

SPERRY CHARLESTON RACE WEEK

April 23, 24, 25 and 26, 2020

NOTICE OF RACE

The organizing Authority of Sperry Charleston Race Week is the Charleston Ocean Racing Association.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, The 2020 ORC Rules, The 2020 ORC Rules, the Equipment Rules of Sailing and the Sperry Charleston Race Week (SCRW) PHRF procedures. These documents can be found on the event's Yacht Scoring website under other documents.
- 1.2 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 less than disqualification.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.4 The International J/70 Class Event Rules Part III (sections I.3 and I.4) will apply.
- 1.5 RRS Appendix G3 (CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS) will apply.
- 1.6 RRS Appendix T for Circles 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 will apply.
- 1.7 Pursuit Class - The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply.
- 1.8 The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising shall conform to the current World Sailing Regulation 20 and by each boat's Class Rules.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display identification numbers and sponsor's advertising for the duration of the event by World Sailing Regulation 20. These items will be supplied free of charge by the Organizing Authority (OA) at registration.
- 2.3 Boats not bearing the event bow sticker on both sides are subject to protest by the race committee only (DP).
- 2.4 Competitors are requested to respect the brand exclusivity of our Official Sponsors; their participation enhances the event for all competitors.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Sperry Charleston Race Week is open to one-design keelboats between 19-80 feet LOA, ORC, and PHRF monohull boats that are 24-85 feet LOA, and multi-hulls 24-70 feet LOA between hull perpendiculars.
- 3.2 The entry deadline is 2400 (EDT) April 19th, 2020. Entries received after 1700 April 20th, 2020 will be considered on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. Registration will be available online from the event website. A completed online entry, waiver form and the entry fee shall be received by January 31, 2020 to receive a \$100.00 early discount. Entry acknowledgement will be sent to valid entrants shortly after early entry receipt. All registrations shall be complete and are final.
- 3.3 PHRF Consortium, will assign PHRF ratings for this event. The procedures to be followed to obtain an event-specific rating are described in the SCRW PHRF procedures, which can be found on the event website.
- 3.4 ORC entries with a valid 2020 ORCi or ORC Club certificate are invited. Valid ORC certificates shall be issued before 1800 (EDT) on Monday, April 20, 2020. For more information on how to obtain an ORC certificate, either apply online at www.orc.org/clubapplication or contact usa@orc.org.
- 3.5 One-Design starts on Circles 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be provided when there are twelve (12) or more entries for a class. Smaller classes may be combined to consolidate starting sequences. The maximum number of entries for single class start is limited to the first 60 (sixty) completed entries (to include all fees) accepted on a time priority basis ("first-come, first served basis").

Completed entries received beyond the sixty-boat limit will be recorded on a waiting list. If the number of boats entered fall below the sixty-boat limit prior to the entry deadline, entry will be offered to boats on the waiting list in time priority order.

- 3.5.1 One-Design starts (J/70) on Circle 2. The maximum number of entries is limited to the first 100 completed entries (to include all fees) accepted on a time priority basis ("first come, first served basis"). Completed entries received more than the one hundred-boat limit will be recorded on a waiting list. If the number of boats entered falls below the one hundred-boat limit before the entry deadline, entry will be offered to boats on the waiting list in time priority order. If more than 60 boats are registered, the fleet will be divided to accommodate a rotation as described in the sailing instructions with two separate starts on the same race circle.
- 3.6 Pursuit Classes. Boats will be divided into spinnaker and non- spinnaker divisions.
- 3.6.1 Boats that have a displacement length ratio under 200 or an upwind sail area to displacement ratio of 17.5 or higher will sail in a separate class referred to the high performance class and will utilize ORC time on time scoring. Displacement and sail area ratios, we be those published by US Sailing. Entry to the Pursuit Class will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- 3.7 Multi-hull Classes. A multi-hull class using PHRF or Class rules will be provided if there is sufficient interest. A minimum of five boats is needed to provide a start on one of the offshore circles. Entry to the Pursuit Class will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The minimum length is 24 feet, and the maximum length is 70 feet measured between hull perpendiculars and must be suitable for offshore sailing.

