

Charleston Ocean Racing Association

Spring Harbor Race Sponsored by Ashley Yachts



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Organizing Authority (OA): Charleston Ocean Racing Association -
<https://www.charlestonoceanracing.com>

Notice of Race (NoR)

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The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 Rules

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing except as modified by the Sailing Instructions.

1.2 US Sailing prescriptions 63.1 and 63.2 will not apply..

1.3 Charleston Ocean Racing Association (CORA) sailing policies may be found at
<https://charlestonoceanracing.com/skipper-info/skipper-documents>

CORA Sailing Policies in effect:

- * Eligibility and Class Assignment
- * Race Committee Participation
- * Check In Policy

1.4 US Sailing Appendix V shall be in effect for all CORA races.

1.5 [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 The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available on the CORA website no later than 2 days before the Race from a link on the calendar page for this event..

3 Communications

3.1 The online official notice board is located on the CORA website in the individual event link:

<https://charlestonoceanracing.com/calendar/races/>

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the standard channels.

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 [NP][DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 Eligibility and Entry

4.1 See the Eligibility and Class Assignment Policy

4.2 The event is open to all conforming Mono-Hull boats with a current CORA PHRF Rating

4.3 A Captain's waiver must be on file with the CORA Secretary

4.4 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent as indicated in the CORA Captain's Waiver.

5 Fees

5.1 The fees for all CORA harbor races are included in annual boat owner membership.

5.2 Non-member fees

- The fee for non-member boats is \$50.00 for up to two races per year
- The fee is waived for first time CORA Racers.

6 Advertising

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

7 Schedule

7.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first class is 1130. Additional starts to be announced by the race committee.

7.2 The Race Committee anticipates a safety pause in racing between 1300 and 1415 during the gather and start of the Fort to Battery race.

7.3 Fleets may be combined for starts as determined by the race committee.

7.4 No race warning after 1600.

8 Equipment Inspection

8.1 Boats may be inspected at any time.

9 Venue

9.1 Racing will occur in Charleston Harbor in the area of Middle Ground..

10 Courses

10.1 This event is intended to use drop-mark courses. The courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

11 Penalty System

11.1 For all classes RRS Appendix V will apply.

12 Scoring

12.1 The Low Point System in RRS Appendix A4 will be used.

12.2 One race in a class is required to be completed to constitute a series for that class.

13 Support Person Vessels

13.1 Support vessels shall fly a designated flag if required and be registered with the Organizing Authority

14 Risk Statement

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.**

15 Prizes

15.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

- One trophy per class for each three participants and up to three trophies will be awarded:
 - 1 - 3 participants: 1 trophy
 - 4 - 6 participants: 2 trophies
 - 7 or more participants: 3 trophies

15.2 Awards will be presented at a future CORA Membership Meeting

16 Further Information

For further information please contact Rear Commodore Tim Vienneau rearcommodore@charlestonoceanracing.com or 843-900-6896).