



April 10th, 11th, 12th, and 13th, 2025 - Charleston, SC

Notice of Race

Version 1 Sept 24th, 2024

The Organizing Authority of Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point is CRW Events.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS), and the Charleston Race Week (CRW) PHRF procedures, which are posted on the event website. <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16941>
- 1.2. All classes sailing offshore on Circle 5 and Area 6 shall comply with WS Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 requirements. For more information, <https://www.sailing.org/2023/12/20/2024-2025-offshore-special-regulations-published/>
- 1.3. The protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification [DP] for violations of the Class Rules and racing rules other than those of RRS Part 1 and Part 2.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
 - The International J/70 Class Event Rules Part III (sections I.3 and I.4 will apply).
 - The notation [NP] in a rule of the NoR or SIs means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
 - The 2025 ORC RULES will apply.
 - RRS Appendix G3 (CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS) will apply.
 - RRS Appendices T and V for Circles 1,2,3,4, and 5 will apply.
 - Pursuit Class- The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply.
 - This Notice of Race may be updated and posted on the event's website. The version date will be updated when changes are made and posted.
 - The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules as allowed.

2. Advertising

- 2.1. Advertising shall conform to the current World Sailing Regulation 20 and 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. The Organizing Authority (OA) will supply these items free of charge at registration.
- 2.3. Boats not bearing the event bow sticker (when required) on both sides are subject to protest by the race committee only. [NP]

- 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. Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point is open to one-design keelboats between 19-50 feet LOA, ORC, and PHRF monohull boats 24-80 feet LOA, and multi-hulls 24-70 feet LOA between hull perpendiculars.
- 3.2. The entry deadline is 2400 EDT on April 4, 2025. Entries received after 2400 EDT will be considered on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. Entry will be available online at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16941>. To receive a \$100.00 early discount, a completed online entry, waiver form, and entry fee must be received. Entry acknowledgment will be sent to valid entrants shortly after the entry receipt. All entries shall be complete and final.
- 3.3. The PHRF Consortium will assign PHRF ratings for this event. The procedures to obtain an event-specific rating are described in the CRW PHRF procedures, which can be found on the event website under other documents.
- 3.4. ORC entries with a valid 2025 ORCi or ORC Club certificate are invited. Valid ORC certificates shall be issued before 1800 (EDT) on Monday, March 31st, 2025. For more information on how to obtain an ORC certificate, visit www.USSAILING.org/competition/offshore/orc.
- 3.5. ORC A technical committee will be appointed under the RRS 89.2 (c) to resolve any rating or certificate issues related to ORC certificates.
- 3.6. 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, an entry would 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.
- 3.7. Pursuit Classes Boats will be divided into spinnaker and non-spinnaker classes.
- 3.8. Pursuit Classes are intended for cruiser/racers with a displacement length ratio over 145 or an upwind sail area to displacement ratio of under 24. Entry to the Pursuit Class will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
- 3.9. 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 give 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 crew in all races on circles 1,2,3,4, and 5. Any crew change request 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. Pursuit Class only: Boats may vary in crew from day to day. Before 0700 on each race day, boats shall declare to the RC/OA the number of persons on board and the names of the crew. The crew list may 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 Pursuit Class, and VX One class.

4.4. Entries in ORC classes shall comply with the Crew Weight limit listed on their certificate.

5. Other Rules and 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. [NP]

6. Fees

6.1. The entry fee shall accompany the completed entry application. Entries are incomplete, and applications will not be accepted without entry fees. The entry fee includes two event passes.

6.2. The entry fees are based on the LOA and are as follows:

6.2.1. Tier 1 VX One \$500.00

6.2.2. Tier 2 (20-24 Feet) \$575.00

6.2.3. Tier 3 (25-29 Feet) \$625.00

6.2.4. Tier 4 (30-37 Feet) \$700.00

6.2.5. Tier 5 (38-44 Feet) \$750.00

6.2.6. Tier 6 (45-50 Feet) \$750.00

6.2.7. Tier 7 (51-80 Feet) \$825.00

6.2.8. Additional classes are to be determined.

6.2.9. All boats must be rounded to the lower number (i.e., 29.01' = 29' and 29.99' = 29') to determine LOA for the handicap classes.

