



## 2023 Carolina Ocean Challenge Regatta

October 7-8, 2023

Hilton Head Island, South Carolina

South Carolina Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 Rule 44.1 is changed for the Harbor 20 Class so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty except for breaches of rules in Part 2 in the zone at a mark. For breaches of rules in Part 2 in the zone at a mark, the **Two-Turns Penalty will apply**.

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the lobby of the South Carolina Yacht Club clubhouse.

#### 3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any onshore change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect all communications will be sent electronically through Regatta Network via text messaging and or email.

3.2 For an on-the-water change to the sailing instructions, flag L will be displayed from the race committee signal boat and the change will be announced **on VHF channel 72**.

#### 4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 **Signals** made ashore will be displayed from the Club flagpole at the harbor side of the clubhouse.

4.2 **When** flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than one hour after flag AP is lowered.



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**MARKS**

**9.1** The starting and finishing mark for the Harbor 20 class will be an orange cylindrical buoy. Original turning marks for the Harbor 20 class will be orange buoys. If a leg of the course is changed, the new mark will be a yellow buoy. In a subsequent change, when a new mark (yellow) is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark (orange).

**9.2** The starting and finishing mark for the Harbor 20 Classes will be an orange or red round buoy.

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**THE START**

**10.1** Races will be started using rule 26. The race committee intends to make a series of short sounds before the first warning signal in order to attract attention.

**10.2** For the Harbor 20 class, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of a cylindrical mark at the port end.

**10.3** The race committee will attempt to hail on VHF channel 72 the sail number of each OCS boat.

**10.4** Failure of a competitor to hear an adequate course, postponement, starting sequence or OCS hail, or to see a recall signal shall not be grounds for redress.

**10.7** A boat starting later than 10 minutes after its starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

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**CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

**11.1** For the Harbor 20 Class, to change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the previous mark as soon as practicable or move the finishing line to a new position.

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**THE FINISH**

**12.1** For the Harbor 20 Class class, the finishing line will be between a staff displaying an **Blue flag** on a race committee boat and the course side of finishing mark which may be the same as the starting mark.

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**TIME LIMITS**

**13.1** The time limit for the first Harbor 20 class boat to finish a race will be 75 minutes. Boats still racing 20 minutes after the first boat in its class sails the course and finishes and does not thereafter retire will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4, A5 and A11.

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**PENALTY SYSTEM, PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

**14.1** For the PHRF Classes, the scoring penalty in Rule 44.3 will apply for breaches of rules in part 2. The penalty is 20%. Boats that have taken a scoring penalty shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable after finishing.

**14.2** A boat intending to protest shall comply with rule 61 and additionally shall notify the race committee as soon as practicable after finishing, providing its sail number and the sail number of the protested boat(s).

**14.3 Protest** forms are available at the front desk in the clubhouse. Written protest forms and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the time limit specified.

**14.4 The** protest time limit and the time limit for requests for redress not based on a protest committee decision is 45 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks. The protest time limit, a list of protests and requests for redress received and notices of protests or requests for redress by the race committee will be posted on the official notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after racing each day in the Board Room on the second floor of the clubhouse.

**14.5 A** request for redress or reopening based on a protest committee decision shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision. This changes rule 66

## **15 SCORING**

**15.1 The** race committee will attempt to complete as many races as practicable in the prevailing conditions. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

**15.2 The** Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply except that when fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

**15.3 Boats** scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. The total shall not exceed the total number of boats entered in the class.

## **16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**16.1** Prior to the first starting sequence each day, each boat shall come within hail of the race committee signal boat on starboard tack and hail its sail number. The race committee will acknowledge check-in by repeating the sail number.

**16.2 A** boat that retires from a race or leaves the racing area between races shall notify the race committee as soon as possible on VHF channel 72.

**16.3 All** boats shall keep clear of commercial vessels that are restricted in their ability to maneuver, including tugs with or without barges, ferries and cruise ships. Only the race committee may protest breaches of this rule.

## **17 PROPULSION**

A boat that runs aground, or in low wind velocity conditions is unable to avoid an oncoming commercial vessel, may use her engine to get clear provided the boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race or make forward movement on the course by doing so. A boat that uses its engine in accordance with this exception to rule 42 shall complete a One-Turn penalty after shutting off its engine.

## **18 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS**

**18.1** The race committee will monitor VHF channel 72. Communications by the race committee to competitors by VHF radio that are not heard shall not be grounds for redress.

**18.2** Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications that are not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and computer applications.

**19 PRIZES**

Prizes for all classes will be presented as soon as practicable after the completion of racing and any protest hearings on Sunday, October 9, on the South Carolina Yacht Club deck near the Club flag pole.

**20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. Competitors acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against South Carolina Yacht Club and its officers, directors, members and committees for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision.

**RACE COMMITTEE**

Jeff Doyle (PRO)  
Brenda Doyle (Scorer)  
Ted Arisaka and Tom Eisele (Mark Boat)

**PROTEST COMMITTEE**

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*South Carolina Yacht Club urges all competitors to make this a clean regatta.*

*Remember that rule 55 of The Racing Rules of Sailing provides that a competitor shall not intentionally put trash in the water.*

*Please recycle or reuse plastics, cans, paper and cardboard.*