



CHARLESTON YACHT CLUB ANNUAL OPEN REGATTA
July 17-18, 2021
The Charleston Yacht Club
Charleston, SC
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1.0 RULES -

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the racing rules of sailing (RRS) as defined in the current *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Competitors must sail with the sail number submitted at registration. Changes to sail numbers must be submitted in writing to and approved by the Circle PRO.

2.0 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS -

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Charleston Yacht Club Junior Room window and on https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=14578.
- 2.2 The Race Office is located at Charleston Yacht Club.
- 2.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio on channels; *Circle 2 Channel 74, Circle 3 Channel 73*
- 2.4 [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.

3.0 CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS -

- 3.1 Any Changes to the sailing instructions that apply to Saturday will be announced at the skipper's meeting and subsequently posted on the Official Notice Board after the skipper's meeting.
- 3.2 Any change to the sailing instructions that apply to Sunday will be posted before 0900 on Sunday, except that any change to the written schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on Saturday.
- 3.3 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water by hail from the Signal Boat under code flag "L" in accordance with RRS 90.2 (c). Changes communicated shall be made before the warning signal for the affected class/classes.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE –

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the ChYC flagpole
- 4.2 When code flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in the Race Signal "AP."

5.0 SCHEDULE OF RACES –

- 5.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

Friday, July 16 1600-1900 Registration in ChYC Flag Room

Saturday, July 17 0900-1030 Registration, ChYC Flag Room
1030 Welcome and Skippers' Meeting, ChYC Flag Room
1040 Course 1 Junior Sailors' meeting, ChYC Junior Room or lower deck
1300 First warning, Race(s) to follow immediately

Sunday, July 18 1100 First warning, Race(s) to follow immediately
Awards Ceremony following Protest Time Limit

- 5.2 No warning signal will be made after 1400 on Sunday, July 18.

6.0 CLASS FLAGS –

- 6.1 Class flags will be posted on the Official Notice Board following closure of registration on Saturday morning.
- 6.2 Class flag assignments will also be announced at the skipper's meeting.

7.0 RACING AREA – Attachment A shows the location of racing areas.

8.0 COURSES -

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the courses for Circle 2 and Attachment C show the courses for Circle 3. Courses for Circle 1 will be described at the junior skippers' meeting for Circle 1.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat for Circles 2 and 3 will display the numeral pennant to signify the course. For Circle 1, the course will be noted on a white board displayed from the RC signal boat.
- 8.3 If the "C" flag is hosted at or before the prep flag with no repeating sound, the starting fleet will go to the change mark for the weather mark. The "C" flag will be dropped with the class flag at the starting signal. This change is in addition to the current definition of the "C" flag.
- 8.4 For Circle 3, if the course being sailed is using a Change Mark, the OFFSET (1A) mark will not be used.

9.0 MARKS -

- 9.1 The following table describes marks to be used for each circle.

Circle 1 marks	Description
All rounding marks	Red ball
Starting mark	White ball
Finish mark	Yellow ball
Circle 2 marks	Description
Mark 1 and 2	Orange tetrahedron
Mark 1 - change mark	Yellow tetrahedron
Starting mark	White ball
Finish mark	2.5 ft green tetrahedron
Circle 3 marks	Description
Mark 1 and 2S 2P	Yellow tetrahedron
Mark 1a	Orange ball
Mark 1 – change mark	Yellow tetrahedron with black band
Starting mark	Orange Ball
Finish mark	2.5 ft green tetrahedron

10.0 THE START -

- 10.1 Races for Circle 2 and 3 will be started using RRS 26.
- 10.2 Races for Circle 1 will be started in accordance with RRS Appendix U (Audible-Signal Racing System).
- 10.3 The starting line for Circle 2 and 3 will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat and the starting mark or an orange flag on the starting pin boat.
- 10.4 A boat that has not met the definition of *start* within 4 minutes of her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing.
- 10.5 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This is added to RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

11.0 THE FINISH -

For Circles 1, 2 & 3, the finish line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the RC finish boat and the finish mark.

12.0 TIME LIMITS -

- 12.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in the class sails the course and finishes, will be scored as TLE.
- 12.2 If a boat(s) in last place in a race is delaying the start of another race, the race committee may terminate the race before the 20 minute limit is reached and score the boat(s) in the place she would have finished.

