



**CAROLINA YACHT CLUB
INVITATIONAL REGATTA
July 25-26, 2026**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. US Sailing Appendix V2 will apply
- 1.3. The Prescriptions RRS 63.1 and 63.2 are deleted.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted to the Official Notice Board located online at:
<https://theclubspot.com/regatta/gVpa3sZzkE/#notice-board>
A physical notice board will be displayed under the Boathouse as a courtesy.

3. CHANGES IN THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than one hour prior to the warning signal of the first race in which the change will take place.
- 3.2. Any changes to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 2000 hours on the day before the change will take place.
- 3.3. Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water by hail from the Signal Boat under code flag "L" in accordance with RRS 90.2 (c). Changes must be made before the warning signal.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the Carolina Yacht Club.
- 4.2. When code flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in the RRS Race Signal "AP".

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Races are scheduled as follows:

Saturday, July 25	0930-1030	Check-in/Breakfast, Under Boathouse
	1100	Skipper's Meeting, Under Boathouse
	1330	First Warning, race(s) to follow
	1900	Commodore's Reception, Bastion Ballroom
Sunday, July 26	0900-1000	Breakfast, Under Boathouse
	1300	First Warning, race(s) to follow
		No races will be started after 1600
		Awards Ceremony following Protest Time Limit, Ft. Sumter Ballroom

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. Class flags will be posted on the Official Notice Board prior to the Skipper's Meeting.

7. RACING AREA

7.1. General Course areas can be found in the “Course Map” attachment posted to the Notice Board.

8. COURSES

8.1. The diagrams show the courses, the approximate angle between legs, the order in which the marks are rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be passed.

8.2. If the offset mark (O) is missing on Courses A, B, or C, boats should sail to the next mark of the course as designated on the Course Diagram. This change is added as Rule 34 (c).

8.3. There will be no offset mark accompanying a change mark.

8.4. No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the course to be sailed. For Courses A & B, this will be designated by international code numerical flags. In the absence of flags, course boards may be used. Course boards will be used to designate the course to be sailed on the Junior Course.

8.5. The course (on Circle C) shows a gate which will be used when conditions permit. If conditions are such that a gate is deemed impractical, only one leeward mark will be used, and it shall be rounded to port.

9. MARKS

	Circle A	Circle B	Circle C
Course Marks	Orange Tetrahedron	Orange Cylinder	Yellow Cylinder
Offset Mark	White Ball	White Ball	Orange Ball
Starting Mark	Orange Ball	Orange Ball	Orange Ball
Finish Mark	Blue Flag on Finish Boat, or white ball	Blue Flag on Finish Boat, or white ball	Blue Flag on Finish Boat, or white ball
Change Mark	Green Tetrahedron	Pink Tetrahedron	Red Tetrahedron

10. THE START

10.1. Races for course A and B will be started using RRS 26. Races for the Junior Course will be per Appendix U sound starting system (whistles).

10.2. The starting line for Course A and B will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal boat on the starboard end of the starting line and an Orange Ball at the port end of the line.

10.3. The starting line for the Junior Course will be between a staff displaying and Orange Flag on the RC Signal Boat on the starboard end of the starting line and an Orange Ball at the port end of the line, or an Orange Flag on a staff displayed on an anchored boat.

10.4. A boat that has not met the definition of start by 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This sentence is added to rules A4 and A5.

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 the 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 of other fleets

11. CHANGE OR SHORTEN COURSE

11.1. When the "C" or "S" flag is displayed at a rounding mark(s), it applies to all classes unless specific class flags are displayed with it in which case it applies to only those classes displayed. A signal board may also be used to designate affected classes.

11.2. When starting succeeding classes, the signal boat may elect to change the location of the weather mark for classes not started by displaying code flag C (without repetitive sounds). No later than the preparatory signal along with the compass bearing to the new weather mark (change mark) or by designating the color red for a change to port or green for a change to starboard. This change will only apply to classes that have not started.

12. THE FINISH

12.1. The finish line for Courses A, B, & C will be between blue flags displayed on the Signal boat and Finish boat, or a blue flag and a finish mark (white ball).

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1. The time limit for the first boat in each class to finish is 90 minutes.

13.2. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in the class sails the course as stated in RRS 28, will be scored Time Limit Expired, TLE. TLE is added to rules A4.2 and A5

13.3. If a boat(s) is in last or next to last place and is delaying the start of another race, the Race Committee may end the race before the time limit and score the boat(s) in their place.

14. PROTESTS & PENALTIES

14.1. Appendix V2, Alternate Penalties are in effect.

14.2. Protest forms will be available at the Judges table located in the Ft. Sumter Ballroom. Protests should be delivered to the Judges table within the protest time limit.

14.3. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC signal boat for each Course has docked for the day and sounds a horn, signaling the start of the time limit.

14.4. Notices of scheduled protests or requests for redress hearings will be posted to the online noticeboard within 15 minutes of the protest time limit expiration to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or affected parties.

14.5. Protests will be held in the North Property Library as soon as possible and in the approximate order of receipt.

15. SCORING

- 15.1.** The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply.
- 15.2.** An unlimited number of races are planned.
- 15.3.** One race completed and scored will constitute a regatta.
- 15.4.** When six races have been completed, each boat will exclude her worst score. When less than six races have been completed, each boat's series score will be the total of all races scored.
- 15.5.** All boats scored TLE will receive the number of boats that have finished plus two, not to exceed DNF.

16. SAFETY

- 16.1.** Safety boats will be on each course and identified with a "safety" flag. Competitors who require safety assistance should signal by waving hands overhead.
- 16.2.** E-Scows are required to sail with "Float Packs" at all times while racing.
- 16.3.** A boat that retires shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 16.4.** 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 alter course or normal operations.
- 16.5.** A boat whose actions or maneuvers result in a Danger Signal (5 horns or sounds) from a commercial vessel may be protested.
 - 16.5.1.** This Sailing Instruction can only be protested by the Race Committee. This is added to RRS 60.1, 60.3.
 - 16.5.2.** The penalty for breaking this rule is disqualification from the regatta.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 17.1.** The Race Committee will use VHF Channel 74 for Course A, 72 for Course B, 69 for the Junior Course, and 66A for the Green Fleet. Alternate channels may be used at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 17.2.** The Race Committee broadcasts as a courtesy only. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the channel of the broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1.** Prizes shall be awarded according to the Notice of Race.

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1.** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS 3 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.