6.3. Other Fees

6.3.1. Cancellation Fee: All registrations shall be complete and final. Cancellations before March 14th, 2025, will be handled case-by-case. As of March 31st, 2025, registrations are non-refundable. All refunds will incur a \$50.00 processing fee.

6.3.2. Late Registration Fee: Registrations received after March 31st, 2025, will be assessed a \$150.00 last-minute entry fee. Entries received after 2400 EDT April 4th, 2025, will be considered on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

7. Shoreside Passes

7.1. The Shoreside Event Pass provides entry to the Post Race Village on the USS Yorktown

7.2. April 10th – April 13th, 2025: Food and beverages will be provided on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday. Saturday will be beverage only.

7.3. 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 March 14th, 2025, for \$129.95. Passes will then be available online for \$150.00 until April 6th, 2025. After April 6th, passes will be available for purchase on-site at registration. Daily and children passes will be available on-site for visitors and those wishing only to attend one evening.

8. Schedule

Thursday, April 10th, 2025

1200-1700	Registration Packet pick up landside
1730-1800	Skipper's Meeting USS Yorktown
1800-2100	Opening Party on USS Yorktown Mount Gay Rum Bar & PRO Meet and Greet, Great food and Live Music

Friday, April 11th, 2025

930	Pursuit Class First Signal
1100	Offshore Circle 5 First Signal
1100	Inshore (Circles 1-2-3-4) First Signal
1800-2100	Daily Awards, Race Debriefs, Mount Gay Rum Bar and Food

Saturday, April 12th, 2025

930	Pursuit Class First Signal
1100	Offshore Circle 5 First Signal
1100	Inshore (Circles 1-2-3-4) First Signal
1800-2100	Daily Awards, Pro-Am, Mount Gay Rum Bar and Music

Sunday, April 13th, 2025

930	Pursuit Class First Signal
1100	Offshore Circle 5 First Signal
1100	Inshore (Circles 1-2-3-4) First Signal
1300	Last Warning for Pursuit and Offshore Circle
1400	Last Warning for Inshore Circles 1-2-3-4
1600-1800	Awards, Chili, Hot Dogs and Beverages

9. Sailing Instructions

9.1. Sailing Instructions will be available on April 4th, 2025, on the Yacht Scoring Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point event page, and at Race Headquarters beginning on April 10th, 2025.

10. Courses

10.1. The regatta site for Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point will be the Charleston Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean.

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

10.3. Inshore Race Courses – Circles 1, 2, 3 and 4

10.4. Ocean Race Courses – Circle 5/Area 6

10.5. Courses for each race area circle will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

10.6. Races on Circles 1, 2, 3, and 4 will be windward/leeward set by the Race Committee.

10.7. Races for the offshore ORC class(es), if conditions permit, are intended to include a distance leg, followed by windward/leeward courses set by a race committee, and a distance leg back into the harbor if conditions permit.

10.8. Races in area 6 for the Pursuit Class will be point-to-point type racing.

11. Penalties and Hearings

11.1 Hearings will be conducted in accordance with the rules of RRS Part 5, Section B [Hearings & Making Decisions]

11.2. Arbitrations will be conducted in accordance with Appendix T [Arbitration].

12. Scoring

12.1. A maximum of nine races are scheduled for the offshore ORC, six for the Pursuit Class (potential scoring gate), and ten for the inshore circles, one of which shall be completed to constitute a series for each class.

12.2. 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 excluded from each boat's score. A minimum of one race per day shall be completed for daily trophies to be awarded for a class.

12.3. The inshore ORC classes will be scored using time-on-time ratings for Windward/Leeward courses. The offshore ORC classes will be scored using the appropriate ORC, time-on-time ratings. The race committee will determine the proper course type and wind speed rating prior to scoring the race. A boat may not base a redress request on the committee's decision of course type and wind speed. This changes RRS 60.1. Explanations of ORC scoring options can be found on the Scoring explanation page at www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc.