13.0 PENALTY SYSTEM -

- 13.1 RRS Appendix V shall apply

14.0 HEARING REQUESTS -

- 14.1 The protest time limit for a circle is **60** minutes after the RC signal vessel for that circle docks after the last race of the day or when that circle's RC signal vessel signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

14.2 Hearing Request forms are available online at: [HEARING REQUEST](#) or in the Charleston Yacht Club Junior Room. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be emailed to **2swan@comcast.net** or delivered to the Charleston Yacht Club Junior Room within the appropriate time limit and must include the name of the skipper of the boat, that person's email address, and phone numbers. This supplements RRS 61.2.

14.3 Notices will be posted on the official notice board Charleston Yacht Club Junior Room window and at https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board.cfm?eid=14578 no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.

14.4 Hearings will be heard in the Charleston Yacht Club Junior Room.

15.0 SCORING -

15.1 An unlimited number of races are planned.

15.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

15.3 When six or more races have been completed, a boat's score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15.4 Boats scored as TLE will receive two more places than the last place finisher in its class without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1.

16.0 SAFETY -

16.1 [DP] Prior to the first warning of each day, competitors shall sail by the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack to check in and hail their sail number and receive a return hail from the RC.

16.2 [DP] A boat that retires shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

16.3 [DP] A boat and its crew shall at all times keep clear of all commercial vessels and shall not maneuver in any manner which would cause a commercial vessel to be unable to sail their proper course or carry out their commercial functions in a normal manner.

16.4 A boat whose actions or maneuvers result in a Danger Signal (5 Horns or Sounds) from a commercial vessel may be protested.

16.5 This Sailing Instruction can only be protested by the RC. This replaces RRS 60.1, 60.3. The penalty for breaking this rule MAY be disqualification from the entire regatta.

16.6 E-Scows are required to sail with 'Float Packs' at all times while racing. Failure to do so will result in being scored DNS without a hearing.

16.7 For Circle 1, all competitors must wear life jackets from the time they leave the dock until they return.

17.0 SUPPORT BOATS -

17.1 For all classes except Optimist Green fleet, team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the warning signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The penalty for failing to comply with this requirement or verbal instructions from the race committee will be the disqualification of all boat(s) associated with the offending support boat(s) after a protest hearing.

17.2 Coaching is encouraged for the Optimist Green Fleet.

18.0 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS -

18.1 The Race Committee will not respond to transmissions from competitors except to acknowledge retirement, protests, penalties reported or requests for emergency assistance. The race committee will use VHF channel 74 for Circle 2, channel and 73 for Circle 3. Alternate channels may be used at the discretion of the Race committee.

18.2 The race committee broadcasts (hails or other communications, are also considered broadcasts) concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of any boat to receive or properly interpret this information, or any errors or omissions on the part of the hailed messages may not be grounds for granting redress.

