

CHARLESTON RACE WEEK

25 YEARS

April 8, 9, 10 and 11, 2021
Version 10 December 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

The organizing Authority of 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 2021 ORC Rules, The 2020 ORC Rules, the *Equipment Rules of Sailing* and the Charleston Race Week (CRW) PHRF procedures.
- 1.2 The notation '(DP)' is a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.
- 1.3 The protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification (DP), for violations of the Class Rules, and racing rules other than those of RRS Part 1 and Part 2.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5 The International J/70 Class Event Rules Part III (sections I.3 and I.4) will apply.
- 1.6 RRS Appendix G3 (CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS) will apply.
- 1.7 RRS Appendix T and V for Circles 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will apply.
- 1.8 Pursuit Class - The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply.
- 1.9 This Notice of Race may be updated as needed and posted on the Event's website. The version date will be updated when changes are made and posted.
- 1.10 This event will follow all Federal, State and County guidelines as they apply to social separation while ashore.
- 1.11 The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising shall conform to the current World Sailing Regulation 20 and by 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 by World Sailing 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 (DP).
- 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 Charleston Race Week is open to one-design keelboats between 19-80 feet LOA, ORC, and PHRF monohull boats that are 24-85 feet LOA, and multi-hulls 24-70 feet LOA between hull perpendiculars.
- 3.2 The entry deadline is 2400 (EDT) April 5th, 2021. Entries received after 1700 April 6th, 2021 will be considered on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. Registration will be available online from the Yacht Scoring event website. A completed online entry, waiver form and the entry fee shall be received by January 31st, 2021 to receive a \$100.00 early discount. Entry acknowledgement will be sent to valid entrants shortly after early entry receipt. All registrations shall be complete and are final.
- 3.3 PHRF Consortium, will assign PHRF ratings for this event. The procedures to be followed to obtain an event-specific rating are described in the CRW PHRF procedures, which can be found on the event website.

- 3.4 ORC entries with a valid 2021 ORCi or ORC Club certificate are invited. Valid ORC certificates shall be issued before 1800 (EDT) on Monday, April 5th, 2021. For more information on how to obtain an ORC certificate, either apply online at www.orc.org/clubapplication or contact usa@orc.org.
- 3.5 One-Design starts (J/70) on Circles 2. The maximum number of entries for single class start is limited to the first 100 (100) completed entries (to include all fees) accepted on a time priority basis ("first-come, first served basis"). Completed entries received beyond the one hundred-boat limit will be recorded on a waiting list. If the number of boats entered fall below the one hundred-boat limit prior to the entry deadline, entry will be offered to boats on the waiting list. If the number of boats entered falls below the one hundred-boat limit before the entry deadline, entry will be offered to boats on the waiting list in time priority order. If more than 60 boats are registered, the fleet will be divided to accommodate a rotation as described in the sailing instructions with two separate starts on the same race circle.
- 3.6 Pursuit Classes. Boats will be divided into spinnaker and non- spinnaker performance divisions.
- 3.7 Boats that have a displacement length ratio under 200 or an upwind sail area to displacement ratio of 17.5 will sail in a separate class referred to the high-performance class and will utilize ORC time on time scoring. Displacement and sail area ratios, we be those published by US Sailing. Entry to the Pursuit Class will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- 3.8 Multi-hull Classes. 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 the offshore circles. Entry to the Pursuit Class will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The minimum length is 24 feet, and the maximum length is 70 feet measured between hull perpendiculars and must be suitable for offshore sailing.

4. CREW LIMITS

- 4.1 All boats shall race with the same number of crew in all races on circles 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Any request for changes in the number of crew must be submitted to the Race Director via email to info@charlestonraceweek.com or in writing by 0700 the day of the race.
- 4.2 Circle 6 / Pursuits Class only: Boats may vary the number of crew from day to day. Boats shall declare to the RC/OA the number of persons on board and the names of the crew before 0700 on each race day. The crew list may be sent via email to info@charlestonraceweek.com.
- 4.3 All boats shall be sailed by at least three persons on Circles 1 through 5 and two persons for Course 6 (Pursuit Class) and VX One class.

5. OTHER RULES & REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio.
- 5.2 At all times, boats shall monitor and keep clear of commercial traffic. Boats that hinder commercial traffic to the point of five horns shall be subject to protest by the race committee (DP).

