

CHARLESTON RACE WEEK
April 16-19, 2009

NOTICE OF RACE

The 2009 Charleston Race Week is organized by the Charleston Ocean Racing Association (CORA) and the South Carolina Maritime Foundation, Charleston, South Carolina.

1. RULES The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, the 2009 IRC rules, and the PHRF Rules and Regulations as adopted and amended by the CORA PHRF Policies and Procedures.

CREW

1.2 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 Jury in writing by 0700 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. The Jury will reply to the request.

1.3 For all PHRF entries, boats will be rated within the following Base Crew Limitations.

Up to Maximum	LOA (ft)	Crew Number
	25.00	5
	27.00	6
	30.00	7
	32.00	8
	34.00	9
	37.00	10
	40.00	11
	43.00	12
	45.00	13
	50.00	14
	55.00	15
	60.00	16
	65.00	17
	70.00	18

1.4 OTHER RULES & REQUIREMENTS

1.4.1 All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio.

1.4.2 All boats shall be sailed by at least 3 persons.

1.4.3 The CORA PHRF Policies and Procedures will be posted on the event web site. The Charleston Race Week PHRF Consortium will assign PHRF ratings for this event. Any questions pertaining to PHRF issues should be referred to the Chief Measurer.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Those One Design classes that have chosen to race under Category A will sail under Category A, and those boats sailing under the PHRF handicap rules will sail under Category A for this event. Those One Design classes that have chosen to sail under Category C will sail under Category C.

2.2 If provided, all boats shall display the event bow stickers on their bow while racing. Boats not bearing the event bow sticker on both sides are subject to protest by the protest committee only. The protest committee may impose a penalty as it deems appropriate. Mounting instructions will be included with the event bow stickers.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Charleston Race Week is open to One-Design boats between 21-70 feet LOA, and IRC, and PHRF monohull boats, which are 22 to 70 feet LOA between hull perpendiculars. There is potential for an offshore multi-hull class to develop for multi-hull boats between 24 -70 feet LOA. If five or more multi-hull entrants are received, Charleston Race Week will be open to multi-hulls. If five or more multi-hull entrants are not received, Charleston Race Week will not be open to multi-hulls.

3.2 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 must be received by January 30, 2009 to receive a discount rate. Registration will be accepted until 1800 April 9, 2009. Entry acknowledgment will be sent to valid entrants shortly after early entry receipt. All registrations must be complete and are final. There is a \$150 processing fee for any registration cancellations prior to March 16, 2009. As of March 16, 2009, registrations are non- refundable.

3.3 Boats competing must meet all class safety regulations. All boats entered must meet US Coast Guard safety requirements. Boats are subject to inspection for compliance with the above as applicable after registration or after any race. All Boats must comply with Category 5 safety requirements.

3.4. PHRF entries must have a PHRF rating of 220 or less. Assigned ratings may differ from your local ratings. Assigned ratings will be posted on the event website. Ratings designated with a 'P' are preliminary.

3.5. Entrants who are not current CORA members must provide to the Consortium, when requested, copies of all current rating certificates, and may be required to fill out a rating application form.

3.6. IRC Racing will be offered if sufficient entries are received and satisfactory classes can be established. This event is part of the US-IRC Gulf Stream Series. Competitors wishing to race under IRC and are participating in the Gulf Stream Series must submit a valid 2009 IRC rating certificate with their completed entry form. Those not competing in the Series must also submit a valid 2009 IRC rating certificate with their completed entry form. IRC rating applications for US flagged boats can be obtained through US SAILING (401-683-0800) or IRC@ussailing.org. IRC entrants are also required to submit a completed PHRF application so that rating determination and PHRF class assignment can be made if there are insufficient IRC entries to form a stand-alone class. In this event, IRC entries may be scored as a separate subclass within a PHRF class. If IRC entrants are required to race within other classes, the results from those classes will be submitted to US-IRC for compilation within the Gulf Stream Series.

4. FEES

4.1 The completed entry application shall be accompanied by an entry fee. **Registration is not complete and applications will not be accepted without the entry fee.** The entry fee is based on LOA and delineated below in 4.4. All registrations must be complete and are final. There is a \$150 processing fee for any registration cancellations prior to March 16, 2009. As of March 16, 2009, registrations are non-refundable.