4. CREW LIMITS

- 4.1 All boats shall race with the same number of crew in all races on circles 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. Any request for changes in the number of crew must be submitted to the Race Director via email to info@charlestonraceweek.com or in writing by 0700 the day of the race.
- 4.2 Circle 6 / Pursuits Class only: Boats may vary the number of crew from day to day. For safety reasons, we request that you declare to the RC/OA the number of persons on board and the names of the crew before 0700 of each day that the changes occur. The updated crew list shall be sent via email to info@charlestonraceweek.com.
- 4.3 All boats shall be sailed by at least three persons on Circles 1 through 5 and two persons for Course 6 (Pursuit Class) and VX One class.

5. OTHER RULES & REQUIREMENTS

- 5.1 All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio.
- 5.2 At all times, boats shall monitor and keep clear of commercial traffic. Boats that hinder commercial traffic to the point of five horns shall be subject to protest by the race committee.

6. FEES

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

Tier 1 (19')	\$450.00
Tier 2 (20'-24')	\$500.00
Tier 3 (25'-34')	\$550.00
Tier 4 (35'-44')	\$600.00
Tier 5 (45'-80')	\$675.00

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

- 6.1.1 Additional Fees
- 6.1.2 Early Discount. Completed entries received by January 31st 2020 are eligible for a \$100.00 discount.

- 6.1.3 Cancellation Fee: All registrations shall be complete and final. Cancellations prior to March 17, 2020 will be handled on a case-by-case basis. As of March 17, 2020, registrations are non-refundable.
- 6.1.4 Late fee: Entries received after April 1, 2020 will be assessed a \$100.00 late entry fee. The entry deadline is 2400 EDT April 20th, 2020. Entries received after 2400 EDT April 20th, 2020 will be considered on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 6.1.5 Non- US Sailing members shall add \$25.00 to the entry fee. Members shall include the membership number for proof of membership.
- 6.1.6 Shoreside Passes: The Shoreside Event Pass provides entry to the Race Village April 23-26, 2020 and includes cocktails on the beach Thursday – Saturday, a Friday buffet, the Sunday afternoon beer and chili cookout plus trophy presentations, prizes, sponsor demonstrations, music and more. Saturday no meal is served so that you may venture out to one of the many Charleston and Mount Pleasant area restaurants for dinner. A Race Week Shoreside Event Pass will be required for each person's participation in any of the event's shoreside activities. Two Shoreside Event Passes will be provided with your boat's registration fee. Additional Shoreside Event Passes may be purchased online until April 20th, 2020 for \$85.00 or \$95.00 on-site thereafter that. Daily and children passes will be available on-site for visitors and those wishing to only attend one evening.

7. EVENT SCHEDULE

7.1	DATE	TIME	EVENT
	Thursday, April 23	1200-1700 1730-1800 1800-2100	Registration packet pick up (Lookout Pavilion) Skipper's Meeting (Lookout Pavilion) Opening Beach Party, Quantum Local Knowledge, Gosling's Rum Bar and Live Music
	Friday, April 24	930 1030 1100 1800-2100	Pursuit Class Warning Signal Offshore Circle 5 Warning Signal Inshore (Circles 1-2-3-4) First Warning Signal Daily Quantum Debrief, Awards, Buffet, Goslings Rum Bar and Music
	Saturday, April 25	930 1030 1100 1800-2100	Pursuit Class Warning Signal Offshore Circle 5 Warning Signal Inshore (Circles 1-2-3-4) First Warning Signal Daily Quantum Debrief, Awards, Goslings Rum Bar and Music
	Sunday, April 26	930 1030 1100 1400-1800 1630-1800	Pursuit Class Warning Signal Offshore Circle 5 Warning Signal Inshore (Circles 1-2-3-4) First Warning Signal Daily Quantum Debrief, Beach Party, Chili, Hot Dogs, Beer and Music Awards Ceremony

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available after April 15th, 2020 on the Sperry Charleston Race Week Yacht Scoring website and at Race Headquarters beginning Thursday, April 23rd, 2020.