6. FEES

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

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

6.2.1	Tier 1 (19')	\$450.00
6.2.2	Tier 2 (20'-24')	\$500.00
6.2.3	Tier 3 (25'-34')	\$550.00
6.2.4	Tier 4 (35'-44')	\$600.00
6.2.5	Tier 5 (45'-80')	\$675.00

- 6.2.6 A boats LOA is to be rounded to the lower whole number (i.e. 29.01' =29' and 29.99' = 29') for determining entry fees.

6.3 Additional Fees

6.3.1 Early Discount. Completed entries received by January 31st 2021 are eligible for a \$100.00 discount.

6.3.2 Cancellation Fee: There will be no cancellation fee or penalty.

6.3.3 Late fee: Entries received after April 1st, 2021 will be assessed a \$100.00 late entry fee. The entry deadline is 2400 EDT April 5th, 2021. Entries received after 2400 EDT April 5th, 2021 will be considered on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

6.3.4 Non- US Sailing members shall add \$25.00 to the entry fee. Members shall include the membership number for proof of membership.

7. SHORESIDE PASSES

7.1 The Shoreside Event Pass provides entry to the Post Race Village area.

7.2 Village April 8th - 11th, 2021 and includes cocktails on the beach Thursday - Saturday. Food service to be determined.

7.3 A Race Week Shoreside Event Pass will be required for each person's participation in any of the event's shoreside activities. Two Shoreside Event Passes will be provided with your boat's registration fee. Additional Shoreside Event Passes may be purchased online until March 20th, 2021 for \$85.00 or \$95.00 on-site after that. Daily and children passes will be available on-site for visitors and those wishing to only attend one evening.

8. SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 8, 2021

1200-1700

Registration packet pick up (Lookout Pavilion)

1730-1800

Skipper's Meeting (Virtual)

1800-2100

Opening Beach Party with restrictions

Friday, April 9, 2021

930

Pursuit Class Warning Signal

1030

Offshore Circle 5 Warning Signal

1100

Inshore (Circles 1-2-3-4) First Warning Signal

1800-2100

To be determined

Saturday, April 10, 2021

930

Pursuit Class Warning Signal

1030

Offshore Circle 5 Warning Signal

1100

Inshore (Circles 1-2-3-4) First Warning Signal

1800-2100

To be determined

Sunday, April 11, 2021

930

Pursuit Class Warning Signal

1030

Offshore Circle 5 Warning Signal

1100

Inshore (Circles 1-2-3-4) First Warning Signal

1400-1800

To be determined. Awards will be split between beach and pavilion.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available April 5th, 2021 on the Charleston Race Week Yacht Scoring website and at Race Headquarters beginning Thursday, April 8th, 2021.

10. VENUE AND THE COURSES

10.1 The regatta site for Charleston Race Week will be the Charleston Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean.

10.2 Attachment A shows the approximate location of the racing areas.

10.3 Inshore Race Courses – Circles 1, 2, 3 and 4

10.4 Ocean Race Courses – Circle 5

- 10.5 The Pursuit Classes will sail course area 6 and shall comply with WS Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 requirements. Plan to sail a longer single race per day around government buoys both inshore and offshore.
- 10.6 Courses for each race area circle will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.7 Races on Circles 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be windward/leeward set by the Race Committee.
- 10.8 Races on Circle 5 may be windward/leeward as set by the Race Committee. Also, the final race of the day may have windward/leeward legs followed by a distance leg that will finish inshore utilizing the Pursuit Course finish line. If a northeast breeze creates a sea state that is too difficult to manage a course, a course may be set inshore north of the Ravenel Bridge on the Wando river.
- 10.9 Races on Course 6 (Pursuit Class) will be point to point type racing.
- 10.10 The ORC and select one design classes sailing on the offshore circle (Circle 5) shall comply with WS Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 requirements. For more information, refer to www.Sailing.org/specialregs
- 10.11 The Pursuit Class will sail Course 6 and shall comply with WS Offshore Regulations Category 4 requirements. Plan to sail a longer single race per day around government buoys both inshore and offshore.

11. PENALTIES

The US Sailing prescription RRS Appendix V (ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES) will apply.

