

2020 Offshore Challenge Series
Charleston Ocean Racing Association

NOTICE OF RACE

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: Spinnaker Boats whose PHRF rating is 90 or below. PINK class flag.
Class B: Spinnaker Boats whose PHRF rating is above 90, except the J24 Class and the C Class as described below. GREEN class flag.
Class J: J24 Class legal boats. J24 Class flag.
Class C: Spinnaker boats whose D/L is 200 or above, or whose upwind SA/D is 17.5 or below, and who 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>

- 3.2 Once a boat has registered and sailed in a Class in the Offshore Series, to be eligible for a Class Series trophy, it will not be allowed to switch Classes during this Series.

A boat may choose to sail in a different Class for any race in this Series, but it will not be eligible for a Class Series trophy.

4 **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Spring Ocean Race	March 7
Sheriff's Cup to Rockville	March 21-22
Gulfstreamer	May 21
Quicksilver Cup to Port Royal Sound	May 29
Summer Sailstice Ocean Race	June 26
Savannah Cup	August 7
Alice Cup to Rockville	October 17-18
Fall Ocean/JIYC Centennial	November 14

5. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions for each race will be posted on the CORA website no later than 14 days prior to the event. www.charlestonoceanracing.com

6. **RACE AREA:**

- 6.1 The race area will be Charleston Harbor, 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 each race.

7 **SCORING**

- 7.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the *RRS* will apply.
- 7.2 For Classes A, B, C and D, the Offshore Challenge Series will be scored as a Series and will consist of eight (8) distance ocean races. There will be one throw out allowed after five (5) completed races, and two (2) throw outs after seven (7). To be eligible for a Series trophy a competitor must **finish** at least one overnight race in the Series. A minimum of four (4) completed races shall constitute a Series.
- 7.3 For the J24 Class, the Offshore Challenge Series will consist of coastal day races only, to include the Spring and Fall Ocean races, the Sheriffs Cup and the Alice Cup. Each day of the Sheriffs and Alice Cup races will constitute a separate race and be scored as such in the Series. The Series will thus consist of six (6) races for the J24 Class. There will be one throw out allowed after four (4) completed races. A minimum of three (3) completed races shall constitute a Series for the J24 Class.
- 7.4 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.

7.5 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 Offshore Challenge Series.

7.6 At the end of the Series the boat with the lowest point count wins the Series.

8. AWARDS

8.1 For individual races, one trophy will be awarded for every three boats starting each race for each Class up to a maximum of three trophies per Class.

8.2 Offshore Challenge Series overall trophies will be awarded as follows: One trophy will be awarded for every three boats **competing in the Series** up to a maximum of three trophies per Class.

8.3 Special individual race trophies will be awarded as follows:

The **Sheriffs Cup** shall be awarded to the boat with the lowest two-day score in each Class. If there is a tie, the boat with the lowest combined corrected time shall win the tiebreaker.

The **Quicksilver Cup** shall be awarded to the one boat with the lowest corrected time.

The **Alice Cup** shall be awarded to the boat with the lowest two-day score in each Class. If there is a tie, the boat with the lowest combined corrected time shall win the tiebreaker.

The **Savannah Cup** shall be awarded to the one boat with the lowest corrected time.

The **Summer Sailstice Cup** shall be awarded to the one boat with the lowest corrected time in the Summer Sailstice Offshore Challenge race.

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 Charlie Lent at Charleslentrealty@gmail.com.