

# Charleston Ocean Racing Association

## 2026 CORA Full Moon Regatta – Enjoy the Evening



**Sponsored by Ashley Yachts**  
August 28-29, 2026

**Organizing Authority (OA):** Charleston Ocean Racing Association  
<https://charlestonoceanracing.com>

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)** (Rev 08-27-2026)

*The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule or request redress for an incident related to that rule. This changes RRS 60.1. 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 more or less than a single disqualification.*

#### **1. RULES**

1.1 All races will be governed by the rules as defined in 2025-2028 *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), except as modified by the Sailing Instructions or the NOR.

1.2. Boats must comply with US Sailing Safety and US Coast Guard Equipment Requirements:

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>

- The offshore course race is categorized as a **Coastal Race**.
- The sprint course race is categorized as a **Nearshore Race**.

1.3 In case of a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

1.4 Appendix WP amends rule 28 and provides new rules and definitions for GPS mark rounding.

#### **2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the CORA Calendar event page.

<https://charlestonoceanracing.com/regatta/DCSfXZbtqN>

2.2 Any changes to the SIs will be posted by 2300 the evening before the day of the race.

2.3 Oral Changes to the SI's will be signaled by the "L" Flag with sound. The changes and announcements will be communicated over the VHF 73. Once the Change has been communicated the "L" flag will be dropped with no sound.

### **3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

3.1 All signals and announcements will be made on VHF 73 from the Carolina Yacht Club Dock.

### **4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

4.1 All announcements will be on VHF 73.

### **5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**

5.1 Thursday, August 27, 2026

Skipper's Meeting 1730 at Ashley Yachts Offices, 3 Lockwood Drive

5.2 Friday, August 28, 2026

Offshore all classes 1900 warning

Sprint Race 1910 warning

### **6. CHECK IN**

6.1. Any eligible boat intending to race must check in with the Race Committee using the boat name, sail number, number of Crew (Souls) **via VHF radio channel 74.**

6.2 A boat shall continue to hail the Race Committee until it has been acknowledged by the Race Committee.

**6.3 Boats failing to check in will on VHF 74 will be scored DNS.**

6.4 All announcements will be on VHF 73 and are given as a courtesy only.

### **7. CLASS TO BE STARTED**

7.1 Classes are as follows:

**Class A:** PINK class flag.

**Class B:** GREEN class flag.

**Class D:** LIGHT BLUE class flag.

**Sprint:** YELLOW class flag. RC will make an announcement when the Sprint is starting on VHF 73 and competitors are encouraged to monitor carefully to avoid confusion with C class.

### **8. RACING AREA**

8.1 Charleston Harbor and Atlantic Ocean

### **9. START AND FINISH**

9.1 [NP][DP] The Start: The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on CYC dock at the starboard end of the line bearing and the Inflatable start Pin. If the inflatable mark is not set, the starting line will be between the Orange flag on the CYC dock and the flagpole on Castle Pickney. Racers are to start within 100 yards of the CYC dock.

9.2 The Sprint Finish: Line between "G1" and "BP"

9.3 The Offshore Finish: A Line between "G11" and "R12"

9.4 Boats shall report this time to the Rear Commodore Tim Vienneau at

[commodore@charlestonoceanracing.com](mailto:commodore@charlestonoceanracing.com) or text 843-900-6896 within 4 hours of finishing. Boats failing to report finish times within 4 hours of finishing will be given a scoring penalty equal to 20% of the number of boats entered in that class without a hearing.

### **10. SHORTEN COURSE**

10.1 There is no provision for shortening course.

## 11. COURSE (Course Overview in Addendum A)

11.1 The Race Committee may reverse the order of the ocean marks to be sailed and will confirm at the skippers meeting and the start.

11.2 Courses: The marks and the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark are to be passed is indicated. The course will be determined no later than the Skippers Meeting.

