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**Organizing Authority: College of Charleston
Charleston Ocean Racing Association**

**Hosted by: Carolina Yacht Club
February 13 - 15, 2026
Charleston, SC**

Notice of Race (NoR)

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Updates included in blue / ~~Deletions in red with strikethrough~~

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule or request redress for an incident related to that rule. This changes RRS 60.1. The notation '[DP]' is a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be more or less than a single disqualification.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. 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
- 1.3. Appendix V, Alternative Penalties, Rule V2 will apply. RRS V2(b) is changed to a 20% scoring penalty.
- 1.4. Appendix T, Arbitration will apply as changed. At the end of T4, Arbitration Meeting Outcomes, add (c) If a protest is not withdrawn after arbitration, the arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears the protest but will be permitted to observe the testimony presented and offer evidence. This changes to the preamble to Part 5, Section B.
- 1.5. Class rules relating to crew weight and the timing for extending sprits do not apply in this regatta. However, sprits should only be extended in anticipation of setting the spinnaker and should be retracted as soon as possible after rounding the leeward mark. Rule 87 is deleted in this instance.
- 1.6. ICSA Procedural Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition (PR), except as any of these are changed by this Notice of Race (NoR).
- 1.7. The following ICSA Procedural Rules for Intercollegiate Sailing Competition shall not apply and the appropriate RRS will be used for this event.
 - 1.7.1. PR 18 b) i) Starting Systems is replaced with RRS 26,
 - 1.7.2. PR 18 b) ii) Individual Recall is replace with RRS 29.1,
 - 1.7.3. PR 18 b) iii) General Recall is replaced with RRS 29.2,
 - 1.7.4. PR 18 c) i) Changing the Course after the Start is replaced with RRS 33,
 - 1.7.5. PR 18 d) Time Limits is replaced with RRS 35,
 - 1.7.6. PR 20 Breakdowns and PR Appendix E Guidelines for Breakdowns,

- 1.7.7. PR 22 Conduct of Regattas – Fleet Racing,
- 1.7.8. PR 29 a) Notification is replaced with RRS RRS 60.2,
- 1.7.9. PR 31 Alternate Penalties is replaced with NoR 1.3,
- 1.8. RRS 90.3 (e) shall apply, except that “24 hours” is replaced with “72 hours”.

2. Sailing Instructions

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the CORA SCOR event page ([2026 SCOR](#)) and will be posted before the skippers' meeting.

3. Communications

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at the CORA SCOR event page ([2026 SCOR](#)).
- 3.2. The regatta VHF channel will be VHF channel 73.
- 3.3. Boats shall monitor this channel at all times while on the water. A hand-held VHF radio as a back-up is recommended.

4. Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1. Entry will be by invitation.
- 4.2. All teams must be current members of the Inter-Collegiate Sailing Association (ICSA) and team members must be undergraduate students for one of the invited schools.
- 4.3. This regatta is for the benefit of the intercollegiate sailors. Coaches are welcome to sail with their students but their duties and advice shall be limited to issues of safety and equipment use. In addition, coaches shall not serve in any capacity in a hearing except as provided under rule 62.1.
- 4.4. All team members must sign a Waiver of Liability.
- 4.5. In order to promote the safety of the teams, boat owners, and the boats, all teams are required to attend the Friday Race Clinic and practice session. If a team is unable to attend, they must contact the organizing authority concerning their eligibility to compete in the regatta.
- 4.6. Boats will race in classes as listed on the scratch sheet.
- 4.7. Each invited team will be required to supply a \$500 damage deposit.

5. Fees

5.1. DAMAGE DEPOSIT

- 5.1.1. An initial damage deposit of \$500 shall be paid at on-site registration, unless extended by the OA, by a separate check made payable to CofC. The amount of the initial damage deposit is the maximum payable by a skipper for each damage-causing incident the skipper is deemed, by the OA, responsible for. The damage deposit shall be replenished to \$500 following an assessment of damages by the OA and prior to any further racing.
- 5.1.2. When damage occurs, the cost of repairs will be paid from the deposit of the skipper responsible for the damage. If fault cannot be determined from an incident where damage occurs, all boats involved shall be found at fault and repair expenses shall be divided equally among the boats involved. This will not be grounds for protest or redress by any boat. This is added to RRS 61.
- 5.1.3. Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 30 days of the completion of the championship. An accounting of expended funds may be rendered to any skipper not receiving their full deposit back.