12. SCORING

- 12.1 A maximum of eight races are scheduled for the offshore circle, and a maximum of ten races are scheduled for the inshore circles, one of which shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2 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. A minimum of one race per day shall be completed for daily trophies to be awarded. The ORC classes will be scored using time on-time ratings for Windward/Leeward courses, and Coastal/Long Distance or custom time on-time ratings for non-Windward/Leeward courses. Offshore time on-time ratings for non-Windward/Leeward courses. Explanations of ORC scoring options can be found at www.orc.org/scoring.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

- 13.1 Support boats shall remain no less than 150 yards from the race course from preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 13.2 Failure of a support to register, or a breach of a rule shall be considered a breach of RRS 2 (Fair Sailing), by the boats associated with this support, and is subject to protest. The penalty applied to the boat or boats associated with the support boat shall be at the discretion of the protest committee and shall not be excluded from their score.
- 13.3 Support boats shall carry a VHF radio tuned to the designated race committee VHF channel for the circle they are nearest to.
- 13.4 Support drivers shall have valid third-party liability insurance or the equivalent and provide proof upon request by the race committee or Organizing Authority.
- 13.5 J/70 Class Only – SUPPORT BOATS
 - 13.5.1 Individual support or coach boats shall not have contact of any nature, including:
 - 13.5.2 communication by radio, telephone, internet, vocal signal, visual signaling of any kind (i.e., tactical placement, use of flags and/or distinct colors of clothing) or
 - 13.5.3 the transfer of crew, equipment or supplies, with a registered racing boat from the time the boat leaves its dock or mooring each day until the boat has finished racing for the day. Notwithstanding the foregoing, late arriving crew, food and drink may be transferred to a racing boat before the first race of the day, and
 - 13.5.4 the crew may be transferred in the event of an unforeseen personal emergency. Infringements of this rule will result in a penalty to the boat associated with the support boat. Such penalty may be either penalties or disqualification at the discretion of the protest.

14. BERTHING/SLIPS/DOCKING

For further dockage instructions and information contact the CHR&M Dockmaster at 843-284-7062 or marina@charlestonharborresort.com. Website www.charlestonharbormarina.com

15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of a prior written permission from the Race Director. The VX One class is exempt due to limited dockage space.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

16.1 All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio.

16.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

17. PRIZES

17.1 ORC: One daily award 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 the recognition on the Palmetto Cup Perpetual Trophy.

17.2 One Design Classes: One daily award 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. Additional Corinthian awards will be made available for the classes recognizing Corinthian teams within their class. The entry that wins the most competitive class will receive the recognition on the Charleston Race Week Cup Perpetual Trophy.

17.3 PHRF: One daily trophy will be awarded for each day of racing to each class. One overall trophy will be awarded for every three boats entered to a maximum of the three trophies in each class.

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

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 3, DECISION TO RACE). The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or before, during, or after the regatta.

18.2 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.

18.3 Charleston Ocean Racing Association, Sponsors of Charleston Race Week, 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.

18.4 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.

19. 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.

20. AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

Any amendments to notice of race will be posted on the event's Yacht Scoring website.

21. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 21.1 Periodic updates and latest information on the event will be posted on the Charleston Race Week website: www.charlestonraceweek.com
- 21.2 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 and the Skippers Meeting on Thursday will be at the Lookout Pavillion. The Awards on Sunday will be in the Race Village. The official notice board will be in the Race Village. 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.
- 21.3 Storage, launching, Retrieving and Setup
 - 21.3.1 Pre- and post-race storage details will be posted on the event website under logistics. Several local yacht clubs and boatyards are available for storage, launching and retrieving. Greater details are available on the event website.
- 21.4 Accommodations
 - 21.4.1 The Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina is providing Charleston Race Week with exclusive group rates that are available through March 20th, 2021. There is an additional 10% discount for reservations received by December 31st, 2019. These rooms sell out quickly and include free parking for resort guests. Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina, Telephone 843-856-0028, Website www.charlestonharborresort.com

22. EVENT MANAGEMENT

The Organizing Authority for Charleston Race Week 2021 is the Charleston Ocean Racing Association (CORA). Direct all correspondence regarding the event to:
Sperry Charleston Race Week
4208 Pace Street, Unit C
North Charleston, SC 29405
Telephone 843 628 5900
Email: info@charlestonraceweek.com
Event/Race Director Randy Draftz