4.2 Completed entries received by January 30, 2009 are eligible for a \$50 discount. Entries received after March 27, 2009 will be assessed a \$100 late entry fee. No entries will be accepted after April 9, 2009.

4.3 Non-US Sailing members shall add \$25 to the entry fee.

4.4 FEE LEVELS

Level 1(21' - 24') = \$350

Level 2 (25' - 34') = \$375

Level 3 (35'- 44') = \$400

Level 4 (45' - 70') = \$425

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.

4.5: A Race Week Shoreside Event Pass will be required for each person participating in any of the event's shore side activities. One Shoreside Event Pass will be provided free of charge when registering a boat. The Shoreside Event Pass provides entry to the Race Village and includes cocktails/beer every evening, Friday Southern Hospitality Feast, and Sunday afternoon chili cookout, plus trophy presentations, raffle prizes, sponsor demonstrations, and music. Treat your crew to the largest Friday night Beach Party in town with the purchase of the Shoreside Event Passes. On Saturday night 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 water taxi service will be available from the Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina (CHRM) docks to downtown Charleston. Meals will also be available for a fee at the CHRM for those wishing to remain at the hotel on Saturday night. Shoreside Event Passes allowing access to the race village April 16-19 may be purchased for \$50 in advance online or \$75 on-site. The \$50 Shoreside Event Passes may be purchased online only until April 8, 2009. After April 8, 2009, \$50 passes will be unavailable online and \$75 passes may be purchased on-site. Daily Passes will be available onsite for visitors or those wishing to only attend one evening.

5. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April 16th, 2009

1300 - 1700 Pick-up bow stickers & skipper packs (required)

1730 - 1800 Skipper Meeting

1800 - 2100 Cocktails on the Beach

April 17th, 2009

1000 Offshore first warning - races to follow

1100 Inshore first warning - races to follow

1800 - 2100 Southern Hospitality Feast & Cocktails on the Beach

April 18th, 2009

1000 Offshore first warning - races to follow

1100 Inshore first warning - races to follow

1800 - 2000 Cocktails on the Beach & awards from Friday

April 19th, 2009

1000 Offshore first warning - races to follow

1100 Inshore first warning - races to follow

1600 - 1800 Chili & Beer plus Saturday and overall awards

No Warning Signal will be made after 1400 on Sunday, April 20, 2008.

6. CLASSES The preliminary list of registrants will be available on or about March 13, 2009 on the event web site.

6.1 ONE-DESIGN One-Design classes and groups of boats wishing to race level will be provided a separate class if there are five or more entries.

6.2 PHRF

6.2.1 All Boats other than those in one-design classes and IRC will be divided into PHRF spinnaker classes and PHRF non-spinnaker classes.

6.2.2 Best efforts will be made to have the preliminary PHRF class breaks with the PHRF class for each entry posted on the Race Week web site by April 3, 2009. Additionally, they will be posted on-site at Race Headquarters no later than 1800 on Thursday, April 16, 2009.

6.3 IRC

6.3.1 The IRC Rating Authority has directed that the 2009 IRC Rules shall apply and that the validity of the 2009 IRC certificates is extended for the purposes of Charleston Race Week

6.3.2 Owners must provide an IRC rating certificate.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS Draft Sailing Instructions will be available on or about March 20, 2009 on the Race Week web site and Finals at Race Headquarters beginning on Thursday, April 16, 2009.

8. VENUE The regatta site for Race Week will be the Charleston Harbor and the nearby Atlantic Ocean. Courses for each race will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions. Races on Courses 1, 2 and 3 will be windward/leeward or triangular courses (or combination thereof) set by the Race Committee. It is anticipated that there will be three separate racing areas with one in the harbor and two offshore. The IRC, all PHRF, potential multi-hull class, and one design classes J105 and J109 will sail the offshore course (course 2 or 3) and will comply with Cat 5 requirements. Other one-design classes may be added to the offshore course as registration is received. All boats should be prepared to sail offshore.

9. PENALTY SYTEM

9.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 will apply.

10. SCORING

10.1 A maximum of seven races are scheduled of which one must be completed to constitute a series.

10.2 IRC, PHRF and One-Design The score for each boat will be the sum of her scores for all races. If any class sails more than five races, they will be allowed one throw-out race. 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 IRC classes will be scored using the IRC Time Correction Factor using time on time scoring.

