



Sperry Top-Sider
Charleston Race Week
April 16th-19th 2015

Notice of Race

The organizing authority for Sperry Top-Sider Charleston Race Week is the Charleston Ocean Racing Association (CORA).

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the current HPR, ORR, rules, and the Sperry Top-Sider Charleston Race Week PHRF procedures.

1.2 The protest committee may impose suitable penalties, other than disqualification, for violations of the Class Rules, or other non Part 2 rules. This changes RRS64.1.

1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Advertising shall conform to the current ISAF Regulation 20 and in accordance with each boat's Class Rules.

2.2 Boats may be required to display identification numbers and sponsor's advertising for the duration of the event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. These items will be supplied free of charge by the Organizing Authority (OA) at registration.

2.3 Boats not bearing the event bow sticker on both sides are subject to protest by the race committee only. The protest committee may impose a penalty as it deems appropriate. This changes rule 60.1(a).

2.4 Competitors are requested to respect the brand exclusivity of our Official Sponsors; their participation enhances the event for all competitors.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Sperry Top-Sider Charleston Race Week is open to one-design keelboats between 19-80 feet LOA, HPR, ORR and PHRF monohull boats that are 24-80 feet LOA, and multi-hulls 24-45 feet LOA between hull perpendiculars. PHRF entries sailing on the offshore circles shall have a spinnaker TOD rating of 192 or less and entries in the non-spinnaker class shall have a spinnaker TOD rating above 75.

3.2 The entry deadline is 17:00 April 10th, 2014. Entries received after 17:00 April 10th, 2015 will be considered on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

Registration will be available online or by downloading an entry form from the event website. A completed online entry or printed entry form, a signed waiver form, and the entry fee shall be received by January 31, 2015 to receive a discounted rate. Entry acknowledgement will be sent to valid entrants shortly after early entry receipt. All registrations shall be complete and are final.

3.3 PHRF. The Sperry Top-Sider Charleston Race Week (STCRW) PHRF Consortium will assign PHRF ratings for this event. The procedures to be followed in order to obtain an event specific rating are described in the STCRW PHRF procedures which can be found on the event website.

3.4 HPR, ORR racing will be offered if sufficient entries are received and satisfactory classes can be established. Competitors wishing to race under ORR or HPR shall submit a valid ORR or HPR rating certificate with completed entry form. ORR and HPR rating applications for US-flagged boats may be obtained through US Sailing (401-663-0800) or offshore@ussailing.org. ORR entrants are also required to submit a completed PHRF application.

3.5 One-Design classes on Circles 1, 2, and 3, will be provided when there are fifteen (15) or more entries for a class. The maximum number of entries for a single class start is limited to the first 60(sixty) completed entries (to include all fees) are accepted on a time priority basis ("first-come, first served basis"). Completed entries received in excess of the sixty-boat limit will be recorded on a waiting list. If the number of boats entered falls below sixty-boat limit prior to the entry deadline, entry will be offered to boats on the waiting list in time priority order. One-Design classes on circles 4 and 5 will require five (5) or more entries.

3.6 Pursuit Classes. The classes may be spinnaker, non spinnaker or a combination depending on entrant type and number. Start times will be determined by PHRF TOD rating.

3.7 Multi-Hull Class. A Multi-Hull class using PHRF or Class rules will be provided if there is sufficient interest. A minimum of five boats is needed to provide a start on one of our offshore circles. Entry to our Pursuit Class will be considered on a case-by- case basis.

4 CREW LIMITS

4.1 All classes shall sail with the same number of crew in all races. Any request for changes in the number of crew must be submitted to the Race Director in writing by 07:00 the day of the race in which the change is to take place. A request form will be available on the official notice board, and there will be an envelope to place the form in. A reply will be posted.

4.2 For all PHRF entries, boats will be rated with the crew limits described in the STCRW PHRF procedures.

5. OTHER RULES & REQUIREMENTS

5.1 All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio.

5.2 All boats shall be sailed by at least three persons on circles one through five and two persons for course six (Pursuit Class).

5.3 At all times, boats shall monitor and keep clear of the commercial traffic. Boats that hinder commercial traffic to the point of five horns shall be subject to protest by the race committee.

6. FEES

6.1 The completed entry application shall be accompanied by an entry fee. **Registrations are not complete and applications will not be accepted without entry fees.**

The entry fees are based on LOA and are as follows:

- Level 1 (19'-24') = \$450.00
- Level 2 (25'-34') = \$475.00
- Level 3 (35'-44') = \$525.00
- Level 4 (45'-80') = \$550.00

A boat's LOA is to be rounded to the lower whole number (i.e. 29.01 = 29' and 29.99' = 29') for the purpose of determining entry fees.

6.2 ADDITIONAL FEES

6.2.1 Early Discount: Completed entries received by January 31st, 2015 are eligible for a \$50.00 discount.

6.2.2 Cancellation Fee: All registrations shall be complete and are final. There is a \$150.00 processing fee for any registration cancellations prior to March 13, 2015. As of March 13, 2015, registrations are non-refundable.

