

Alice Cup

Race from Rockville Day 2

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2026 CORA

Organizing Authority (OA): Charleston Ocean Racing Association

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS w/Revision 1

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Additions are indicated by underline/deletions are indicated by a ~~strike through~~

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the rule is subject to a discretionary penalty which can be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) except as changed by these SIs or the NOR.

1.2. This race is categorized as a **Nearshore Race**. Boats must comply with US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements: <https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2025/12/US-SER-2025.2-Nearshore-Mono.pdf>

A functioning VHF radio is mandatory equipment for all Offshore races.

1.3 Appendix V1 of the RRS will apply.

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

1.5 This race shall use PHRF for all competitors.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any changes to the SIs or start times will be posted by 20:00 the evening before the day of the race.

2.2 Oral Changes to the SI's will be signaled by the "L" Flag with 3 sounds. 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. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on the CORA website in the individual event link for each event date:

<https://charlestonoceanracing.com/regatta/QOuLzJ63Au>

3.2 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 73.

3.3 Boats will check in with the Race Committee on VHF radio channel 74. **Continue to hail until your check-in is acknowledged, do not attempt to check in on channel 73.**

3.4 [DP] While racing, a boat may make voice or data transmissions and may receive voice or data communication provided no tactical, strategic or other technical advice is solicited or received.

3.5 All announcements from the Race Committee will be on VHF 73 and are given as a courtesy only.

3.6 RRS 41 (c) (OUTSIDE HELP) the term 'freely available' as defined by the Royal Yachting Association case 2005/5 will apply. It states "Information available at no cost other than subscribing to and using a generally available and non-specialized service through which it is obtained is 'freely available'."

4. 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.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 No signals made ashore (flags and or course board) will be displayed from the committee boat anchored near the end of the line created by the Q FL W 21' Range marker.

5.2 The race committee will announce the order of fleet starts and the courses for each fleet to sail.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

6.1 Sunday, September 27, 2026 – 0830 Skippers meeting at the Sea Island Yacht Club.

6.2 Sunday, September 27, 2026 – 1000 First warning.

7. Class flags

Class A: PINK class flag.

Class B: GREEN class flag.

Class D: LIGHT BLUE class flag.

Exhibition: Multihull boats

8. RACING AREA

Charleston Harbor, Atlantic Ocean, and North Edisto River.

9. CHECK IN

9.1. 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.

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

9.3 Boats failing to check in will be scored DNS without a hearing.

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

9.5 See Notice of Race Section 4 Eligibility and Entry.

10. COURSES

10.1.1 **START** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end of the line bearing approximately 45 degrees from the port end of the line created by the Q FL W 21' range marker.

10.1.2 OCS - RECALL. If the Race committee finds that the competitor started the race on course side, Race Committee will fly the individual recall flag and notify the competitor on VHF 73. The flag will remain for 4 minutes or until the competitor has completed the start. The hail is a courtesy. Failure to hear the notification is not grounds for redress.

10.2 **FINISH:** Finish line will be between RG "BP" and G1 **G15 and R16**. As you cross between the two marks, record your finish time.

10.2.1 Boats shall report this time to the scorer by email at rearcommodore@charlestonoceanracing.com or by text 843-900-6896 within 3 hours of finishing. Boats failing to report finish times within 3 hours of finishing will be given a scoring penalty equal to 20% of the number of boats entered in that class without a hearing.

10.2.2 When taking their own time, each boat shall take a photo of their plotter, tablet, phone or whatever device they are using to navigate. The photo shall include (1) the time and (2) current

position of the boat. The photo shall be retained until results are published and provided to race committee upon request.

10.3 Return race to Charleston ~~32.93NM~~ **26.0NM**

10.3.1 The GPS locations are provided as reference. The actual marks listed are to be treated as the marks of the course. If a mark is missing from the expected chart location, the GPS location may be used as a virtual mark and rounding documented by the competitor for verification.

Mark Name.rounding	Gov Mark	LAT DDD MM.MMM LON DDD MM.MMM	Note
W "Q".P	W "Q" 21 ft	32 34.952N 080 12.493W	Start
R "6".P	R "6"	32 31.648N 080 8.062W	Entrance Lighted Buoy 6
R "2NE".P	R "2NE"	32 31.357N 080 6.856W	North Edisto Lighted Buoy
G "15".P	G "15"	32 42.776N 079 47.609W	Finish line is crossing between G15 and R16
R "2".P	R "2"	32 45.574N 079 52.931W	
~~G "1".P~~	~~G "1"~~	32 45.506N 079 54.933W	~~Finish line is crossing between BP and G1~~

11. MARKS

11.1 Yellow mark and flag at start

11.2 Fixed Government Marks.

12. SHORTEN COURSE

12.1 There is no provision for shortening the course.

13. PROTESTS (HEARING REQUESTS)

13.1 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 Board 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 the race to await filing of protests.

13.2 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.

13.3 Protest forms are available from:

https://www.ussailing.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/11/US_Sailing_2025-Hearing_Request_Form_FINAL.pdf.

14. TIME LIMITS

Boats still making a genuine attempt to finish but failing to finish by 2000 on September 27, 2026 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 The Race from Rockville is Scored via PHRF Time-on-Time method.

15.2 The scoring for the Alice Cup Award is as follows; Each boat's score will be the total of her scores for both races. No scores will be thrown out. In the event of a tie, the tie will be broken using the combined corrected time of the two races.

16. (DP) (NP) SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 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.

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

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

17. AWARDS In each class, prizes will be awarded as described in section 14 of the NOR.

18. 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 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.**