9. VENUE AND THE COURSES

The regatta site for Sperry Charleston Race Week will be the Charleston Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean.

9.1 Attachment A shows the approximate location of the racing areas.

9.1.1 Inshore Race Courses – Circles 1, 2, 3 and 4

9.1.2 Ocean Race Courses – Circle 5

- 9.1.3 The Pursuit Classes will sail course area 6 and shall comply with WS Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 requirements. Plan to sail a longer single race per day around government buoys both inshore and offshore.
- 9.2 Courses for each race area circle will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.2.1 Races on Circles 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be windward/leeward set by the Race Committee.
- 9.2.2 Races on Circle 5 may be windward/leeward as set by the Race Committee. Also, the final race of the day may have windward/leeward legs followed by a distance leg that will finish inshore utilizing the Pursuit course finish line if a northeast breeze creates a sea state that is too difficult to manage a course. A course may be set inshore north of the Ravenel Bridge on the Wando river.
- 9.2.3 Races on Course 6 (Pursuit Class) will be point to point type racing.
- 9.3 The ORC and select one design classes sailing on the offshore circle (Circle 5) shall comply with WS Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 requirements. For more information, refer to www.Sailing.org/specialregs

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

The US Sailing prescription RRS Appendix V (ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES) will apply.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 A maximum of eight races are scheduled for the offshore circle and a maximum of ten races are scheduled for the inshore circles, one of which shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2 If five or fewer races are completed, the score for each boat will be the sum of the scores for all races sailed; if six or more races are completed one race will be discarded from each boat's score. A minimum of one race per day shall be completed for daily trophies to be awarded. The ORC classes will be scored using time on-time ratings for Windward/Leeward courses, and Coastal/Long Distance or custom time on-time ratings for non-Windward/Leeward courses. Offshore time on-time ratings for non-Windward/Leeward courses. Explanations of ORC scoring options can be found at www.orc.org/scoring.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

- 12.1 Entries utilizing coach/support boats shall register with the Race Committee at registration and have those vessels marked with an identifying flag.
- 12.2 Support boats shall remain no less than 150 yards from the race course from preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 12.3 Failure of a support to register, or a breach of NOR 12.2 shall be considered a breach of RRS 3 ACCEPTANCE OF THE RULES and is subject to protest. The penalty applied to the boat or boats associated with the support boat shall be addressed by the protest committee. (DP)
- 12.4 Support boats shall carry a VHF radio tuned to the designated race committee VHF channel for the circle they are nearest to.
- 12.5 Support drivers shall have valid third-party liability insurance or the equivalent and provide proof upon request by the race committee or Organizing Authority.
- 12.6 J/70 Class only – SUPPORT BOATS
Individual support or coach boats shall not have contact of any nature, including:
 - (i) communication by radio, telephone, internet, vocal signal, visual signaling of any kind (i.e., tactical placement, use of flags and/or distinct colors of clothing) or
 - (ii) the transfer of crew, equipment or supplies, with a registered racing boat from the time the boat leaves its dock or mooring each day until the boat has finished racing for the day.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, late arriving crew, food and drink may be transferred to a racing boat before the first race of the day, and

 - (iii) the crew may be transferred in the event of an unforeseen personal emergency. Infringements of this rule will result in a penalty to the boat associated with the support boat. Such penalty may be either penalties or disqualification at the discretion of the protest.