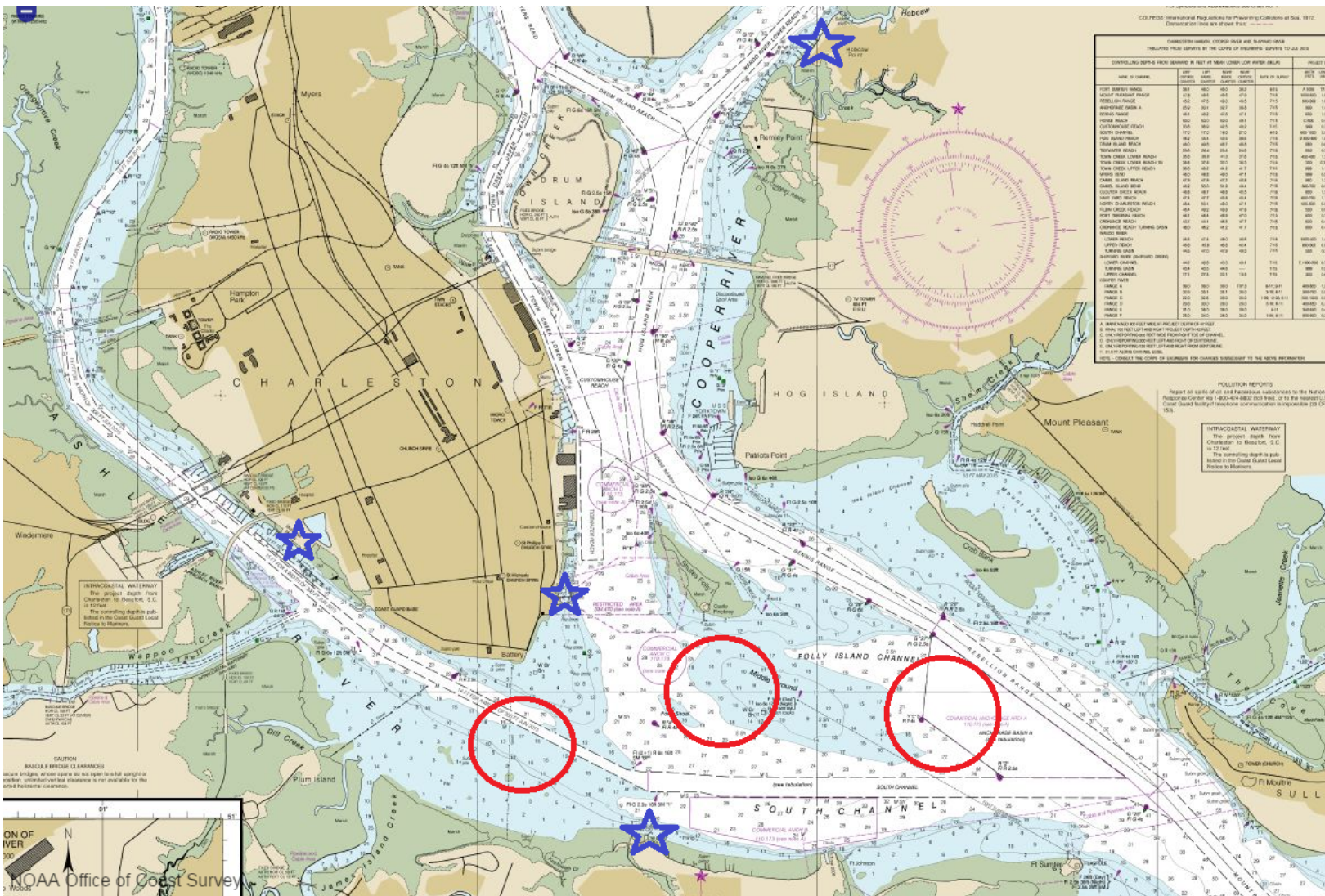
19.0 PRIZES – Prizes will be awarded according to the Notice of Race. ChYC Special Awards will also be presented.

