

Sailing Instructions

Dated 2/11/2026



Southern Collegiate Offshore Regatta February 13-15, 2026

Organizing Authority:

Charleston Ocean Racing Association (CORA) /
The College of Charleston

1. RULES:

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 J105 Class Rules are not in effect
- 1.3 PHRF rules will apply in this regatta. CORA PHRF rating for the boats will be used.
- 1.4 Sprit poles should only be extended in anticipation of setting the spinnaker and should be retracted as soon as possible after rounding the leeward mark.
- 1.5 The USS Prescriptions to RRS 63.1 are deleted.
- 1.6 Appendix T is in effect.
- 1.7 The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. This updates RRS 63.5
- 1.8 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

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Bulletin Board on the Charleston Ocean Racing Association event page - [2026 SCOR](#)

Per SI 14.4 TechScore will be used for scoring for individual fleet results:

- PHRF A - <https://scores.collegesailing.org/s26/2026-south-collegiate-offshore-phrf/>
- PHRF B - <https://scores.collegesailing.org/s26/26-south-collegiate-offshore-phrf/>
- J/105 - <https://scores.collegesailing.org/s26/2026-south-collegiate-offshore/>
- J/22 - <https://scores.collegesailing.org/s26/2026-south-collegiate-offshore-j22/>

- 2.2 The Race Committee will communicate to the competitors on VHF 73

3. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Oral Changes made on the water may be given. Flag "L" will be hoisted, and the change will be communicated to each boat using regatta VHF Channel. Changes to the Safety Regulations shall not be changed on the water.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagpole at Carolina Yacht.
- 4.2 In the event of a postponement (flag AP), "1 Minute" is replaced with "not less than 15 minutes" in race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS/RACES:

- 5.1 It is the intention of the Race Committee to conduct as many races as practical in the prevailing conditions up to a maximum of five races per day.
- 5.2 Flag A displayed with no sound while boats are finishing means, "No more racing today". The Race Committee will also announce this on the regatta VHF channel.
- 5.3 The completion of one race will constitute the series.
- 5.4 The schedule of events/racing is as follows;

Fri., Feb. 13 Practice (coordinated with boat owner)

6 PM Local knowledge briefing for all fleets - **attendance highly recommended**

Location: CYC - Ft. Sumter Ballroom

Sat., Feb. 14 0800: Continental Breakfast - CYC - Ft. Sumter Ballroom

0830: Skippers' Meeting

1100: First Warning

1700: Dinner at CYC - Ft. Sumter Ballroom

1730: Racing Debrief

Sun., Feb. 15 0830: Continental Breakfast and Skippers Meeting - CYC - Ft. Sumter Ballroom

1000: First Warning

1400: No warning signal after this time

6. CLASS FLAGS:

6.1 Class flags will be:

PHRF A Class - Pink

PHRF B Class - Light Blue

Class J105 - J105 class flag

Class J22 - Green

7. **RACING AREA:** The racing area will be in Charleston Harbor.

8. THE COURSES:

8.1 The courses each day may be a windward/leeward course and a distance race using government marks.

8.2 The Race Committee may set a gate for the leeward mark for courses 1, 2, and 3. If no gate is set, round the leeward mark to port.

8.3 For boats sailing course 4, the starting line and finish line are OBSTRUCTIONS except when starting or finishing.

8.4 The Race Committee will display the course and will also announce this information on the regatta VHF channel.

8.5 For a distance race, the course will be listed on a white board on the signal boat and announced on VHF.

Course display Example:

Start

BP (P) Round Government mark BP to Port

WY (P) Round windward Yellow mark to Port

LY (P) Round leeward Yellow mark to Port

Finish Go to finish from the direction of LY

9. MARKS:

9.1 The start mark will be an anchored pin boat displaying an orange flag or an orange cylinder

9.2 The finish mark will be an orange ball.

9.2 The RC boat displaying an orange flag on a pole is a mark.

9.3 The windward marks will be orange cylinders and/or government buoys (for the distance race).

9.4 The leeward mark will be a yellow cylinder and/or government buoys (for the distance race).

9.5 The change mark will be a yellow cylinder

10. THE START:

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between staff displaying an Orange flag on an anchored pin boat or course side of the starting mark and a staff displaying an Orange flag on the committee boat.

11. RECALLS:

11.1 The Race Committee will attempt to hail boats OCS on the regatta VHF channel 73.

11.2 The failure to hear such a hail and the order of the hail shall not be grounds for Redress. This modifies RRS 62.1 (a).