### Offshore Course 1 (44.9 nm)

| Course         | Mark<br>Name.rounding        | Gov Mark | LAT *<br>DDD<br>MM.MMM | LON *<br>DDD<br>MM.MMM | Note                                          | Dec LAT/LON      |
|----------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Full Moon<br>1 | Carolina YC<br>Dock Start RC |          | 32 46.39N              | 079 55.42W             | See SI 13                                     | 32.7732 -79.9237 |
| Full Moon<br>1 | Carolina YC<br>Dock 100yd    |          | 32° 46.39N             | 079 55.27W             | A virtual point<br>100 yards from<br>the dock |                  |
| Full Moon<br>1 | R "4". P                     | R "4"    | 32 45.845N             | 079 54.96W             |                                               | 32.7641 -79.916  |
| Full Moon<br>1 | R "2".S                      | R "2"    | 32 45.574N             | 079 52.931W            |                                               | 32.7596 -79.8822 |
| Full Moon<br>1 | R "12".P                     | R "12"   | 32 41.406N             | 079 44.297W            |                                               | 32.6901 -79.7383 |
| Full Moon<br>1 | "D".S                        | "D"      | 32 48.252N             | 079 37.885W            | YellowsCapers<br>Island Lighted<br>Buoy D     | 32.8042 -79.6314 |
| Full Moon<br>1 | "C".S                        | "C"      | 32 35.66N              | 079 32.265W            | Charleston<br>Entrance<br>Lighted Buoy C      | 32.5943 -79.5378 |
| Full Moon<br>1 | Finish                       | G "11"   | 32 41.276N             | 079 44.496W            | Line Between<br>G11 and R12                   | 32.6879 -79.7416 |

**Offshore Course 2 (29.1 nm)**

| Course         | Mark<br>Name.rounding        | Gov Mark | LAT *<br>DDD<br>MM.MMM | LON *<br>DDD<br>MM.MMM | Note                                          | Dec LAT/LON      |
|----------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Full Moon<br>2 | Carolina YC<br>Dock Start RC |          | 32 46.39N              | 079 55.42W             | See SI 13                                     | 32.7732 -79.9237 |
| Full Moon<br>2 | Carolina YC<br>Dock 100yd    |          | 32° 46.39N             | 079° 55.27W            | A virtual point<br>100 yards from<br>the dock |                  |
| Full Moon<br>2 | R "4". P                     | R "4"    | 32° 45.845N            | 079° 54.96W            |                                               | 32.7641 -79.916  |
| Full Moon<br>2 | R "2".S                      | R "2"    | 32° 45.574N            | 079° 52.931W           |                                               | 32.7596 -79.8822 |
| Full Moon<br>2 | R "12".P                     | R "12"   | 32° 41.406N            | 079° 44.297W           |                                               | 32.6901 -79.7383 |
| Full Moon<br>2 | R "8".S                      | R "8"    | 32° 44.251N            | 079° 34.037W           | Bull Breakers<br>Offshore                     |                  |
| Full Moon<br>2 | Finish                       | G "11"   | 32° 41.276N            | 079° 44.496W           | Line Between<br>G11 and R12                   | 32.6879 -79.7416 |

**Offshore Course 3 (20.9 nm)**

| Course         | Mark<br>Name.rounding        | Gov Mark | LAT *<br>DDD<br>MM.MMM | LON *<br>DDD<br>MM.MMM | Note                                          | Dec LAT/LON      |
|----------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Full Moon<br>3 | Carolina YC<br>Dock Start RC |          | 32 46.39N              | 079 55.42W             | See SI 13                                     | 32.7732 -79.9237 |
| Full Moon<br>3 | Carolina YC<br>Dock 100yd    |          | 32° 46.39N             | 079 55.27W             | A virtual point<br>100 yards from<br>the dock |                  |
| Full Moon<br>3 | R "4". P                     | R "4"    | 32 45.845N             | 079 54.96W             |                                               | 32.7641 -79.916  |
| Full Moon<br>3 | R "2".S                      | R "2"    | 32 45.574N             | 079 52.931W            |                                               | 32.7596 -79.8822 |

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|----------------|----------|--------|------------|-------------|---------------------------|------------------|
| Full Moon<br>3 | R "12".S | R "12" | 32 41.406N | 079 44.297W |                           | 32.6901 -79.7383 |
| Full Moon<br>3 | R "2".P  | R "2"  | 32 45.574N | 079 52.931W |                           | 32.7596 -79.8822 |
| Full Moon<br>3 | Finish   | G1-BP  | 32 45.625N | 079 55.083W | Line between<br>G1 and BP | 32.7584 -79.9156 |