20.0 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**

ATTACHMENT A – RACING AREA DIAGRAM

Hobcaw Yacht Club

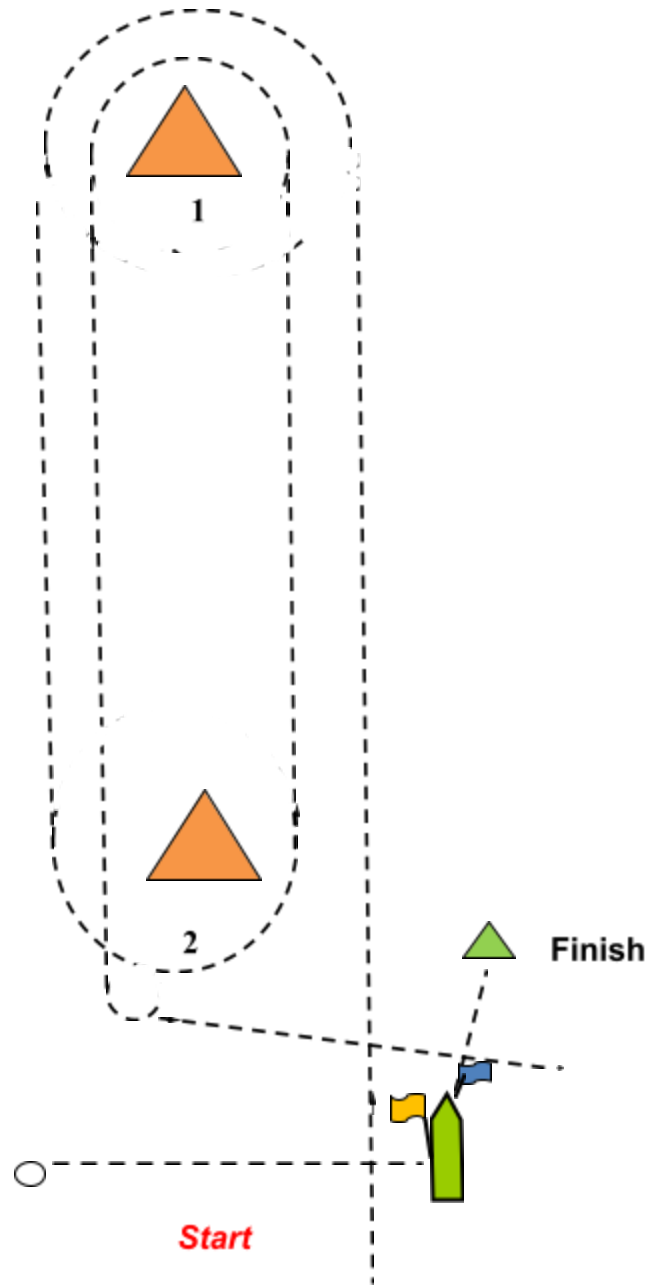


- Stars – From left to right
 - Charleston Yacht Club
 - Carolina Yacht Club
 - Hobcaw Yacht Club
 - James Island Yacht Club

- Circles – From left to right
 - Circle 1
 - Circle 2
 - Circle 3

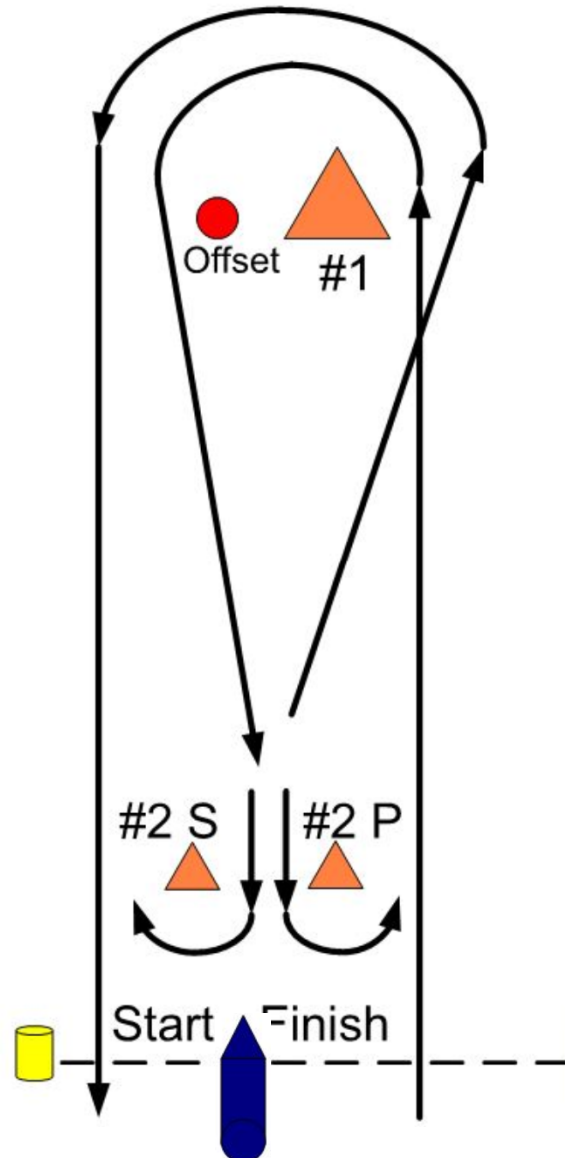
COURSE NO.	
1	S-1-2-F
2	S-1-2-1-2-F
3	S-1-2-1-2-1-2-F

ATTACHMENT B –CIRCLE 2 COURSE DIAGRAM



Attachment C - Circle 3 Course Diagram

Coure No.	
1	S - 1- 1A - 2 - F
2	S - 1- 1A - 2 - 1 - 1A - 2 - F
3	S - 1 - 1A - 2 - 1 - 1A - 2 - 1 - 1A - 2 - F



ATTACHMENT D –CIRCLE 1 DIAGRAM

RACE COURSE SHEET

WIND



1. S-W-F
2. S-W-L-W-F
3. S-W-L-W-L-W-F
4. S-W-G-L-W-F
5. S-W-G-L-W-G-L-W-F

W MARK

ALL MARKS TO PORT



G MARK



L MARK



START PIN



RC



FINISH