



CHARLESTON YACHT CLUB ANNUAL OPEN REGATTA



July 19-21, 2024
Charleston Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means the Protest Jury may award a penalty other than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This is added to RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

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

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any changes to the SIs 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.
- 2.2 Any change to the SIs 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.
- 2.3 Oral changes to the SIs 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 will be made before the warning signal for the affected class/classes.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted only on the online Official Notice Board:
<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16760>
- 3.2 The Race Office is in the Flag Room of the Charleston Yacht Club.
- 3.3 RC will use VHF 69 for Circle 1, VHF 74 for Circle 2, and VHF 71 for Circle 3.
- 3.4 [NP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

4 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 Signals AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Saturday - July 20 0900 Skippers' Meeting – ChYC Flag Room
1300 First warning signal with additional race(s) to follow
- Sunday - July 21 1100 First warning signal with additional race(s) to follow
Awards Ceremony following Protest Time Limit
- 5.2 No warning signal will be made after 1430 on Sunday - July 21.

6 CLASS FLAGS – flags for other Fleets will be announced at the Skippers’ Meeting

Circle 1	Description	Circle 2	Description	Circle 3	Description
Opti RBW	Solid yellow	ILCA 7	White flag – red ILCA logo	SIOD	SIOD Class Flag
Opti Green	Solid lime green	ILCA 6	Green flag – red ICA logo	Lightning	Lightning Class Flag
		ILCA 4	Yellow flag – red ILCA logo	VX One	VX One Class Flag
		Y Flyer	Solid lime green	E Scow	E Scow Class Flag
		420	420 Class flag	J/24	J/24 Class flag

7 RACING AREA

Attachment #1 shows the location of racing areas.

8 COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment #1 show the courses for all circles. Courses for Circle 1 will also be described at the junior skippers’ meeting for Circle 1 immediately following the Regatta Skipper’s Meeting.

8.1.1 [NP][DP] Except for boats that are finishing, the Finish Line is CLOSED

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat for Circles 2 and 3 will post on a course board, whiteboard, or display the numeral pennant to signify the course to be sailed. For Circle 1, the course will be posted on a course board or whiteboard displayed from the RC signal boat.

8.3 If code flag “C” flag is displayed with multiple sounds before the warning signal for a class, the starting class will sail to the change mark for the weather mark. This change is added to RRS 33.

9 MARKS

The following are the marks for each circle:

Circle 1	Description
All rounding marks	Orange ball
Starting mark	White ball
Finish mark	Yellow or Orange ball
Circle 2 and Circle 3	Description
Mark 1 and 2	Orange tetrahedron
Mark 1c - change mark	Yellow or Green tetrahedron
Starting mark	White ball
Finish mark	Orange ball

10 THE START

10.1 Races for Circles 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) as amended to allow the use of RRS 30.3 and RRS30.4.

10.3 The starting line for Circles 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 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 RC 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 request for redress. 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 fleets.

11 THE FINISH

For all circles, the finish line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on an RC boat and a nearby finish mark.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS Appendix V shall apply.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in the class sails the course and finishes will be scored as TLE.

- 13.2 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.

14 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 delivered to the Charleston Yacht Club Junior Room within the protest 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 online official notice board 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 SCORING

- 15.1 An unlimited number of races are planned for Circle 1 and a maximum of 7 races for Circles 2 and 3.
- 15.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3 When five 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 number of finishers in that class without a hearing. This is added to RRS A4.1.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 [NP][DP] Prior to the first warning of each day, competitors shall sail by the stern of the signal boat on starboard and check in and hail their sail number and receive a return hail from the RC.
- 16.2 [NP][DP] A boat that retires shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 16.3 [NP][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. This SI can only be enforced by the RC, which may be DSQ without a hearing for the entire regatta, and is added to RRS 60.1, 60.3.
- 16.5 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.
- 16.6 All competitors on Circle 1 must wear life jackets while on the water.

17 [NP][DP] SUPPORT TEAMS

- 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 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded according to the NOR with ChYC Special Awards presented as well.