## Sprint Race Course (7.2nm)

| Course              | Mark<br>Name.rounding        | Gov Mark | LAT *<br>DDD<br>MM.MMM | LON *<br>DDD<br>MM.MMM | Note                                          | Dec LAT/LON      |
|---------------------|------------------------------|----------|------------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------------------------|------------------|
| Full Moon<br>Sprint | Carolina YC<br>Dock Start RC |          | 32 46.39N              | 079 55.42W             | See SI 13                                     | 32.7732 -79.9237 |
| Full Moon<br>Sprint | Carolina YC<br>Dock 100yd    |          | 32° 46.39N             | 079 55.27W             | A virtual point<br>100 yards from<br>the dock |                  |
| Full Moon<br>Sprint | R "4". P                     | R "4"    | 32 45.845N             | 079 54.96W             |                                               |                  |
| Full Moon<br>Sprint | R "2".P                      | R "2"    | 32 45.574N             | 079 52.931W            |                                               |                  |
| Full Moon<br>Sprint | G "27".P                     | G "27"   | 32 46.282N             | 079 53.327W            |                                               |                  |
| Full Moon<br>Sprint | G 37".P                      | G "37"   | 32 47.631N             | 079 55.132W            |                                               |                  |
| Full Moon<br>Sprint | Finish                       | G1-BP    | 32 45.625N             | 079 55.083W            | Line between<br>G1 and BP                     | 32.7584 -79.9156 |

## 12. RECALLS

13.1 The race committee intends to hail the sail numbers of OCS boats after the starting signal. The failure of any boat to hear the hail, failure to hail any boats, and the order of the boats in the hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes rules RRS 41 and 62.1.

## 13. MARKS

13.1 The Orange flag on the CYC dock and Yellow Starting Pin

13.2 Fixed Government Marks R"4", R"2", G"11", R"12", "BP", G"27", G"37", "C", "D", R"8"

- 13.3
- Both fixed government marks and Waypoints will be used as course marks. Course will be discussed and selected at the Skippers Meeting. RC will confirm the order of marks prior to the first warning signal via VHF 73.
  - Waypoint is *"a position, other than a mark, described by latitude and longitude coordinates that the course requires a boat to leave on a specified side."*
  - Proof of sailing the course and recording the rounding of the Waypoint must be one of two means:
    - The boat's GPS/Plotter can record the boat's track, from which fixes can be extracted; or
    - A photograph of the GPS screen displaying the fix.
    - Boats must retain the original record of the fix for no less than 48 hours.
  - Boats failing to provide evidence of fix as required by 12.3c. if requested by RC or a Protest Committee will be penalized 20% without a hearing.

#### 14. TIME LIMITS

The time limit for the race shall be Saturday at 1800. Boats still making a genuine attempt to finish but failing to finish by the time limit will be scored TLE and given two additional points more than the number of boats that finished within that time for their class. This changes RRS63.1, A4, and A5.3.

#### 15. SCORING

15.1 For all classes ~~other than 'A'~~ the Full Moon is Scored via PHRF Time-on-time. ~~Class 'A' will be scored ORC Time-on-Time.~~

15.2 The Offshore Course will be scored as part of the Offshore Challenge Series, the series is scored using High Point.

15.5 The Sprint Course will be scored separately and will not contribute to any series score.

#### 16. HEARING REQUESTS

16.1 A protest by a boat, or by the Race Committee about an incident the Race Committee observed, shall be emailed to the race PRO or a member of the CORA Executive Committee no later than 1700 the first business day following the race. The Race Committee is not obligated to remain on station after the end of a race to await filing of protests.

16.2 The Rear Commodore (or their designee) will organize a Protest Committee. The protest hearing will be held as soon as possible following the protest filing time limit. The Protest Committee Chairman will notify the parties to the protest as to the time and the place of the hearing. It is the responsibility of these parties to have a representative at the meeting and to arrange for any witnesses to be present. The absence of a representative is not grounds for rescheduling a hearing.

16.3 Sprint Race Only: No non-damage protests will be heard. Skippers are expected to act in a Corinthian manner and take their penalty turns if they foul another boat.

16.3 Protest forms are available from: [https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/US\\_Sailing\\_2025-Hearing\\_Request\\_Form\\_FINAL.pdf](https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/US_Sailing_2025-Hearing_Request_Form_FINAL.pdf).

#### 17. PRIZES

17.1 The Full Moon Cup shall be awarded to the boat with the lowest corrected time.

17.2 One Trophy will be awarded for every three boats starting the race for each class up to a maximum of three trophies per class.

#### 18. [NP][DP]SAFETY REGULATIONS.

18.1 All boats competing shall carry all required safety equipment as required by the US Coast Guard and US Sailing SER for Coastal:

[SER 2025.2.https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/US-SER-2025.2-Coastal-Mono.pdf](https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/US-SER-2025.2-Coastal-Mono.pdf)

18.2. When exiting and entering the Charleston Harbor if a competitor finds themselves in a position that will impede or cause concern for the commercial traffic the competitor may use their engine to clear the channel for the inbound or outbound ship. You must record the start time the engine was engaged and time it was disengaged. You also cannot take a course or restart in a position that improves your position towards the finish. Such action shall be reported to the race committee upon the finish.

