

Sperry Charleston Race Week

April 20th-23rd 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing authority of Sperry 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 2017 ORC Rules, and the Sperry Charleston Race Week (SCRW) 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.
- 1.4 The International J/70 Class Event Rules Part III (sections I.1 and I.3 will apply)
- 1.5 The following rules will be changed in accordance with rule 86.1 (b):
 - 1.5.1 Part 5 Section B of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* as well as rule 44.1 will be changed to permit protest arbitration as per RRS Appendix T for Circles 1,2,3, and 4.
 - 1.5.2 US Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 60, 63.2 and 63.4 will not apply.
 - 1.5.3 RRS G3 will apply.
 - 1.5.4 Pursuit Class- The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3 will apply. The penalty will be 20%.
- 1.6 The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.7 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising shall conform to the current SW 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 SW Regulation 20. These items will be supplied free of charge by the Organizing Authority (OA) at registration. If this rule is broken, WS Regulation 20.9.2 applies.
- 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 Charleston Race Week is open to one-design keelboats between 19-80 feet LOA, ORC, and PHRF monohul boats that are 24-80 feet LOA, and multi-hulls 24-70 feet LOA between hull perpendiculars.
- 3.2 The entry deadline is 17:00 April 14th 2017. Entries received after 17:00 April 14th 2017 will be considered on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. Registration will be available online from the event website. A completed online entry, waiver form and the entry fee shall be received by January 31st, 2017 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 SCRW PHRF procedures, which can be found on the event website.
- 3.4 ORC entries with a valid ORC certificate are invited. 2017 ORCi or ORC Club certificates will be accepted. For more information, contact your national rating office or visit www.orc.org. USA PHRF boats are invited to obtain ORC Club certificates by applying for a certificate online at: www.orc.org/clubapplication.
- 3.5 One-Design classes on Circles 1,2 and 3 will be provided when there are twelve (12) or more entries for a class. Smaller classes may be combined to consolidate starting sequences. The maximum number of entries for

single class start is limited to the first 60 (sixty) completed entries (to include all fees) accepted on a time priority basis (“first-come, first served basis”). Completed entries received more than the sixty-boat limit will be recorded on a waiting list. If the number of boats entered fall below the 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 will require five (5) or more entries.

3.5.1 One-Design class (J/70) on Circle 2. The maximum number of entries is limited to the first 100 completed entries (to include all fees) accepted on a time priority basis (“first come, first served basis”). Completed entries received more than the one hundred-boat limit will be recorded on a waiting list. If the number of boats entered falls below the one hundred-boat limit prior to 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. The classes may be spinnaker, non-spinnaker or combination depending on entrant type and number. Start times will be determined by PHRF Time On Distance (TOD).

3.7 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. Minimum length is 24 and maximum length 70 feet measured between hull perpendicualars and must be suitable for offshore sailing.

4 CREW LIMITS

4.1 All classes shall sail with same number of crew in all races. 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 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 the place the form in. A reply will be posted.

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 1 through 4 and two persons for Course 6 (Pursuit Class).

5.3 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.

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 the LOA and are as follows:

Tier 1 (19'-24') = \$500.00

Tier 2 (25'-34') = \$525.00

Tier 3 (35'-44') = \$575.00

Tier 4 (45'-80') = \$ 600.00

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

6.2 Additional Fees

6.2.1 Early Discount. Completed entries received by January 31st 2017 are eligible for a \$100.00 discount.

6.2.2 Cancellation Fee: All registrations shall be complete and final. Cancellations prior to March 17, 2017 will be handled on a case-by-case basis. As of March 17th, 2017, registrations are non-refundable.

6.2.3 Late fee: Entries received after April 1st 2017 will be assessed a \$100.00 late entry fee. The entry deadline is 24:00 EST April 14th, 2017. Entries received after 24:00 EST April 14th 2017 will be considered on a 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. Members shall include the membership number for proof of membership.

6.3 Shoreside Passes: The Shoreside Event Pass provides entry to the Race Village April 20th – 23rd, 2017 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. Saturday no meal is served so that you may venture out to one of the many Charleston and Mount Pleasant area restaurants for dinner. 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 April 16th, 2017 for \$75.00 or \$85.00 on-site thereafter. Daily and children passes will be available on-site for visitors and those wishing to only attend one evening.

