from the race, or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action or both.

13. Safety Regulations

- 13.1. When exiting and entering the Charleston Harbor, if a competitor finds themselves in a position that will impede or cause concern for 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.
13.2. You 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.
13.3. Any competitor receiving five horns from a commercial vessel shall be disqualified (scored DSQ) without redress.
13.4. A boat retiring from a race shall notify Race Committee before leaving the course, or when that is impossible, text Rear Commodore Andy Guhl at 410-805-1749 at the first reasonable opportunity.

14. Awards

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

15. After-race Docking and Party

TBD