

Notice of Race

CHARLESTON RACE WEEK

April 14-17, 2011

The Organizing Authority for Charleston Race Week 2011 is Charleston Ocean Racing Association (CORA) in partnership with South Carolina Maritime Foundation (SCMF).

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the 2011 IRC rules, the 2011 Gulf Stream Series NOR and the PHRF Rules and Regulations as adopted and amended by the CORA PHRF Policies and Procedures.

2. ADVERTISING

2.1 Advertising is permitted, with class advertising restrictions, and unless class rules do not permit, in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

2.2 If provided, all boats shall display the event bow stickers on their bow while racing. Boats not bearing the event bow sticker on both sides are subject to protest by the race committee only. The protest committee may impose a penalty as it deems appropriate. Mounting instructions will be included with the event bow stickers.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Charleston Race Week is open to One-Design boats between 20-70 feet LOA, and IRC, and PHRF monohull boats which are 24 to 70 feet LOA between hull perpendiculars. PHRF entries must have a rating of 192 or less and entries in the non-spinnaker class must have a rating above 75.

3.2 The entry deadline is 1700 April 8, 2011. Entries received after 1700 April 8, 2011 will be considered on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. Registration will be available online or by downloading an entry form from the event website. A completed online entry or printed entry form, a signed waiver form, and the entry fee must be received by January 31, 2011 to receive a discounted rate. Entry acknowledgment will be sent to valid entrants shortly after early entry receipt. All registrations must be complete and are final. There is a \$150 processing fee for any registration cancellations prior to March 11, 2011. As of March 11, 2011, registrations are non-refundable.

3.3 PHRF entrants which are not current CORA members must provide to the Organizing Authority, when requested, copies of all current rating certificates, and may be required to fill out a rating application form. The CORA PHRF Policies and Procedures will be posted on the event web site. The Charleston Race Week PHRF Consortium will assign

PHRF ratings for this event. Any questions pertaining to PHRF issues should be referred to the Chief Measurer.

3.4 IRC racing will be offered if sufficient entries are received and satisfactory classes can be established. This event is part of the US-IRC Gulf Stream Series. Competitors wishing to race under IRC must submit a valid IRC rating certificate with their completed entry form. IRC rating applications for US flagged boats can be obtained through US SAILING (401-683-0800) or IRC@ussailing.org. IRC entrants are also required to submit a completed PHRF application.

3.5 ONE-DESIGN classes will be provided when there are five or more entries for a class.

4. CREW LIMITS

4.1 All Classes shall sail with the same number of crew in all races. Any request for changes in the number of crew must be submitted to the Regatta Chairman in writing by 0700 the day of the race in which the change is to take place. A request form will be available on the official notice board, and there will be an envelope to place the form in. A reply will be posted.

4.2 For all PHRF entries, boats will be rated within the following Base Crew Limitations.

Up to Maximum	LOA (ft):	Crew Number:
	25.00	5
	27.00	6
	30.00	7
	32.00	8
	34.00	9
	37.00	10
	40.00	11
	43.00	12
	45.00	13
	50.00	14
	55.00	15
	60.00	16
	65.00	17
	70.00	18

5. OTHER RULES & REQUIREMENTS

5.1 All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio.

5.2 All boats shall be sailed by at least 3 persons.

5.3 The CORA PHRF Policies and Procedures will be posted on the event web site. Any questions pertaining to PHRF issues should be referred to the Chief Measurer.

6. FEES

6.1 The completed entry application shall be accompanied by an entry fee. Registrations are not complete and applications will not be accepted without entry fees. The entry fees are based on LOA and are as follows:

Level 1 (20' - 24') = \$375

Level 2 (25' - 34') = \$400

Level 3 (35' - 44') = \$425

Level 4 (45' - 70') = \$455

A boat's LOA is to be rounded to the lower whole number (i.e. 29.01' = 29' and 29.99' = 29') for the purpose of determining entry fees.

6.2 ADDITIONAL FEES

6.2.1 Early Discount: Completed entries received by January 31, 2011 are eligible for a \$50 discount.

6.2.2 Cancellation Fee: All registrations must be complete and are final. There is a \$150 processing fee for any registration cancellations prior to March 11, 2011. As of March 11, 2011, registrations are non-refundable.