7. Preliminary Schedule of Events	
April 20th 2017	
1200-1700	Registration Packet Pick Up (Pavilion)
1730-1800	Skippers Meeting (Pavilion)
1800-2100	Opening Beach Party Gosling's Rum, Beer Bar and Music
April 21st 2017	
930	Pursuit Class Warning Signal
1030	Offshore Circle 4 Warning Signal
1100	Inshore Circles 1, 2, 3 Warning Signal
1800-2100	Daily Awards, Buffet, Gosling's Rum. Beer Bar and Music
April 22nd 2017	
930	Pursuit Class Warning Signal
1030	Offshore Circle 4 Warning Signal
1100	Inshore Circles 1, 2, 3 Warning Signal
1800-2100	Daily Awards, Gosling's Rum. Beer Bar and Music
April 23rd, 2017	
930	Pursuit Class Warning Signal
1030	Offshore Circle 4 Warning Signal
1100	Inshore Circles 1, 2, 3 Warning Signal
1400-1800	Beach Party with Chile & Hot Dogs, beer and Music
1630 -1800	Awards Ceremony

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available March 1st, 2017 on the Sperry Charleston Race Week website and at Race Headquarters beginning on Thursday April 20th 2017.

9. VENUE AND THE COURSES

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

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

9.1.1 Inshore Race Courses – Circles 1, 2, & 3

9.1.2 Ocean Race Courses – Circle 4

9.1.3 The Pursuit Classes will sail course area 6 and shall comply with WS Offshore Special Regulations Appendix J Category 5 requirements. Plan to sail a longer single race per day around government bouys both inshore and offshore.

9.2 Courses for each race area circle will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

9.2.1 Races on Circles 1, 2, and 3 will be windward/leeward set by the Race Committee.

9.2.2 Races on Circle 4 may be windward/leeward as set by the Race Committee. In addition, the final race of the day may have windward/leeward legs followed by a distance leg that will finish inshore near the CHR&M. 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.

9.2.3 Races on Course area 6 (Pursuit Class) will be point to point type racing.

9.3 The ORC and select one design classes sailing on the offshore circle (Circle 4) shall comply with WS Offshore Special Regulations Appendix J Category 5 requirements.

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10. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

11 SCORING

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 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. This changes RRS A2. A minimum of one race per day shall be completed, for daily trophies to be awarded. The ORC classes will be scored using Inshore and time on time ratings for Windward/Leeward courses, and Offshore time on time ratings for non-Windward/Leeward courses. Explanations of ORC scoring options can be found at www.orc.org/scoring.

12 SUPPORT BOATS

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

13. BERTHING/SLIPS/DOCKING

- 13.1 There will be a limited amount of complimentary transient dockage available at the CHR&M for the first 35 boats under 28 feet LOA from Thursday April 20th through Sunday April 23rd.
- 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 limited complimentary dock space will be notified of the offer and asked to confirm the 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 marina for dock space. No individual slips will be permitted with limited complimentary dockage.
- 13.3 For further dockage instructions and information contact the CHR&M Dockmaster at 843-856-0028 (option 5) or 888-856-0028 (option 5)
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 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.

16. PRIZES

16.1 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.

16.2 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.

16.3 PHRF: One daily trophy will be awarded for 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.

16.4 Jubilee Sportsmanship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the participant who has displayed outstanding example of good sportsmanship during Sperry 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 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.

- 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 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.
- 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 THE NOTICE OF RACE

- 19.1 Any amendments of this notice made prior to April 10, 2017 will be posted on the event's Yacht Scoring website.

20. GENERAL INFORMATION

- 20.1 Periodic updates and latest information on the event will be posted on the Sperry Charleston Race Week website:
www.charlestonraceweek.com
- 20.2 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. The Skippers Meeting on Thursday will be at the Pavilion. 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.

20.3 Storage, Launching, Retrieving and Setup

Pre-and post-race storage details will be posted on the 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.

20.4 Accommodations

The Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina is providing Sperry Charleston Race Week with special group rates that are available through March 12th, 2017. There is an additional 10% discount for reservations received by December 31st 2016. These rooms sell out quickly and include free parking for resort guests.

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

Website www.charlestonharborresort.com

21. EVENT MANAGEMENT

21.1 The organizing authority for Sperry Charleston Race Week 2017 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 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 Charleston Race Week. A commercial video must be licensed by Sperry 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 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 Pursuit Courses will available within their sailing instructions.