13. BERTHING/SLIPS/DOCKING

For further dockage instructions and information contact the CHR&M Dockmaster at 843-284-7062 or marina@charlestonharborresort.com. Website www.charlestonharbormarina.com

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of a prior written permission from the Race Director. The VX One class is exempt due to limited dockage space.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1 All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio.
- 15.2 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This includes the use of drones.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1 ORC: One daily award 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 entry that wins the most competitive class will receive the recognition on the Palmetto Cup Perpetual Trophy.
- 16.2 One Design Classes: One daily award 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. Additional Corinthian awards will be made available for the classes recognizing Corinthian teams within their class. The entry that wins the most competitive class will receive the recognition on the Charleston Race Week Cup Perpetual Trophy.
- 16.3 PHRF: One daily trophy will be awarded for each day of racing to each class. One overall trophy will be awarded for every three boats entered to a maximum of the three trophies in each class.
- 16.4 Jubilee Sportsmanship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the participant who has displayed outstanding example of good sportsmanship during Sperry Charleston Race Week. Ballots will be available for all participants.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 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 before, during, or after the regatta.
- 17.2 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who shall 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.
- 17.3 Charleston Ocean Racing Association, Sponsors of the Sperry Charleston Race Week, their employees and volunteers do not accept responsibility for the 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.
- 17.4 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 protest, which may include disqualification from the regatta.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid, third party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$300,000 USD per event or the equivalent.

19. AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

Any amendments to notice of race will be posted on the event's Yacht Scoring website.

20. GENERAL INFORMATION

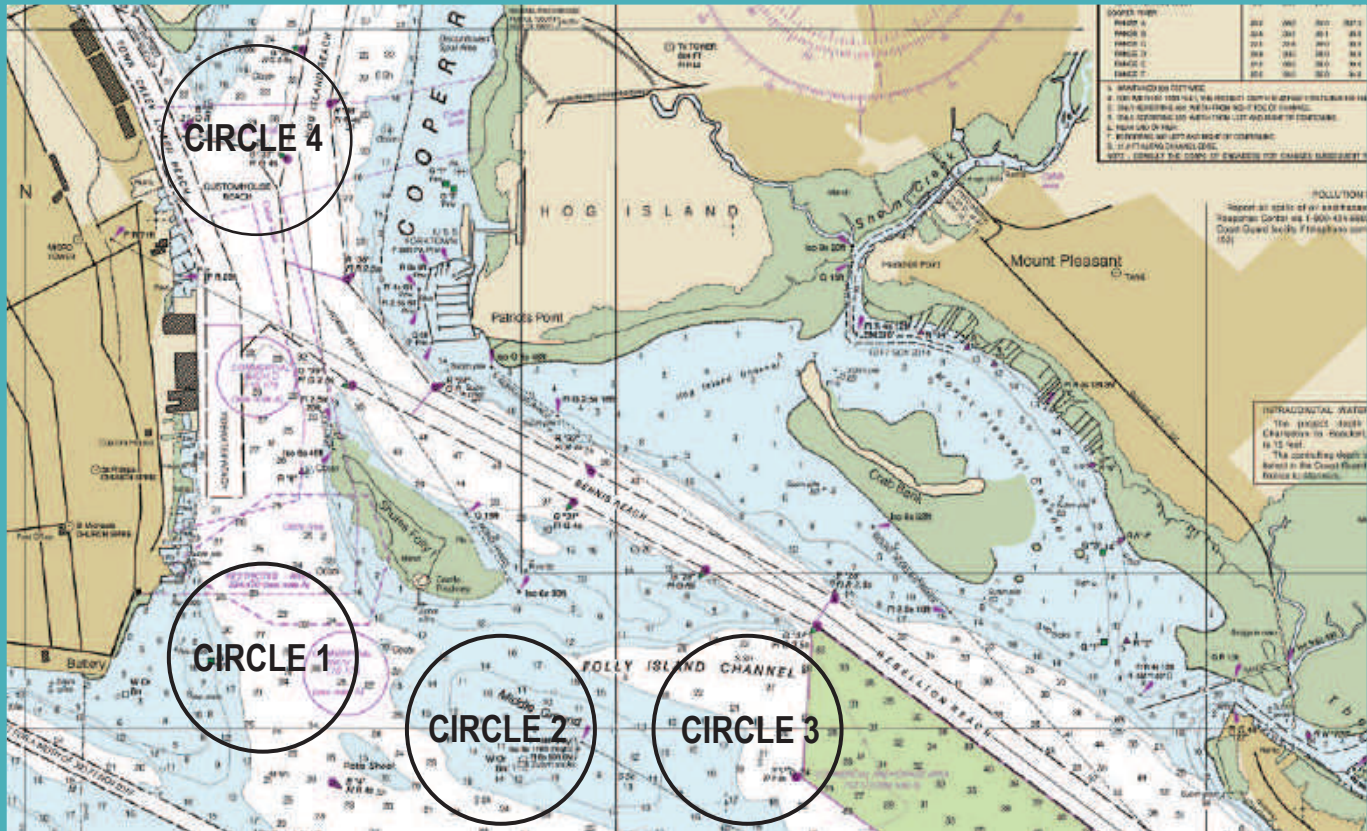
- 20.1 Periodic updates and latest information on the event will be posted on the Sperry Charleston Race Week website: www.charlestonraceweek.com
- 20.2 Event Race Headquarters will be at the Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina (CHR&M) located at 20 Patriots Point Road, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464. The CHR&M website is www.charlestonharborresort.com. The Race Village will be located at CHR&M. Registration and the Skippers Meeting on Thursday will be at the Lookout Pavillion. The Awards on Sunday will be in the Race Village. The official notice board will be in the Race Village. 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.
- 20.3 Storage, launching, Retrieving and Setup
Pre- and post-race storage details will be posted on the event website under logistics. Several local yacht clubs and boatyards are available for storage, launching and retrieving. Greater details are available on the event website.
- 20.4 Accommodations
The Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina is providing Sperry Charleston Race Week with exclusive group rates that are available through March 20th, 2020. There is an additional 10% discount for reservations received by December 31st, 2019. These rooms sell out quickly and include free parking for resort guests. Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina, Telephone 843-856-0028, Website www.charlestonharborresort.com

