



May 26^h, 2018

Charleston, South Carolina

Sailing Instructions
Offshore Leg #1

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) including the US Sailing Prescriptions.
- 1.2 Minimally, yachts shall comply with current World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 2 for Monohulls.
- 1.3 RRS Part 2 will be replaced by Part B, Steering and Sailing Rules, of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) between the hours of sunset and sunrise.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted before the Start on the Official Notice Board located at the Charleston City Marina.
- 2.2 Race Office located in the Charleston Yacht Club 17 Lockwood Drive.
- 2.3 The Race Committee intends to broadcast pertinent race information on VHF Ch. 69. Failure of such communication to be given or received shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted on the Official Notice Board prior to 0900 on the day of the scheduled start.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the shoreside end of the starting line.
- 4.2 When "AP is displayed ashore, "one minute" is replaced with "not less than 45 minutes" in Race Signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 The warning signal is scheduled for 1155 hours on May 26th, 2018.

6 COURSE

- 6.1 From the starting line, boats shall round “R” 4 (marking Potts Shoal in Charleston Harbor, approximate Lat/Long of 32 45.848n, 079 54.960w) to port and proceed to the finish line in New York Harbor. Approximate distance: 640 miles.
- 6.2 Government buoys not listed as marks of the course may be disregarded at the discretion of the competitor.

7 THE START

- 7.1 The start will be in the vicinity of Charleston Maritime Center, Tide Water Reach, Charleston, SC.
- 7.2 RRS 26 is amended to read as follows:

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag and Sound</i>	<i>Minutes Before Starting Signal</i>
Warning	One Red Flag Displayed, four Orange Flags Displayed, Sound Signal.	5
Preparatory	Red Flag removed	4
Three Minute	one orange flag removed	3
Two Minute	one orange flag removed	2
One-Minute	1 Long Sound, one orange flag removed.	1
Starting	Orange Flag Removed, Green Flag Displayed- 1 Sound Orange Flag removed	GO!

- 7.3 A black and white checkered “Line Flag” will be displayed with one sound signal five minutes before the warning signal on the shoreside end of the starting line. The starting line will be between a staff displaying the “Line Flag” and the course side of a nearby inflatable mark. The Race Committee may deploy a "stand off" buoy in the vicinity of the shoreside end of the starting line. This buoy and the area between it and the "Line Flag" shall be considered an obstruction for the purposes of RRS 19 and 20 but shall NOT rank as part of the starting line.
- 7.4 In the event that the Organizing Authority (OA) deems the exit to Charleston Harbor to be hazardous due to wind, weather, and wave conditions, the race may be

started in vicinity of buoy #15 at the entrance to Charleston Harbor with a warning signal in accordance with SI 7.1 at 14:30. If such a "second start" is required, the starting line will be between the course side of buoy #15 and buoy #13 a nearby Race Committee vessel will control the start.

- 7.5 Depending on conditions the Race committee may modify the starting signals and will notify competitors of any change via VHF Ch 69.
- 7.6 If SI 7.4 is to be implemented, SI 6.1 is altered so that R "4" need not be honored as a mark of the course.
- 7.7 The OA will notify all competitors as to their desire to implement SI 7.4 by 1800 on May 25th.

8 THE FINISH

- 8.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying the "Line Flag" located on the seawall of Liberty Landing State Park, New Jersey (approximate position 40°42'30.9"N 74°02'03.7"W) and an inflatable Buoy (approximate position 40°42'30.4"N 74°01'51.5"W)
- 8.2 When approximately 3 miles from the finish line, each yacht shall contact the Race Committee on VHF Ch. 69, announcing her name and sail number.
- 8.3 Yachts are requested to monitor VHF Ch. 69 after finishing to permit the receipt of instructions or requests from race organizers.
- 8.4 When finishing at night each yacht shall shine a powerful light on her sail number for approximately fifteen seconds as she finishes.

9 TIME LIMIT

- 9.1 The time limit for a yacht to sail the course and finish is 120 hours.
- 9.2 Any yacht failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) and be scored in accordance with NOR 10.

10 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 10.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Race Headquarters at Liberty landing Marina within three hours of the protesting yacht's finish.
- 10.2 Protest Committee Notices will be posted by 1000 hours on the morning after the final yacht finishes Offshore Leg #2 or the time limit for Offshore Leg #2 has expired, whichever is earlier. Hearings will be held at the Portland Race Headquarters at the Main Wharf as soon as practicable.

11 SCORING

- 11.1 Refer to NOR 10.

12 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 12.1 Refer to NOR 6 and 13, as well as Section 1.3 of these SIs.
- 12.2 Any yacht intending to retire from the offshore leg shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 Refer to NOR 17.

14 INSURANCE

14.1 Refer to NOR Appendix A

15 NOTES

- 15.1 Competitors are reminded that Charleston Harbor and New York Harbor and their approaches are considered channels for commercial traffic and vessels in said channels may be restricted in their ability to maneuver. Competitors must comply with government right-of-way rules when in proximity to commercial marine traffic.
- 15.2 All times are in Eastern Daylight Time, bearings are in degrees magnetic, and distances are in nautical miles when not otherwise defined. Bearings and distances are approximate.

16 CONTACTS

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