6.2.3 Late Fee: Entries received after March 25, 2011 will be assessed a \$100 late entry fee. The entry deadline is 1700 April 8, 2011. Entries received after 1700 April 8, 2011 will be considered on a case by case basis at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

6.2.4 Non-US Sailing members shall add \$25 to the entry fee.

6.3 Shoreside Passes: Treat your crew to the best Beach Parties in town with the purchase of the Shoreside Event Passes. The Shoreside Event Pass provides entry to the Race Village April 14-17, 2011 and includes cocktails on the beach Thursday – Saturday, a Friday Lowcountry Feast, the Sunday afternoon beer and chili cookout, plus trophy presentations, prizes, sponsor demonstrations, music, and more. On Saturday, sailors are encouraged to enjoy cocktails at the Race Village and then venture out to one of the many Charleston area restaurants for dinner.

A Race Week Shoreside Event Pass will be required for each person participating in any of the event's shoreside activities. Two Shoreside Event Pass will be provided free of charge when registering a boat. Additional Shoreside Event Passes may be purchased for \$60 in advance online or \$75 on-site. The \$60 Shoreside Event Passes may be purchased in advance online until March 31, 2011. After March 31, 2011, \$60 passes will be

unavailable online and \$75 passes may be purchased on-site. Daily Passes will be available onsite for visitors or those wishing to only attend one evening.

7. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

April 14th, 2011

1200 – 1800 Pick-up bow stickers & skipper packs (required)

1700 – 1800 Skipper Meeting

1800 – 2100 Cocktails on the Beach

April 15th, 2011

1000 Offshore first warning – races to follow

1100 Inshore first warning – races to follow

1800 – 2200 Southern Hospitality Feast & Cocktails on the Beach

April 16th, 2011

1000 Offshore first warning – races to follow

1100 Inshore first warning – races to follow

1800 – 2100 Cocktails on the Beach, & Awards from Friday

April 17th, 2011

1000 Offshore first warning – races to follow

1100 Inshore first warning – races to follow

1400 – 1800 Chili & Beer plus Saturday and Overall Awards

No Warning Signal will be made after 1400 on Sunday, April 17, 2011.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Draft Sailing Instructions will be available on or about March 11, 2011 on the Race Week web site and Finals at Race Headquarters beginning on Thursday, April 14, 2011.

9. VENUE

The regatta site for Race Week will be the Charleston Harbor and the nearby Atlantic Ocean. Courses for each race will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions. Races on courses 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be windward/leeward or triangular courses (or combination thereof) set by the Race Committee. It is anticipated that there will be four separate racing areas with two in the harbor and two offshore. The IRC, all PHRF, and one design classes J105 and J109 will sail the offshore courses (course 3 or 4) and will comply with Cat 5 requirements. Other one-design classes may be added to the offshore course as registrations are received. All boats should be prepared to sail offshore.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 will apply when a rule of Part 2 has been broken while sailing.

11. SCORING

11.1 A maximum of eight races are scheduled for the offshore courses, and a maximum of ten races are scheduled for the inshore courses, one of which one must be completed to constitute a series.

IRC entries may be scored as a separate subclass within a PHRF class. If IRC entrants are required to race within other classes, the results from those classes will be submitted to US-IRC for compilation within the Gulf Stream Series.

11.2 IRC, PHRF and One-Design: If five or fewer races are completed the score for each boat will be the sum of her scores for all races sailed; if six or more races are completed one race will be discarded from each boat's score. This changes RRS A2. A minimum of one race per day shall be completed for daily trophies to be awarded. Each boat's daily score will be the sum of her scores for all races on that day. The PHRF classes will be scored using Time on Distance. The IRC classes will be scored using the IRC Time Correction Factor using time on time scoring.

12. PRIZES

12.1 PHRF: One daily trophy will be awarded in each class for each day of racing. One overall trophy will be awarded in each class for every three boats entered up to a maximum of three trophies per class. The most competitive PHRF entry will receive recognition on the Palmetto Cup Perpetual trophy.

12.2 One-Design Classes: One daily trophy will be awarded in each class for each day of racing. One overall trophy will be awarded in each class for every three boats entered up to a maximum of three trophies per class. The most competitive one design entry will receive recognition on the CRW Cup Perpetual trophy.

12.3 IRC: One daily trophy will be awarded for each day of racing. One overall trophy will be awarded.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 4, Decision to race). The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13.1 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who must ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations or inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.