18.3 Any boat receiving five horns from a commercial vessel will be disqualified (scored DSQ) without redress.

18.4. A boat retiring from a race shall notify Race Committee by VHF 73 before leaving the course or when that is impossible Email, telephone or text the Rear Commodore Tim Vienneau at 843-900-6896, rearcommodore@charlestonoceanracing.com at the first reasonable opportunity.

#### 19. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials and Host club or facility, failure to do so may result in DSQ without redress.

## **20. RISK STATEMENT**

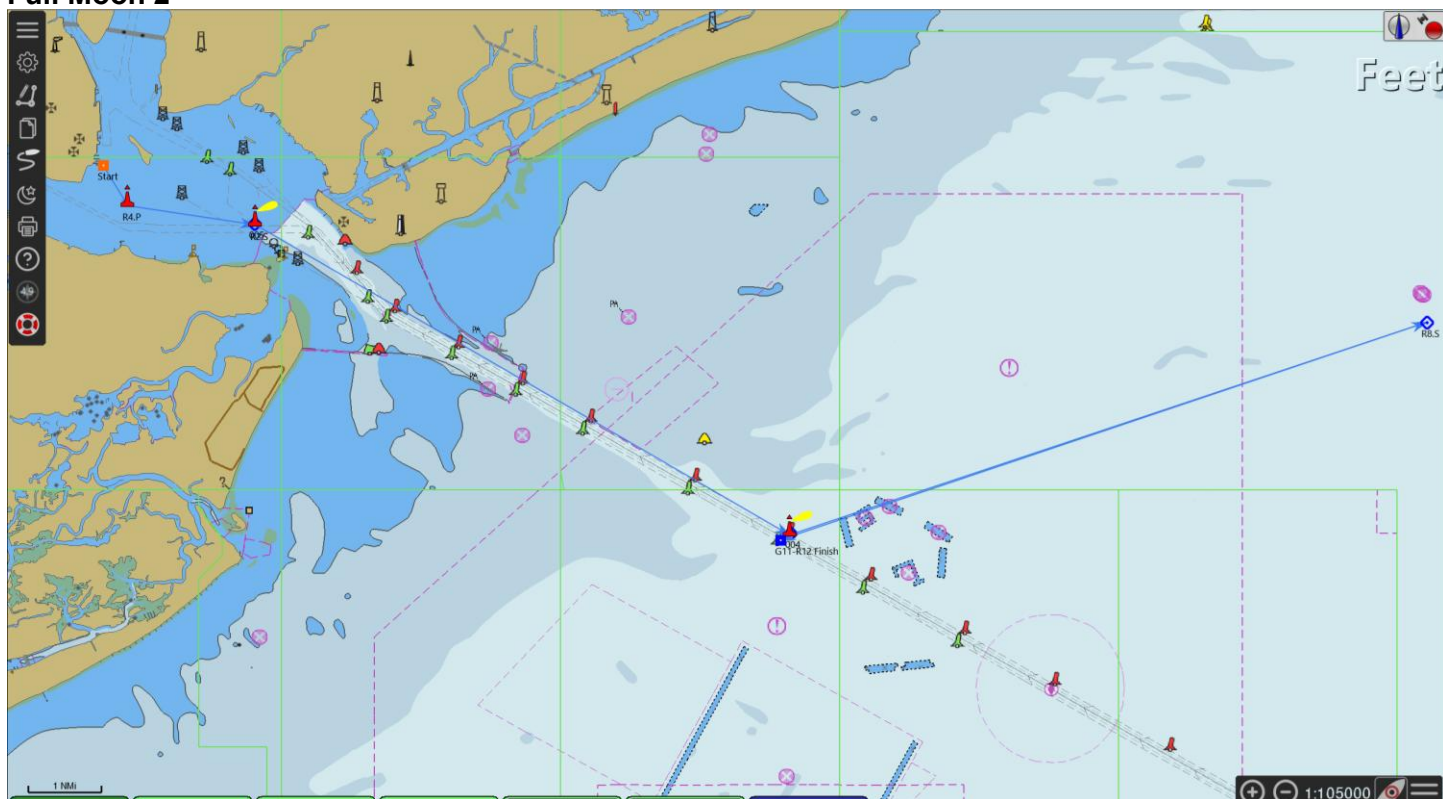
20.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boats decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges the sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risk. These risks include strong winds and rough 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.**



**Addendum A - Course Overview**  
**Offshore Courses**  
**Full Moon 1**



**Full Moon 2**



Harbor Sprint Course

