

Charleston Ocean Racing Association

Double-Handed Race

Organizing Authority: Charleston Ocean Racing Association

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Charleston, SC

Sailing Instructions (Sis)

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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 that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

1.1 Race will be governed by the 2025-2028 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of USSA, and CORA Sailing Policies; except any rules that are changed by these Sailing instructions.

1.1.1 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

1.1.2 Rule A5.3 will apply

1.2. Charleston Ocean Racing Association (CORA) sailing policies may be found at

<https://charlestonoceanracing.com/race-management>

1.3. CORA Sailing Policies in effect:

1.3.1. Eligibility and Class Assignment as amended in section 4 of this NOR

1.3.2. Check In Policy

1.3.3. Finish Line Policy

1.3.4. Race Committee Participation

1.3.5. Provision of proof of insurance

1.4. [NP][DP] All skippers and their crew must adhere to House Rules as stipulated by host yacht clubs and restaurants for all events.

1.5 [NP][DP] All boats will be crewed during racing by no more than two crew members except as stipulated in Section 4.1.1.

1.6 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, these SIs take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

All notices to competitors will be posted on the notice board at:

<https://charlestonoceanracing.com/regatta/4DySAN4sqq>

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the [notice board](#) by 1300 on the day of the race.

3.2 Race abandonments will be posted on the [CORA calendar event page](#)

3.3 Verbal changes to the SI's on the water may be signaled by displaying code flag L flag with 1 sound. The change will be communicated over VHF 73. Once the change has been communicated code flag L will be removed with no sound.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the [Carolina Yacht Club Dock](#)

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Warning signal for the first class to start is 1300

5.2 Order of starts and grouping for classes will be announced by the Race Committee prior to the warning signal for that class.

6. CHECK IN

6.1 A boat intending to race shall check in with the Race Committee using the boat name, sail number and Class participation via VHF **channel 74**. In the instance that VHF check in is impossible, a boat may check in verbally with RC

6.2 A boat shall continue to hail the Race Committee on VHF channel 74 until the competitor has been acknowledged by the Race Committee via VHF radio or verbally.

6.3 [NP] Boats failing to check in will not be scored.

6.4 Competitors should monitor **VHF channel 73 for course announcements**, starting order, and other race information.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 The fleet will be divided into Classes for the purpose of scoring. Classes and their Flags are designated as follows:

Class	Class Flag
Class A	PINK
Class B	GREEN
Class D	LIGHT BLUE

8. COURSES

8.1 The Race Committee will designate courses by announcing the course number for each class on VHF channel 73.

8.2 The designated courses number may be changed prior to the Warning signal that pertains to the affected class. Any change to the course will be announced on VHF-73. Failure to hear the announcement is not grounds for redress as posted courses take precedence.

8.3 "J" mark will be a yellow marker buoy in the vicinity of (32.46.675N 79.55.075W)

9. THE START

9.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26, with classes starting with a five-minute sequence. Classes will be started in an order determined by the Race Committee. The Race Committee will broadcast as a courtesy, the starting order via VHF channel 73.

9.2 At its discretion, the Race Committee may start more than one class at a time.

9.3 The starting line will be between yellow and/or orange starting marks off the Carolina Yacht Club dock. In the event that starting marks are not present, the start line will be a 300 yard line from an orange flag on the Carolina YC dock towards the Castle Pinckney flagpole.

9.4 Boats failing to start four minutes after their Class flag is removed will be scored DNS.

9.5 In the event of a General Recall, the next Class(es) to start may not be the Class(es) which were recalled. This changes the last sentence of RRS 29.2. Race Committee will broadcast as a courtesy, the starting sequence via VHF channel 73.

10. FINISHING

10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Carolina Yacht Club dock, or the and the finishing mark. In the event a finish mark is not present, the finish line will be a 300 yard line from a blue flag on the Carolina YC dock towards the Castle Pinckney flagpole.

10.2 Boats shall not sail back through the finish line after finishing. Boats doing so shall be given a scoring penalty equal to 20% of the number of boats entered in that class for that race without a hearing. This rule does not apply when the start line is between a flag or starting mark by the Carolina YC dock and the Castle Pinckney flagpole.

10.3 All boats finishing after dark are required to identify themselves via hail to the Race Committee after crossing the finish line.

10.4 In the event the Race Committee is not on station at the finish, each boat shall record its own finishing time and report to the Rear Commodore (text: 843.900.6896 / email: rearcommodore@charlestonoceanracing.com) at its first opportunity.

11. TIME LIMIT

11.1 TLE shall be from Class start time plus two hours and thirty minutes.

11.2 Any boat not finishing within the applicable time limit will be scored DNF.

12. SHORTENING COURSE

12.1 A shortening of the course will be signaled (displays code flag S with two sounds) before the leading boat in a Class has begun the new final leg. The Race Committee will hail on VHF channel 73 notifying the boats of the shortening of course, the last mark of the course, the direction to round the mark, and the Class or Classes affected. The finish will be between the start/finish mark and a staff showing Code Flag S. This modifies RRS 32.2. Not having a functional VHF radio on board will not be grounds for redress in the event of a shortening of course.

13. HEARING REQUESTS

13.1 A protest by a boat, or by the Race Committee about an incident the Race Committee observed, shall be delivered, or copied by fax or emailed to the race PRO or the CORA Rear Commodore 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.

13.2 The Rear Commodore (or his 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.

14. COURTESY BROADCASTS

The following paragraph applies to all signals other than Paragraph 15 in these Sailing Instructions:

The Race Committee may broadcast race information over VHF-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.

15. SAFETY

15.1 Boats must always remain clear of commercial shipping traffic. Boats are encouraged to monitor VHF 16 when near any shipping channels. Boats are further encouraged to contact any commercial ship on VHF 13 that they may come near.

15.2 Any boat receiving five horns from a vessel constrained by draft may be disqualified (scored DSQ) by the Race Committee without redress.

15.3 Boats retiring from a race are requested to notify the Race Committee via VHF-73 or if the Race Committee is not on station the Rear Commodore (text: 843.900.6896 / email: rearcommodore@charlestonoceanracing.com) at its first opportunity.

16. SCORING

16.1 Scoring will be based on the PHRF Time-on-Time method for all classes.

17. AWARDS

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

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 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.**