12.4. There shall be no changes to race or series scores resulting from action, including the correction of errors initiated more than 24 hours after the protest time limit for the last race of the series (including a single-race series); being informed of a protest committee decision after the last race of the series, or the results are published. However, in exception, changes to scores shall be made resulting from a decision under RRS 6, 69, or 70.

13. Support Boats

13.1. Support boats shall remain at least 150 yards from the racecourse from the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment.

13.2. Failure of a support boat to register shall be considered a breach of RRS 2 (Fair Sailing) by the boats associated with support and are subject to protest. The penalty applied to the boat or boats associated with the support boat shall be at the protest committee's discretion and shall not be excluded from their score. This changes RRS 64 and A2.

13.3. Support boats shall carry a VHF radio tuned to the designated race circle VHF channel for the nearest circle.

13.4. Support drivers shall have valid third-party liability insurance or the equivalent and provide proof upon request by the race committee or organizing authority.

13.5. J/70 Class only,

13.5.1. Individual support or coach boats shall not have contact of any nature: Communication by radio, telephone, internet, vocal signal, or visual signaling of any kind (i.e., tactical placement, use of flags and/or distinct colors of clothing).

13.5.2. The transfer of crew, equipment, or supplies is prohibited, with a 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 preceding, late-arriving crew, food and drink may be transferred to a racing boat before the first race of the day.

13.5.3. The crew may be transferred to a support or coach boat in the event of an unforeseen personal emergency.

13.5.4. Infringements of this rule will result in a penalty for the boat associated with the support boat. At the protest committee's discretion, such penalty may be penalties or disqualification. [DP]

14. Berthing /Slips/Docking

14.1. For further dockage instructions and information, see under logistics at www.charlestonraceweek.com

15. Haul-Out Restrictions

15.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission from the Race Director. The VX One class and Melges 20 class are exempt due to limited dockage space.

16. Competitor Communications

16.1. 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.

17. Prizes

17.1. 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 recognition on the Palmetto Cup Perpetual Trophy.

17.2. 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 recognition on the Charleston Race Week Cup Perpetual Trophy.

17.3. PHRF: One daily trophy will be awarded to each class for the day of racing. One overall trophy will be awarded for every three boats entered to a maximum of the three trophies in each class.

17.4. The Jubilee Sportsmanship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the participant who displays an outstanding example of good sportsmanship during Charleston Race Week. Ballots will be available for all participants.

18. Disclaimer of Liability

18.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 3, DECISION TO RACE). The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or before, during, or after the regatta.

18.2. The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper, who shall ensure that the boat is entirely sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations nor inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.

18.3. CRW Events, sponsors of the Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point, 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 form any cause during or relating to this event.

18.4. 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.

19. Insurance

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

20. Amendments to the Notice of Race

20.1. Any amendments to the Notice of Race notice will be posted on the Yacht Scoring's Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point event page.

21. General Information

21.1. Periodic updates and the latest information on the event will be posted on the Yacht Scoring's Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point event page and at CharlestonRaceWeek.com

21.2. Storage, Launching, Retrieving, and Setup

21.2.1. New launch and haul with storage at Veterans Terminal. Details will be posted on the event website under logistics.

21.3. Accommodations

21.4. Hotels in Mt. Pleasant, SC | Interactive Hotel Guide (experiencemountpleasant.com)

22. Event Management

22.1. The organizing authority for Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point 2025 is CRW Events. Direct all correspondence regarding the event to:

Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point

4208 Pace Street, Unit C

North Charleston, SC 29405

Telephone 843 628 5900

Email: info@charlestonraceweek.com

Event/Race Director Randy Draftz

23. Event Name and Rights

23.1. Any commercial or editorial reference to the event must use the official regatta's name Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point. A commercial video must be licensed by Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point. 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.

