

# Charleston Ocean Racing Association

## 2024 Offshore Challenge Series

Organizing Authority: Charleston Ocean Racing Association

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Charleston, SC

### Notice of Race (NoR)

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The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the sailing instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be more or less than a single disqualification. The notation '[NP]' denotes that a breach of this rule will not be grounds for a hearing request by a boat. This change is added to RRS 60.1(a).

#### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. US Sailing Prescriptions to 63.1 and 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.3. [NP][DP] All participating boats must comply with the US Sailing Monohull Safety Equipment Requirements:
- 1.4. <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>
  - 1.4.1. The type of offshore event (Nearshore - Coastal - Ocean) will be designated in the sailing instructions.
- 1.5. Charleston Ocean Racing Association (CORA) sailing policies may be found at <https://charlestonoceanracing.com/skipper-info/skipper-documents>
- 1.6. [DP] CORA Sailing Policies in effect:
  - 1.6.1. Race Committee Participation
  - 1.6.2. Check In Policy
  - 1.6.3. Finish Line Policy
  - 1.6.4. Eligibility and Class Assignment
- 1.7. US Sailing Appendix V shall apply.
  - 1.7.1. RRS Appendix V2(b) is changed to state that the scoring penalty is 2% additional time added to a boats elapsed time.
- 1.8. World Sailing Appendix WP shall apply.
- 1.9. [NP][DP] All skippers and their crew must adhere to House Rules as stipulated by host yacht clubs for all events.

## 2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions for each race will be posted on the CORA website in the individual calendar event no later than 3 days before the event.  
<https://charlestonoceanracing.com/calendar>

## 3. Communications

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located on the CORA website in the individual event link for each Offshore event: <https://charlestonoceanracing.com/calendar>
- 3.2. [NP][DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the standard channels.
  - 3.2.1. It is recommended that all boats participating in offshore events have a mounted VHF with appropriate antenna.
  - 3.2.2. [NP][DP] Beginning on Jan 1, 2024, for Coast and Ocean Offshore events, the US Sailing Equipment requirements include AIS. It is the responsibility of each boat owner to meet this requirement. The Race Committee may use an AIS tracking application to review the status of participants for safety purposes.
- 3.3. The Race Committee may broadcast race information over VHF channel 73. Information so reported is provided as a courtesy to competitors and does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the Race Committee's visual signals, which govern the conduct of the racing. Errors or omissions in these courtesy broadcasts will not be ground for redress.
- 3.4. [DP] While racing, a boat may make voice or data transmissions and may receive voice or data communication provided no tactical, strategic or other technical advice is received.
- 3.5. RRS 41 (c) (OUTSIDE HELP) the term 'freely available' as defined by the Royal Yachting Association case 2005/5 will apply. It states "Information available at no cost other than subscribing to and using a generally available and non-specialized service through which it is obtained is 'freely available'."

## 4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. Offshore races are open to monohull sailing boats with a minimum length overall of 24 feet. Any other boat must request and obtain in writing, and in advance, permission from the CORA Executive Committee to race.
- 4.2. Eligible boats shall be entered only by members of CORA who are in good standing, have paid all Skipper dues and signed/submitted waivers. Ineligible boats will be scored DNS.
- 4.3. Non-CORA boat owners can pay a one-time fee of \$50.00 for the event or join CORA and have the fee waived.
- 4.4. All competing boats must have obtained or requested a PHRF rating from the CORA Measurer before competing. Unrated boats will be scored DNS.
- 4.5. [NP] All competing boats must have obtained or requested a distinctive sail number and conform to RRS 77. Boats without a one-design or national number may request a sail number assignment from the CORA Measurer. Boats without proper sail numbers may be given a 2% additional time scoring penalty to their

elapsed time as a scoring penalty by the Race Committee. This changes RRS A5.

- 4.6. Class designations are included in the CORA Sailing Policies.
- 4.7. The Summer Sailstice Event may include an evening sprint division for those competitors who do not want to sail an overnight race. The sprint race will not be scored as part of the Ocean Series Challenge.