11. PRIZES

11.1 PHRF One daily trophy will be awarded in each class for every three boats entered up to a maximum of three trophies per 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 most competitive PHRF entry will receive recognition on the Palmetto Cup Perpetual trophy.

11.2 One-Design Classes One daily trophy will be awarded in each class for every three boats entered up to a maximum of three trophies per 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 most competitive one-design entry will receive recognition on the CRW Cup Perpetual trophy.

11.3 IRC One daily trophy will be awarded for each day of racing. One overall trophy will be awarded.

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 4, 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.

12.1 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who must 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.

12.2 Charleston Ocean Racing Association, the South Carolina Maritime Foundation, Sponsors of the

2009 Charleston Race Week, and their employees and volunteers do not accept responsibility for 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.

12.3 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 disqualification from the regatta.

13. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE OF RACE The Charleston Ocean Racing Association reserves the right to amend this notice in accordance with RRS. Any amendments of this notice made prior to March 2, 2009 will be posted on the Race Week web site. Amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board and copies will be available at Race Headquarters.

14. GENERAL INFORMATION

1. EVENT WEB SITE

Periodic updates and the latest information on the regatta can be found on the Charleston Race Week web site: www.charlestonraceweek.com

2. RACE HEADQUARTERS

Event Race Headquarters will be at the Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina (CHRM) located at 20 Patriots Point Road, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464. <http://www.charlestonharbormarina.com/>. The Race Village will be located at CHRM in the Beach area. Registration, the Skipper's 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.

3. SLIPS DOCKING

There will be a limited amount of complimentary transient dockage available at CHRM from Thursday, April 16th through Sunday, April 19. This dockage will be in a side tie configuration with other boats rafted along side at least 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 and boats requiring individual berths should make separate arrangements with the marina for dock space. **ABSOLUTELY ZERO INDIVIDUAL SLIPS WILL BE AVAILABLE WITH THE LIMETED COMPLIMENTARY DOCKAGE.**

CHRM - Dock Master Tel: 843-856-0028 or 888-856-0028 Fax: 843-284-7061 Email: jpoe@charlestonharborresort.com

4. STORAGE, LAUNCHING, AND SETUP

Pre- and Post- Race Storage

Storage details will be available on the event website.

Launch

The Charleston Yacht Club is making its hoist available to registered CRW boat owners. This is a 6,000 lb. capacity hoist so it is perfect for the smaller boats. Dates and times for launching at the yacht club will be posted online at www.charlestonraceweek.com.

Important: Trailer parking is not available at this site, but will be available nearby. Directions to the lot will be available at the hoist and on the event website.

Ramp Launch

There is a launch ramp for trailered boats at Remley's Point – Mt. Pleasant – off Mathis Ferry Road near Hobcaw Point and Molasses Creek subdivision. Take 5th Avenue to 3rd Street to 3rd Avenue to 2nd Street to 5th Avenue. This is a large landing with four ramps on the Wando River open 24/7.

5. ACCOMODATIONS

The Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina is providing Charleston Race Week with special group rates. Make your reservation as soon as possible as the deadline for this special rate is February 13, 2009. The CHRM provides free parking and the Race Village and marina is onsite. The group code will be posted on the event website. Tel: 843-856-0028 or 888-856-0028

6. EVENT MANAGEMENT

Charleston Ocean Racing Association (CORA) in partnership with the South Carolina Maritime Foundation (SCMF) are the Organizing Authority for Charleston Race Week 2009.

Address all correspondence to the regatta to:
Charleston Race Week
c/o SC Maritime Foundation
P.O. Box 22405, Charleston, SC 29413

SC Maritime Foundation Office: (843) 722-1030 x18

Send all inquiries to Event Co-Director: Danny Havens - Email: dhavens@scmaritime.org

Event Director: Brad Van Liew - Email: dhavens@scmaritime.org Attn: Brad Van Liew

Race Chairman: Randy Draftz - Email: rdraftz@charlestonyachting.com

7. EVENT NAME AND RIGHTS

Any commercial or editorial reference to this event must use the official regatta's name - Charleston Race Week. Any commercial video must be licensed by the Charleston Ocean Racing Association or the SC Maritime Foundation.

8. TELEVISION AND PHOTOGRAPHERS' 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.