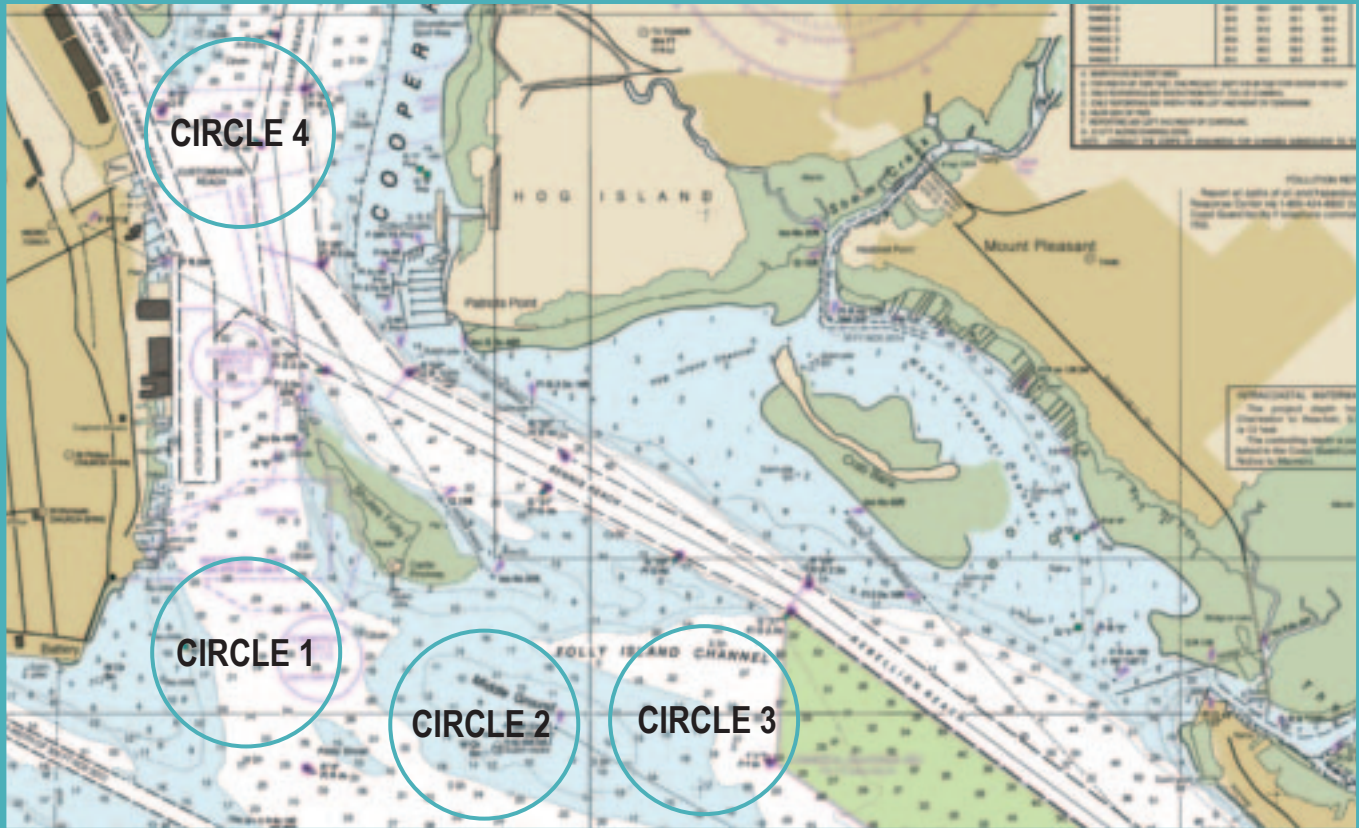
23.2. Television and Photographer's Rights Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.

23.3. Please periodically check the event website and sign up for the event email list. Events and schedules may change. Please ensure each individual planning to attend these festivities has a Shoreside Event Pass.

Attachment A

RACE CIRCLES 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and Pursuit Courses will be available within their sailing instructions.

CIRCLE LOCATIONS



PURSUIT AND ORC COURSES