21. EVENT MANAGEMENT

- 21.1 The Organizing Authority for Sperry Charleston Race Week 2020 is the Charleston Ocean Racing Association (CORA). Direct all correspondence regarding the event to:
Sperry Charleston Race Week
4208 Pace Street, Unit C
North Charleston, SC 29405
Telephone 843 628 5900 Fax 843 278 8671
Email: info@charlestonraceweek.com
Event/Race Director Randy Draftz
- 21.2 Event Name and Rights
Any commercial or editorial reference to the event must use the official regatta's name Sperry Charleston Race Week. A commercial video must be licensed by Sperry Charleston Race Week. Photographers and videographers must be registered with the event, display the appropriate flag and respect the Race Committee's requests to keep clear of the competitors.
- 21.3 Television and Photographer's 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.
- 21.4 Please make sure to periodically check the event website and make sure to sign up for the event email list. Events and schedules may change. All events listed here are in the Race Village at the Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina unless otherwise noted. Please make sure each individual planning to attend these festivities has a Shoreside Event Pass.

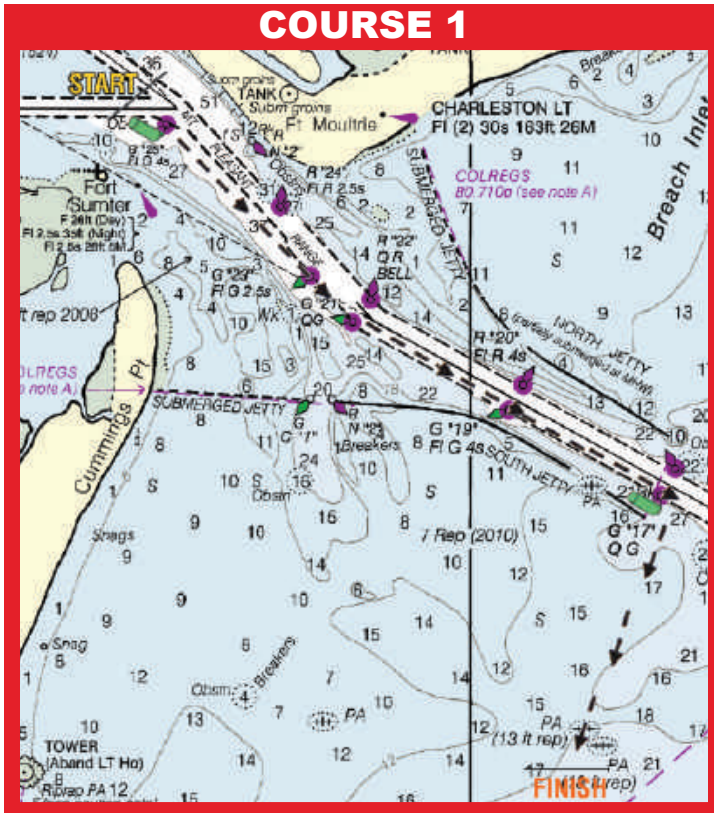
RACE CIRCLES 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5