13.2 Charleston Ocean Racing Association, South Carolina Maritime Foundation, Sponsors of the 2011 Charleston Race Week, and their employees and volunteers do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or relating to this event.

13.3 The skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of his crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Committee Member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damages and the boat may be subject to disqualification from the regatta.

14. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE OF RACE

The Charleston Ocean Racing Association reserves the right to amend this notice in accordance with RRS. Any amendments of this notice made prior to February 25, 2011 will be posted on the Race Week web site. Amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board and copies will be available at Race Headquarters.

15. GENERAL INFORMATION

15.1. EVENT WEB SITE

Periodic updates and the latest information on the regatta can be found on the Charleston Race Week web site: charlestonraceweek.com

15.2. RACE HEADQUARTERS

Event Race Headquarters will be at the Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina (CHRM) located at 20 Patriots Point Road, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464. The CHRM website is charlestonharborresort.com. The Race Village will be located at CHRM. Registration, the Skipper's Meeting on Thursday and Awards on Sunday will be in the Race Village. The Official Notice Board will be in the Race Village. In an effort to facilitate communications to the competitors, information related to this event may be posted in other areas but there is only one official notice board.

15.3. SLIPS DOCKING

There will be a limited amount of complimentary transient dockage available at CHRM for boats under 28 feet LOA from Thursday, April 14 through Sunday, April 17. This dockage will be in a side tie configuration with other boats rafted along side at least 2-3 deep and may be at the docks farthest from the hotel. Those qualifying for the limited complimentary dock space will be notified of the offer, and asked to confirm their intent to accept or reject it. Those registering beyond the first 35 boats under 28 feet LOA and boats requiring individual berths should make separate arrangements with the marina for dock space. No individual slips will be permitted with the limited complimentary dockage.

CHRM Dock Master Tel: 843-856-0028 or 888-856-0028 Fax: 843-284-7061

Email: grudisill@charlestonharborresort.com

Website: charlestonharbormarina.com

15.4. STORAGE, LAUNCHING, AND SETUP

Pre- and Post- Race Storage

Storage details will be posted on the event website.

Launch

The Charleston Yacht Club is making its hoist available to registered CRW boat owners. This is a 5,000 lb. capacity hoist. Dates and times for launching at the yacht club will be posted online on the event website.

Important: Trailer parking is not available at this site, but will be available nearby. Directions to the lot will be available at the hoist and on the event website.

Ramp Launch

There is a launch ramp for trailered boats at Remley's Point – Mt. Pleasant – off Mathis Ferry Road near Hobcaw Point and Molasses Creek subdivision. Take 5th Avenue to 3rd Street to 3rd Avenue to 2nd Street to 5th Avenue. This is a large landing with four ramps on the Wando River open 24/7. Viper 640s, Melges 24s, Laser SB3s, and Melges 20s are strongly encouraged to ramp launch.

15.5. ACCOMODATIONS

The Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina (CHRM) is providing Charleston Race Week with special group rates. Make your reservation as soon as possible as the deadline for this special rate is March 12, 2011. **CHRM is also providing a 10% DISCOUNT IN ADDITION TO THE SPECIAL GROUP RATE for all reservations received by December 31, 2011.** These deadlines are not flexible. CHRM provides free parking for resort guests and the Race Village and marina are onsite.

CHRM Tel: 843-856-0028 or 888-856-0028

Website: charlestonharborresort.com

15.6. EVENT MANAGEMENT

The Organizing Authority for Charleston Race Week 2010 is Charleston Ocean Racing Association (CORA) in partnership with South Carolina Maritime Foundation (SCMF).

Address all correspondence to the regatta to:

Charleston Race Week

c/o SC Maritime Foundation

P.O. Box 22405, Charleston, SC 29413

SCMF Office: (843) 722-1030 x18
SCMF Marine Logistics Manager:
Danny Havens – Email: dhavens@scmaritime.org

Event Race Director & Race Chairman:
Randy Draftz – Email: rdraftz@charlestonyachting.com

15.7. EVENT NAME AND RIGHTS

Any commercial or editorial reference to this event must use the official regatta's name – Charleston Race Week. Any commercial video must be licensed by the Charleston Ocean Racing Association or the South Carolina Maritime Foundation.

15.8. TELEVISION AND PHOTOGRAPHERS' RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press purposes and editorial or advertising purposes.