6.2.3 Late Fee: Entries received after April 3rd, 2015 will be assessed a \$100.00 late entry fee. The entry deadline is 17:00 April 10th, 2015. Entries received after 17:00 April 10th, 2015 will be considered on case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

6.2.4 Non-US Sailing members shall add \$25.00 to the entry fee.

6.3 Shoreside Passes: The Shoreside Event Pass provides entry to the Race Village April 16th-19th, 2015 and includes cocktails on the beach Thursday-Saturday, a Friday buffet, the Sunday afternoon beer and chili cookout, plus trophy presentations, prizes, sponsor demonstrations, music, and more. On Saturday, sailors are encouraged to enjoy cocktails at the Race Village and then venture out to one of the many Charleston area restaurants for dinner.

A Race Week Shoreside Event Pass will be required for each person participating in any of the event's shoreside activities. Two Shoreside Event Passes will be provided free of charge when registering a boat. Additional Shoreside Event Passes may be purchased online until March 30, 2015 for \$65.00 or \$75.00 on-site thereafter. Daily Passes will be available on-site for visitors or those wishing to only attend one evening.

7. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April 16th, 2015

1200-1700 Registration

1700-1800 Skipper's Meeting (Pavilion)

1800-2100 Opening Beach Party

April 17th, 2015

0830 Harbor Start for offshore circles

0930 Pursuit Class warning signal

1030 Offshore first warning signal (Circles 4&5)

1100 Inshore first warning signal (Circles 1, 2, &3)

1800-2100 Beach Party, Low Country Feast, Goslings Rum and Beer Bar

April 18th, 2015

0830 Harbor Start for offshore circles
0930 Pursuit Class warning signal
1030 Offshore first warning signal (Circles 4&5)
1100 Inshore first warning signal (Circles 1, 2, &3)
1800-2100 Beach Party, Goslings Rum and Beer Bar

April 19, 2015

0830 Harbor Start for offshore circles
0930 Pursuit Class warning signal
1030 Offshore first warning signal (Circles 4&5)
1100 Inshore first warning signal (Circles 1, 2, &3)
1400-1800 Beach Party
1600-1800 Award Ceremony, Chile and Open Beer Bar

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available March 1, 2015 on the Sperry Top-Sider Charleston Race Week website and at Race Headquarters beginning on Thursday, April 16th, 2015

9. VENUE

The regatta site for Sperry Top-Sider Charleston Race Week will be Charleston Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean.

9.1 Courses for each race will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions. Races on the circles 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 will be windward/leeward or triangular courses (or combination thereof) set by the Race Committee. Final race of the day on circles 4 and 5 may finish inshore.

9.2 It is anticipated that there will be six (6) separate racing areas with three (3) in the harbor and three (3) offshore.

9.3 The ORR, HPR, all PHRF, and selected one design classes will sail the offshore circles (circle 4 or 5) and shall comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Appendix J Category 5 requirements.

9.4 The Pursuit Class will sail course six (6) and shall comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Appendix J Category 5 requirements. Plan to sail a longer single race per day around government buoys both inshore and offshore.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are change to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when it may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing.

However when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty. Rule 44.3 scoring penalty shall not apply.

10.1.1 Unless the course is shortened to finish at the windward mark, penalties within the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg may be delayed and taken as soon as possible on the downwind leg. This changes rule 44.2

10.2 Post Race penalties. RRS Appendix T, Section B will apply.

10.3 A boat that has taken a penalty turn(s) in accordance with SI 10.1 shall complete the Penalty Declaration form available at the scoring desk before the end of the protest time limit.

11 SCORING

11.1 A maximum of eight races are scheduled for the offshore circles and a maximum of ten races are scheduled for the inshore circles, one of which shall be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 ORR entries may be scored as a separate subclass within a PHRF class.

11.3 If five or fewer races are completed, the score for each boat will be the sum of the scores for all races sailed; if six or more races are completed one race will be discarded from each boat's score. This changes RRS A2. A minimum of one race per day shall be completed, for daily trophies to be awarded. Each boat's daily score will be the sum of her scores for all races on that day. The PHRF classes will be scored using time on distance. The IRC classes will be scored using the IRC Time Correction Factor using time on time scoring. The HPR classes will be scored using the HPR Factor using time on time scoring.

12. SUPORT BOATS

12.1 Entries utilizing coach/support boats shall register with the Race Committee and have those vessels marked with an indentifying flag.

13. BERTHING – SLIPS DOCKING

13.1 There will be a limited amount of complimentary transient dockage available at CHR&M for the first 35 boats under 28 feet LOA from Thursday, April 16th through Sunday April 19th.

