

Charleston Ocean Racing Association

2026 Hollings Cup



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Charleston, SC

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

Notice of Race (NoR)

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The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation '[DP]' is a rule that means the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
 - Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or
 - Rule A5.3 will apply
- 1.2. [NP][DP] All skippers and their crew must adhere to House Rules as stipulated by host yacht clubs and restaurants for all events.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. The sailing instructions will be available on the Event Page on the CORA Website. <https://charlestonoceanracing.com/regatta/NKc0pyFIV0>

3. Communications

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located on the CORA website in the individual event link: <https://charlestonoceanracing.com/regatta/NKc0pyFIV0>
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on the standard channels.
- 3.3. The Race Committee may broadcast race information over VHF channel 73. Information so reported is provided as a courtesy to competitors and does not in any way alter the competitor's responsibility to observe the Race Committee's visual signals, which govern the conduct of the racing. Errors or omissions in these courtesy broadcasts will not be ground for redress.
- 3.4. [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. Registration is at <https://runsignup.com/Race/SC/Charleston/hollingscupregatta>
- 4.2. Classes
- 4.2.1. Spinnaker Class (S) - solid pink
 - 4.2.2. Non-spinnaker (N) - solid light blue
 - 4.2.3. J-105 Class - J105 Class Flag
- 4.3. [NP] Race Committee reserves the right to assign or reassign any boat to any Class for the purpose of enhancing competition.

5. Fees

- 5.1. Fees and registration information are at <https://runsignup.com/Race/SC/Charleston/hollingscupregatta>

6. Advertising

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7. Schedule

- 7.1. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first class is 1300.
- 7.2. Additional starts to follow as determined by the Race Committee.

8. Equipment Inspection

- 8.1. Boats may be inspected at any time.

9. Venue

- 9.1. Racing will occur in Charleston Harbor.

10. Courses

- 10.1. The Race Committee will designate courses by use of a number board at the starting line using the courses included in the SIs
- 10.2. The courses may be changed prior to the warning flag of the class that the change pertains to and will be announced on VHF channel 73 failure to hear the announcement is not grounds for redress signals posted take precedence.

11. Penalty System

- 11.1. US Sailing Appendix V shall apply.

12. Scoring

- 12.1. All handicap class fleets will be scored PHRF Time on Time.
- 12.2. One Design fleets will be scored as finished

13. Risk Statement

- 13.1. 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 that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. 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.

14. Insurance

- 14.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent in accordance with the CORA Captains Waiver.

15. Prizes

- 15.1. Awards will be presented at the post-race celebration.

16. Further Information

- 16.1. For further information regarding the conduct of the race please contact Rear Commodore Tim Vienneau (rearcommodore@charlestonoceanracing.com or 843-900-6896). For general event questions use the contact page at <https://runsignup.com/Race/hollingscupregatta/Page/Contact-Us>