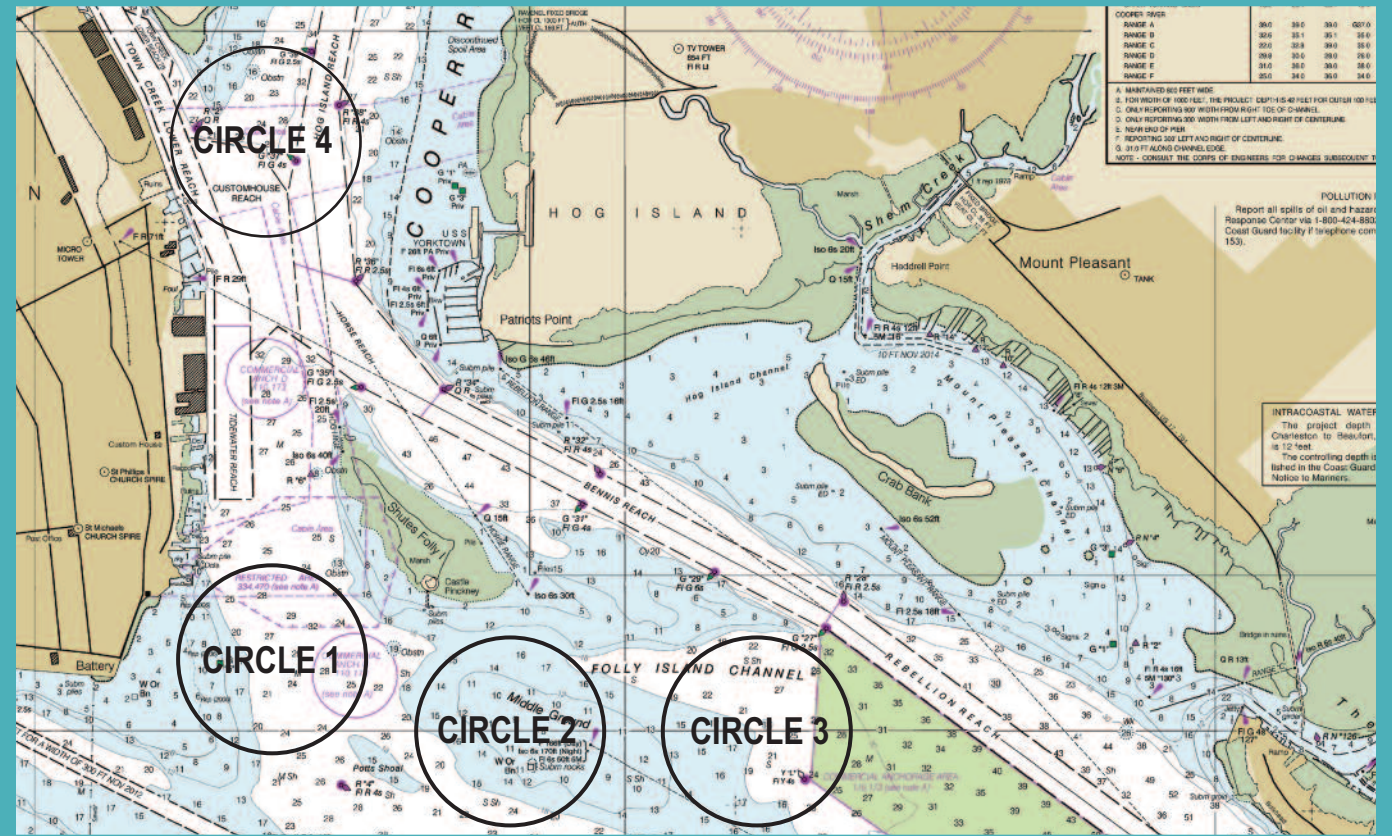
23. EVENT NAME AND RIGHTS

- 23.1. Any commercial or editorial reference to the event must use the official regatta's name Charleston Race Week. A commercial video must be licensed by 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.
- 23.2 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.
- 23.3 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 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.

ATTACHMENT A AS FOLLOWS:

RACE CIRCLES 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5

INSHORE CIRCLE LOCATIONS



Pursuit Race Courses