## 5. Fees

- 5.1. Entry in the Offshore series is included in the CORA membership.

## 6. Advertising

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

## 7. Schedule

- 7.1. The 2024 Offshore Challenge Series will consist of 9 races scheduled as follows:
  - 7.1.1. Sheriff's Cup to Rockville March 9
  - 7.1.2. Sheriff's Cup to Charleston March 10
  - 7.1.3. Spring Ocean Race March 23
  - 7.1.4. Savannah Cup May 17
  - 7.1.5. Summer Sailstice Ocean Race June 21
  - 7.1.6. Indigo Cup to Georgetown August 23
  - 7.1.7. Alice Cup to Sea Island YC October 5
  - 7.1.8. Alice Cup to Charleston October 6
  - 7.1.9. Fall Ocean/JIYC Centennial November 2
- 7.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for each class will be listed in the SIs and published on the CORA event page for each race.

## 8. Equipment Inspection

- 8.1. Boats may be inspected at any time.

## 9. Venue

- 9.1. The race area will be, but not limited to, Charleston Harbour, the Atlantic Ocean, Winyah Bay and the North Edisto River.

## 10. Courses

- 10.1. Courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions and announced by the race committee prior to the warning for each class.

## 11. Penalty System

- 11.1. US Sailing Appendix V shall apply.
- 11.2. RRS Appendix V2(b) is changed to state that the scoring penalty is 2% additional time added to a boats elapsed time.

## 12. Scoring

- 12.1. Individual Races will be scored PHRF Time on Time (Time on Distance for Day 1 of Sheriff Cup and Alice Cup)
- 12.2. For the series, high point scoring will apply:
- 12.3. Each boat will receive point(s) equal to the number of boats she finished ahead of, plus one point. The end season score will be the sum of all the points of the individual races. There will be no exclusions (throw outs).
- 12.4. Five (5) completed races are required for the Offshore Series.
- 12.5. A boat's series score shall be the total of her high point scores.
- 12.6. For Classes A, C and D, a minimum of Four (4) completed races including one overnight race (Savannah Cup, Summer Sailstice Ocean Race, Indigo Cup to Georgetown) per boat is required for consideration for an Offshore Series award.
- 12.7. For the B and J24 Classes, 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 B and J24 Classes.
- 12.8. For the B and J24 Class, A minimum of three (3) completed races per boat is required for consideration for an Offshore Series award.

### 13. Risk Statement

- 13.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. 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 is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

### 14. Insurance

- 14.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent in accordance with the CORA Captains Waiver.

### 15. Prizes

- 15.1. One trophy will be awarded for 3 boats finishing, two trophies for 5 boats, and three trophies for 6 boats finishing for each Class.
- 15.2. 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.
- 15.3. The **Savannah Cup** shall be awarded to the one mono-hull boat with the lowest corrected time.
- 15.4. The **Indigo Cup** shall be awarded to the one mono-hull boat with the lowest corrected time.

- 15.5. The **Summer Sailstice Cup** shall be awarded to the one mono-hull boat with the lowest corrected time in the Summer Sailstice Offshore Challenge race.
- 15.6. The **Alice Cup** shall be awarded to the boat with the lowest two-day score in each Class. If there is a tie, Racing Rules of Sailing Appendix A8 will be followed.
- 15.7. **The Centennial Cup** shall be awarded to the one mono-hull boat with the lowest corrected time in the Centennial Cup Race
- 15.8. Offshore Challenge Series Overall Series trophies will be awarded for each Class at a future CORA meeting.
- 15.9. The Organizing Authority may elect to award additional prizes at its discretion.

**16. Further Information**

- 16.1. For further information please contact Rear Commodore Tim Vienneau ([rearcommodore@charlestonoceanracing.com](mailto:rearcommodore@charlestonoceanracing.com)).