19 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.**

REGATTA CONTACTS

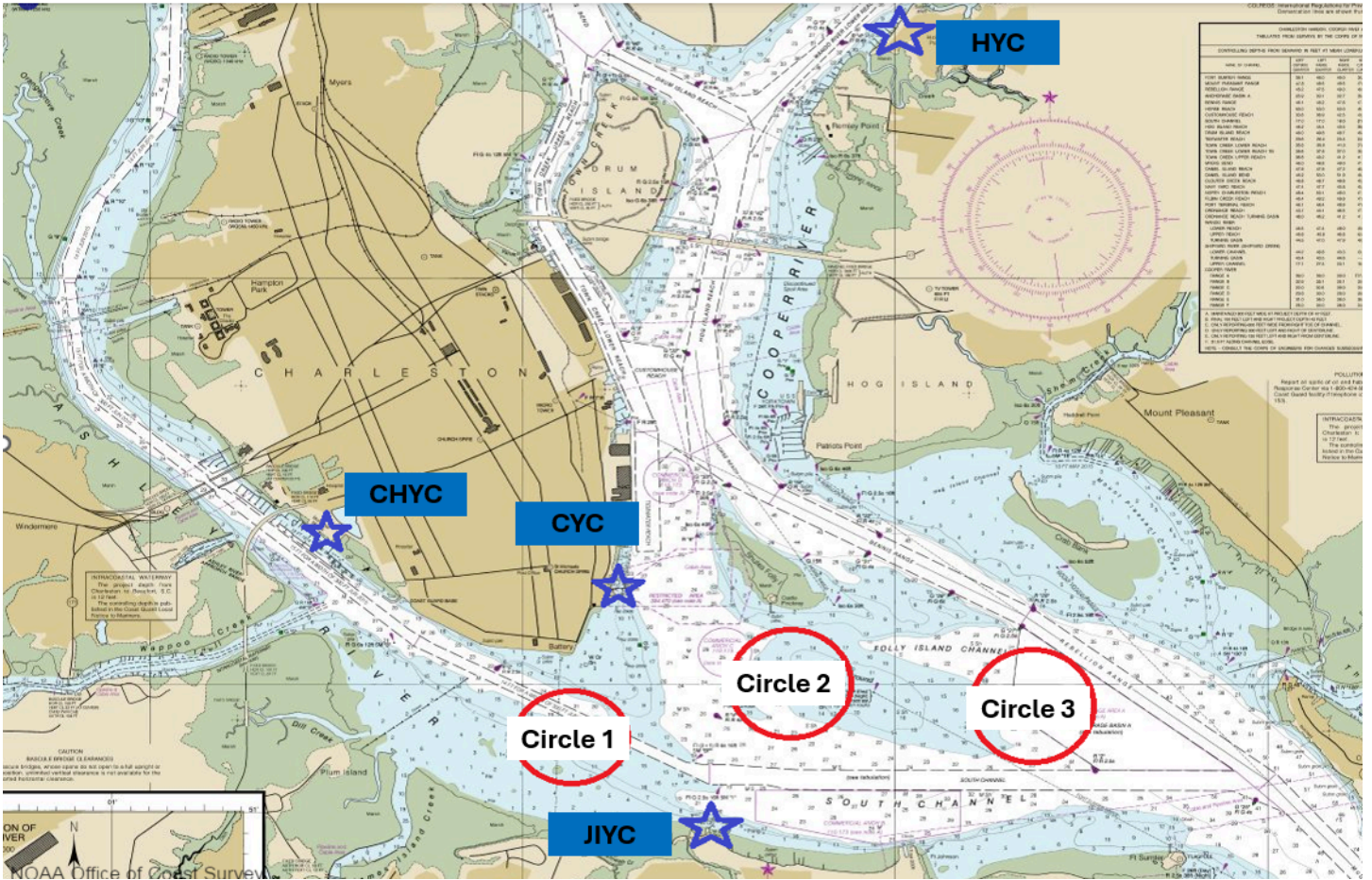
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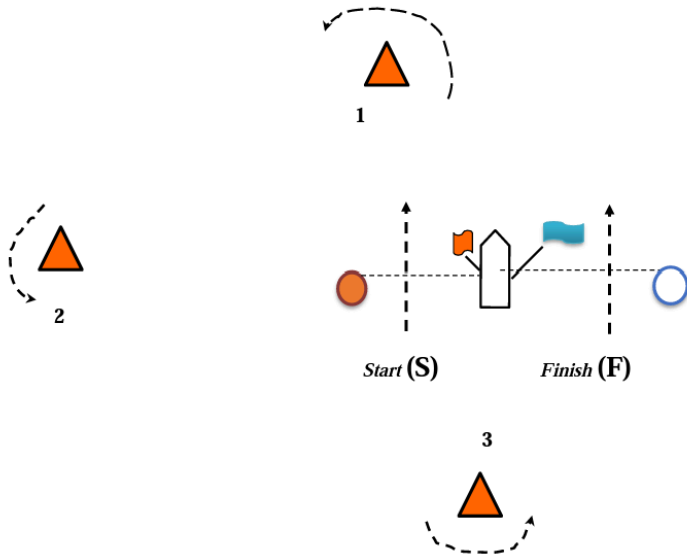
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Attachment #1 – Racing Areas and Courses

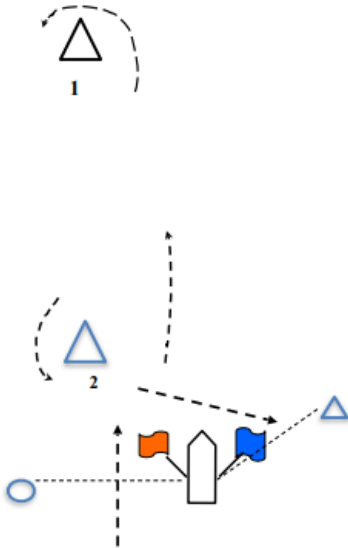


Circle 1



Course	Mark Rounding Order
W1	Start-1-3-Finish
W2	Start-1-3-1-3-Finish
W3	Start-1-3-1-3-1-3-Finish
T1	Start-1-2-3-Finish
T2	Start-1-2-3-1-2-3-Finish

Circle 2 and Circle 3



Course	Mark Rounding Order
1	Start-1-2-Finish
2	Start-1-2-1-2-Finish
3	Start-1-2-1-2-1-2-Finish