6. Crew Limitations
 - 6.1. For the Sportboat and J105 fleets - A minimum of 6 crew members per team is required. At a minimum, each team should have a helmsperson and a foredeck person with big boat experience. If a team does not meet this requirement, that team shall contact the organizing authority concerning their eligibility to compete in the regatta.
 - 6.2. For the J22 fleet - 3 or 4 crew members per team is required. If a team does not meet this requirement, that team shall contact the organizing authority concerning their eligibility to compete in the regatta.
7. [NP] Schedule
 - 7.1. FRIDAY, Feb. 13th
Practice Session coordinated with the boat owner.
1800: CYC - Local knowledge meeting for all fleets attendance - Highly Recommended - **CYC - Ft. Sumter Ballroom**
 - 7.2. SATURDAY, Feb. 14th
0800: Continental Breakfast - **CYC - Ft. Sumter Ballroom**
0830: Skippers' Meeting
1100: First Warning
1700: ~~Social at CYC Boathouse~~ **CYC - Ft. Sumter Ballroom**
 - 7.3. SUNDAY, Feb. 15th
0830: Continental Breakfast and Skippers Meeting **CYC - Ft. Sumter Ballroom**
1000: First Warning
1400: No warning signal after this time
8. Equipment and Safety
 - 8.1. Approved personal flotation shall be worn at all times while racing.
9. Venue
 - 9.1. The racing area will be Charleston Harbor.
10. Courses
 - 10.1. The courses each day consist of windward/leeward courses, triangle courses, and a distance race using dropped marks and/or government buoys. The courses will be described further in the sailing instructions.
11. Scoring
 - 11.1. Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - 11.2. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) and receive points equal to the number of boats that finished within the time limit plus two but in no case will a boat be scored worse than DNF.
 - 11.3. The overall series winner, **across all fleets, will be determined by calculating the lowest winning percentage value of the class winners. Lowest winning percentage is calculated by dividing a boat's low point score (the sum of all races finishing position) by the total number of boats in the fleet minus 1 summed over all races, multiplied by 100. In the case where two boats have the same low point percentage value, the tie will be awarded based on a comparison of individual race results in accordance with RRS A8.** ~~will be determined by the highest winning percentage of the class winners. Winning percentage is calculated by dividing a boat's high point score by the maximum number of points available. The maximum number of~~

~~points available is calculated by multiplying the number of boats in a class by the number of races.~~

- 11.4.** PHRF classes will be scored time on time.
- 11.5.** One race will constitute the series. In the event that only one race is completed, the overall trophies will not be awarded.

12. Risk Statement

- 12.1.** 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.
- 12.2.** All teams shall compete at the privilege of the boat owner and/or the boat owner's representative. At any time, if the boat owner and/or the boat owner's representatives decides that the safety of the crew or the boat is in danger, they may elect to withdraw the team from the race(s). If a boat owner and/or boat owner's representative elects to withdraw, the team withdrawing shall not be given the right of redress.
- 12.3.** As a condition precedent to his or her participation in any race or series (including without limitation all activities relating thereto) sponsored by the College of Charleston, Charleston Ocean Racing Association, and the Carolina Yacht Club each participant waives any and all claims including without limitation any claim in respect of assistance given or not given against the boat owner and or his or her representative, the College of Charleston, the Charleston Ocean Racing Association, the Carolina Yacht Club, and their directors, officers, members, guests, employees and agents for any injury or damage resulting from participation. I agree that this waiver is binding on my heirs, representatives, successors, and assigns.

13. Prizes

- 13.1.** First, second and third place prizes will be awarded for the series per class.
- 13.2.** An overall award will be presented

14. Further Information can be found at [2026 SCOR](#)