INSHORE CIRCLE LOCATIONS



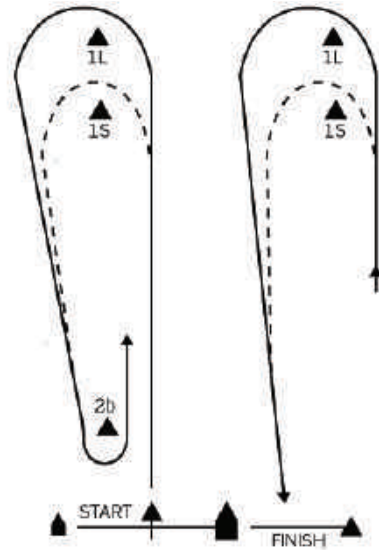
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COURSE 1



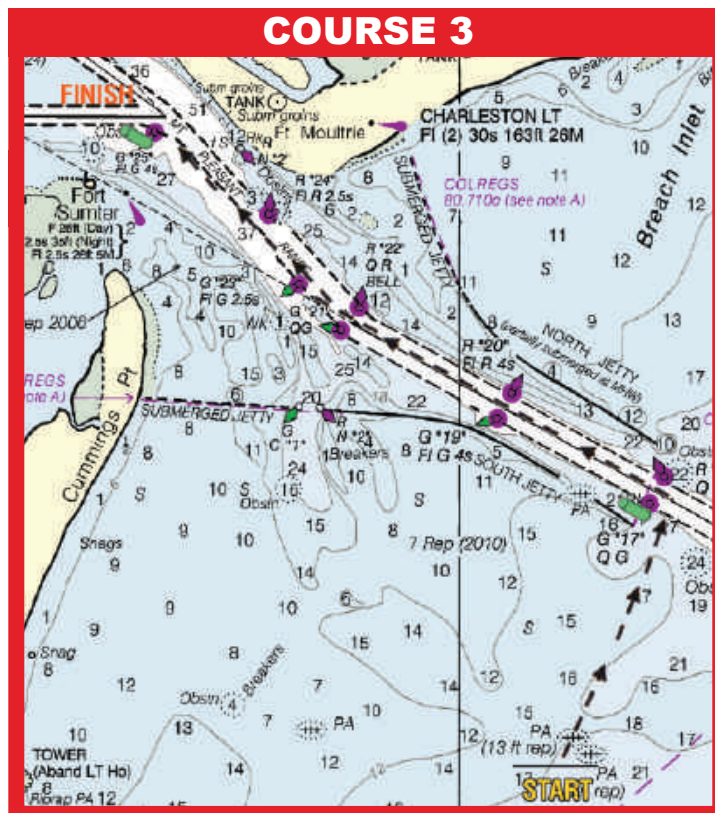
COURSE 2

Windward-Leeward with a finish to Leeward



Course 2	Legs	Marks
2 (long)	4	S - 1L - 2 - 1L - F
2 (short)	4	S - 1S - 2 - 1S - F

COURSE 3



Pursuit Race Courses