13.2 This dockage will be in a side tie configuration with other boats rafted alongside at 2-3 deep and may be at the docks farthest from the hotel. Those qualifying for the limited complimentary dock space will be notified of the offer, and asked to confirm their intent to accept or reject it. Those registering beyond

the first 35 boats under 28 feet LOA and boats requiring individual berths should make separate arrangements with the marina for dock space. No individual slips will be permitted with the limited complimentary dockage.

13.3 CHR&M Dockmaster Tel: 843-856-0028 or 888-856-0028 Fax: 843-284-7061

Email: kpoe@charlestonharborresort.com

Website: www.charlestonharbormarina.com

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

14.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission from the Race Director.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

15.1 All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio.

15.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

16. PRIZES

16.1 PHRF: One daily trophy will be awarded in each class for each day of racing. One overall trophy will be awarded in each class for every three boats entered up to a maximum of three trophies per class. The entry that wins the most competitive class will receive recognition on the Palmetto Cup Perpetual Trophy.

16.2 One-Design Classes: One daily trophy will be awarded in each class for each day of racing. One overall trophy will be awarded in each class for every three boats entered up to a maximum of three trophies per class. The entry that wins the most competitive class will receive recognition on the Charleston Race Week Cup Perpetual Trophy.

16.3 IRC: One daily trophy will be awarded for each day of racing. One overall trophy will be awarded for every three boats entered to maximum of three trophies.

16.4 Jubilee Sportsmanship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the participant who has displayed outstanding example of good sportsmanship during Sperry Top-Sider Charleston Race Week. Ballots will be available for all participants.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS4, 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.

17.2 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who shall ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations or inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.

17.3 Charleston Ocean Racing Association, Sponsors of the Sperry Top-Sider Charleston Race Week, and their employees and volunteers do not accept responsibility for the loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or relating to this event.

17.4 The Skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of his crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Committee Member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damages and the boat may be subject to protest, which may include disqualification from the regatta.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid, third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD per event or the equivalent.

19. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE OF RACE

19.1 Any amendments of this notice made prior to April 10, 2014 will be posted on the event's Yacht Scoring website. Amendments will be posted on the official notice board and copies will be available at Race Headquarters.

20. GENERAL INFORMATION

20.1 EVENT WEBSITE

Periodic updates and latest information on the event will be posted on the Sperry Top-Sider Charleston Race Week website: www.charlestonraceweek.com

20.2 RACE HEADQUARTERS

Event Race Headquarters will be at the Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina (CHR&M) located at 20 Patriots Point Road, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464. The CHR&M website is www.charlestonharborresort.com. The Race Village will be located at CHR&M. Registration, the Skippers Meeting on Thursday and Awards

on Sunday will be in the Race Village. The official notice board will be in the Race Village. In an effort to facilitate communications to the competitors, information related to this event may be posted in other areas, but there is only one official notice board.

20.4 STORAGE, LAUNCHING, AND SETUP

Pre and Post Race Storage:
Details will be posted on the event website.

20.5 LAUNCH AND RETRIEVAL

Several local yacht clubs and boatyards are available for storage, launching and retrieving. Greater details are available on the event website.

20.6 RAMP LAUNCH

There is a launch ramp for trailered boats at Remley's Point, in Mount Pleasant. This is a large public landing with four ramps on the Wando River located just up river from the Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina.

20.7 ACCOMODATIONS

The Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina is providing Sperry Top-Sider Charleston Race Week with special group rates that are available through March 12th, 2014. There is an additional 10% discount for reservations received by December, 31st 2013. These rooms sell out fairly quickly and include free parking for resort guests.

Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina Telephone 843- 856- 0028,

Website www.charlestonharborresort.com

Register Online:

<https://bookings.ihotelier.com/bookings.jsp?groupID=1080074&hotelID=3635>

21. EVENT MANAGEMENT APRIL 19TH THRU 22ND 2012

21.1 The Organizing Authority for Sperry Top-Sider Charleston Race Week 2013 is the Charleston Ocean Racing Association (CORA).

Address all correspondence regarding the event to:

Sperry Top-Sider Charleston Race Week

4208 Pace Street Unit C

North Charleston, SC 29405

Tel: 843 628-5900

Fax: 843 278-8671

Email: info@charlestonraceweek.com

Event/Race Director: Randy Draftz

21.2 EVENT NAME AND RIGHTS

Any commercial or editorial reference to the event must use the official regatta's name Sperry Top-Sider Charleston Race Week. Any commercial video must be licensed by Sperry Top-Sider Charleston Race Week. Photographers and videographers must be registered with the event, display the appropriate flag and respect the Race Committee's requests to keep clear of the competitors.

21.3 TELEVISION AND PHOTOGRAPHER'S RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press purposes and editorial or advertising purposes.

21.4 Please make sure to periodically check the event website and make sure to sign up for the event email list. Events and schedules may change. All events listed here are located in the Race Village at the Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina unless otherwise noted. Please make sure each individual planning to attend these festivities has a Shoreside Event Pass.