12. THE FINISH:

12.1 The finish line will be between the course side of the finish mark and a staff on the committee boat displaying a Blue flag.

12.2 If the finish line is from the CYC dock, the finish line will be between a staff on the dock displaying a blue flag and the course side of a finishing mark. If there is no finishing mark, the finish line will be between a staff on the dock displaying a blue flag and the flag on Castle Pinckney.

13. TIME LIMIT:

The time limit for the first boat in a class to sail the course and finish will be 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 25 minutes after the first boat in the class sails the course as stated in RRS 28 and finishes will be scored Time Limit Expired, TLE. TLE is added to rules A5 and A10.

14. SCORING:

14.1 Each boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

14.2 Boats scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) will receive points equal to the number of boats that finished within the time limit plus two (2), not to exceed the number of points of a DNF.

14.3 The Races will be scored using Time on Time (ToT).

14.4 Fleet Scoring for the event will be in TechScore

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- J/22 - <https://scores.collegesailing.org/s26/2026-south-collegiate-offshore-j22/>

14.5 The overall winner will be determined according to NoR 11.3

15. PENALTY SYSTEM:

15.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 will apply. The penalty shall be 20%.

15.2 Boats taking a scoring penalty shall notify the Race Committee by VHF at the completion of the race.

16. PROTESTS:

16.1 Boats intending to file a protest shall notify the Race Committee at the completion of the race and provide the sail number of the protested boat(s).

16.2 Protest forms are available at the CYC - Ft. Sumter Ballroom. Completed protest forms shall be delivered to the protest desk located at the entrance to the CYC - Ft. Sumter Ballroom, which is one hour after the Race Committee signal boat docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.

16.3 A list of protests delivered to the protest desk will be posted on the official notice board. Protests will be heard as soon as possible in the approximate order in which they are received.

16.4 On the last day of the regatta, the time limit for reopening a hearing or requesting redress is one hour after the decision is announced or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes RRS 63.7.

17. ARBITRATION:

17.1 For protests involving a breach of a Part 2 rule of the RRS, a short arbitration meeting will be held prior to a protest hearing.

17.2 After a written protest is filed, one representative from each boat conforming to RRS 63.1(a)(4) will meet with the arbitrator. No witnesses will be allowed.

17.3 A boat that accepts fault at arbitration shall receive a penalty of 30% but in no case will a boat be scored worse than DNF.

17.4 Decisions accepted at arbitration cannot be appealed, reopened or be grounds for redress.

17.5 The arbitrator will not be a member of the jury that hears the protest but may observe the hearing and give testimony.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP]

18.1 USCG Approved personal flotation shall always be worn while racing, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. This changes RRS 40.2.

18.2 All boats shall check with the Race Committee signal boat prior to their first warning of the day.

18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18.4 Commercial Shipping traffic has right-of-way and is a privileged vessel.

18.5 Only the RC or PC may protest a boat under SI rule 16. This is an addition to rules 60.2(a) and 60.3(a).

18.6 WIND LIMITS:

18.6.1 The Race Committee will indicate the prohibition of spinnakers when the on the water wind velocity in the sailing area is measured at a steady 20 to 22 knots.

18.6.2 The Race Committee will abandon any race in progress and not start another race when the on the water wind velocity in the sailing area is measured at greater than 22 knots, or gusts are measured at 27 knots or greater.

19. CREW [NP]: The number of crew for a boat will be the same throughout the regatta. Individual crew members may be replaced for valid reasons. The Race Committee shall be notified of any such changes. Consideration will be given to forecasted weather conditions and will be discussed at the skipper meeting.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS: The regatta VHF channel will be VHF channel 73. Boats shall always monitor this channel while on the water. A hand-held VHF radio as a backup is recommended.

21. SAIL SELECTION:

21.1 Sail selection will normally be left up to the sailors (with the advice of the owner or owner's representative). However, the Race Committee reserves the right to dictate the size of the jibs that can be used and to prohibit the use of spinnakers. Announcements regarding sail restrictions will be made on the regatta VHF channel before the warning signal.

21.2 Teams who select to sail without the use of their spinnaker must raise a blue flag before their warning signal and sail the entire race with it hoisted. They will be scored for that race using their PHRF non-spinnaker rating.

22. Prizes

Sport Boat PHRF A	1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.
Sport Boat PHRF B	1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.
Class J105	1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.
Class J22	1st, 2nd, and 3rd place.

Overall 1st place (Most competitive boat of Sport Boat Classes (A & B), J105 Class, J22 Class)

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.**

APPENDIX A - COURSE DIAGRAMS

