

Charleston Ocean Racing Association

2024 Summer Series

Organizing Authority: Charleston Ocean Racing Association
Sponsored by North Sails - Charleston and Lowcountry Sail Loft



Charleston, SC

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* (RRS).
- 1.2. US Sailing Prescriptions to 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>
- 1.4. CORA Sailing Policies in effect:
 - 1.4.1. Eligibility and Class Assignment
 - 1.4.2. Check In Policy
 - 1.4.3. Finish Line Policy
 - 1.4.4. Race Committee Participation
- 1.5. US Sailing Appendix V shall apply.
- 1.6. [NP][DP] All skippers and their crew must adhere to House Rules as stipulated by host yacht clubs and restaurants for all events.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available after 1800 on 5/6/2024 at the Individual Event Pages for the Summer Series on the CORA Website.
<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 Summer Series date:
<https://charlestonoceanracing.com/calendar>
- 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. [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. This race is designated as a harbor race and is open to monohull sailing boats with a minimum length overall of 22 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. All competing boats must have obtained or requested a PHRF rating from the CORA Measurer before competing. Unrated boats will be scored DNS.
- 4.4. [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 will be given a 20% scoring penalty by the Race Committee. This changes RRS A5.
- 4.5. The CORA Eligibility and Class Assignment for Classes will be amended as follows:
 - 4.5.1. Class A: Spinnaker Boats whose PHRF rating is 90 or below, except the J105s. FOR THE 2024 SUMMER SERIES, A CLASS BOATS WILL BE REQUIRED TO HAVE A MINIMUM OF AN ORC CLUB CERTIFICATE TO BE SCORED.
 - 4.5.2. J105 Class: J105 Class legal boats
 - 4.5.3. Class B: Spinnaker Boats whose PHRF rating is above 90, except the J24 Class and the C Class as described below.
 - 4.5.4. J24 Class: J24 Class legal boats.
 - 4.5.5. 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.
 - 4.5.6. Class D: Non-spinnaker boats.

5. Fees

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

6. Advertising

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

7. Schedule

- 7.1. The Summer Series Skippers Meeting will be held Wednesday, May 8, 2024 at 1900 at the North Sails Loft.
- 7.2. The scheduled racing dates for the 2024 Summer Series are:
 - 7.2.1. Wednesdays - starting May 15, 2024
 - 7.2.2. May 22, 2024 (for Savannah Cup to Gulfstreamer) and July 3, 2024 will not be scheduled for racing
- 7.3. The Summer Series will be scored as 2 series:
 - 7.3.1. Summer Series I will begin on May 15, 2024, and will take place on scheduled Wednesday nights until six races are completed.
 - 7.3.2. Upon completion of Series I, Series II shall commence and will take place on scheduled Wednesday nights until six races are completed in this series.
 - 7.3.3. No Wednesday night races shall be sailed after September 11, 2024.
- 7.4. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Delta class is 1800. Warnings for other fleets began at 1815.
- 7.5. Additional starts to follow as determined by the Race Committee.

8. Equipment Inspection

- 8.1. Boats may be inspected at any time.

9. Venue

- 9.1. Racing will occur in Charleston Harbor.

10. Courses

- 10.1. The Race Committee will designate courses by use of a number board at the starting line based on the Race Courses section of the CORA website Skipper Info. <https://charlestonoceanracing.com/skipper-info/skipper-documents>
- 10.2. We will be using the 2024 Race Course Listing https://charlestonoceanracing.com/images/Documents_2024/2024%20CORA%20COURSE%20GUIDE%20-%20v2%20Update%201.pdf
- 10.3. The courses may be changed prior to the warning flag of the class that the change pertains to and will be announced on VHF channel 73 failure to hear the announcement is not grounds for redress signals posted take precedence.

11. Penalty System

- 11.1. US Sailing Appendix V shall apply.

12. Scoring

- 12.1. Three (3) finished and not abandoned races are necessary to constitute a series.
- 12.2. Once a boat has registered and sailed a race in a Class in a Series, to be eligible for a Class Series trophy it will not be allowed to switch Classes during that Series. A boat may choose to sail in a different Class for any race in a Series, but it will not be eligible for a Class Series trophy.
- 12.3. The Low Point System in RRS Appendix A4 will be used.
- 12.4. RRS A5.3 shall apply to the Summer Series.
- 12.5. A Class Fleet will be scored ORC Time-on-Time.
- 12.6. All Boats, other than A Class will be scored using PHRF Time-on-Time.
- 12.7. A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores. After five completed races in a series, a boat's worst score will be excluded.

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. Prizes will be given for the overall results for the series.
- 15.2. Individual Race Prizes will be given as follows - One trophy per class for each three participants and up to three trophies will be awarded after racing at the Host Club:
 - 15.2.1. 1 - 3 participants: 1 trophy
 - 15.2.2. 4 - 6 participants: 2 trophies
 - 15.2.3. 7 or more participants: 3 trophies
- 15.3. Overall Series Prizes will be presented at a future CORA Membership Meeting

16. Further Information

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