

Charleston to Bermuda Yacht Race May 29 – June 6, 2009

NOTICE OF RACE

1.0 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) for the 2009 Charleston to Bermuda Yacht Race is the South Carolina Maritime Foundation, Charleston, South Carolina, USA.

2.0 RULES

2.1. The race will be governed by the 2009-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), and the 2008-2009 ISAF Special Regulations for Offshore and Oceanic Racing Category 1, except as any of these are changed by the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

3.0 ADVERTISING: Advertising will be restricted to Category C.

4.0 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:

4.1. This regatta is open to all single- or multi-hulled sailing vessels with a minimum LOA of 30 feet having inboard auxiliary power, manned by an eligible captain and crew as defined in Section 5 and meeting all safety requirements of Section 9.

4.2. Division - Expected racing divisions will be PHRF racing, PHRF cruising with spinnaker, PHRF main and jibs only, and IRC. A possible Classic Division may develop as entries are received. It is our intention at this time for the *Spirit of South Carolina* tall ship to attend the race. For any other interested classic yachts, please contact the OA. In the event of multiple classes within a division, the Race Committee will base class splits to best optimize class size and competitiveness.

4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the Entry Form which will be available on the web site (www.charlestontobermuda.com) with the option to pay online through PayPal or by sending the Entry Form, together with the Required Fee, to Charleston to Bermuda Race, PO Box 22405, Charleston, SC 29413 USA by May 22, 2009. Upon accepted registration, the additional forms required at check-in (Section 7) will be available online. No entries will be accepted after May 22, 2009.

5.0 Captain and Crew Requirements:

5.1 Captains must be current members of US Sailing or their national authority.

5.2 The captain (1) and navigator or watch captain (2) shall complete an Offshore

Experience Form and submit these to the Organizing Authority with the Registration Form for approval.

5.3 Thirty percent (30%) of any boat's crew shall have attended a Safety at Sea Seminar sanctioned by US Sailing within three years prior to the start of the race.

The term "captain" as used in this Notice of Race means the person, whether or not owner of the registered boat, designated on the registration form as such and who is in charge of the boat during the race. The captain is responsible for the boat, its handling and safety, the conduct of the crew before and after, as well as during the race, and compliance with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

6. FEES

The Entry Fee consists of a fee for the yacht and captain and an additional fee for each crew member. The yacht fee is \$600 and is due at the time of application or by February 27, 2009, whichever is earlier. You must add \$40 for each crew member (beyond the captain) to calculate your total amount. After February 27, 2009, the yacht fee increases to \$800. Your payment must be received by the OA for your acceptance process to begin. The complete Entry Fee will provide captain and crew members entry to several evening events as detailed in Section 7.

The Entry Fee is not refundable once your entry has been accepted but will be returned promptly if your entry is not accepted. The Entry Fee includes evening events for captain and crew May 26, May 28, and June 6, plus a weather/Gulf Stream briefing at the Captains' Meeting, and a satellite tracking system. Additional evening tickets will be available for sale prior to the event. The tracking device will be issued on loan against a credit card deposit. It is the responsibility of the boat owner and/or captain to return the tracker to the OA in Bermuda.

7.0 SCHEDULE:

Date:	Time:	Activity:
February 27	2400	Deadline for early registration
March 8	0830-1700	Safety at Sea seminar, Charleston, SC
May 22	2400	Last date and time for registration
May 23	2400	Deadline for boat in Charleston Harbor
May 23-24	1000-1700	Measurement and Safety Checklist Review
May 27	1300-1600	Check In (Mandatory) or
May 28	0900-1200	Check In (Mandatory)

Each captain (or one designated crew member) shall report to the Race Headquarters at the SCMF Downtown Charleston Office, 480 East Bay St., Suite F during these times to complete the following tasks (some of which may have been submitted online):

- Complete and submit the Waiver of Liability & Onboard Training Certificate;*
- Complete and submit Final Crew List;*
- Provide completed Equipment Inspection Check List;*
- Receive Sailing Instructions; and*
- Receive customs and immigration forms/information.*

May 26 1800 Welcome Reception

May 28 1300 Captain's Meeting (Mandatory for captain or one designated crew member) :

Each captain or designated crew member in captain's absence shall report to the Race Headquarters at the Charleston Harbor Resort & Marina in Mt. Pleasant, SC for the Captain's Meeting to provide any and all revised, updated or missing submittal information as required by Section 11.1 above.

May 28 1800 C2B Bon Voyage

May 29 1150 Warning Signal for first Division

June 6 1800 Awards Ceremony at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club

8.0 MEASUREMENTS AND PHRF RATINGS:

8.1 The Measuring Committee - The OA Measuring Committee shall have full authority to determine suitability of any boat for entry into a particular division.

8.2 Ratings - Boats will be assigned a race specific PHRF rating by the Official Measurer of the Organizing Authority. IRC certificate will be required for those racing IRC.

8.3 Point of Contact - To obtain a race specific rating entrants should contact the SCMF office and Danny Havens at (843) 722-1030 x18 or dhavens@scmaritime.org providing basic boat information. Instructions will be given about any further information to be submitted. This information should be received as soon as possible after acceptance or registration but no later than 5 days after the registration deadline.

9.0 SAFETY

9.1 **ISAF Special Regulations** - All boats shall comply with the 2008-2009 ISAF Special Regulations for Offshore and Oceanic Racing Category 1 including US Sailing prescriptions. However, the requirement of OSR3.29.1 b)ii (it shall have a masthead antenna, and co-axial

feeder with not more than 40% power loss) is suggested but the use of Type RG8U cable is not a requirement for the Charleston to Bermuda Race.

9.2 Appendix A - All boats shall comply with the Charleston to Bermuda Race Additional Requirements contained in Appendix A of this Notice of Race.

10.0 SCORING

Scoring will be based on PHRF corrected times over distance of all finishing boats and IRC regulations. The distance of 777.12 nautical miles will be used in the scoring calculations.

11.0 AWARDS Trophies will be awarded in each Division, one for every three boats entered up to a maximum of three trophies per Division. All boats finishing the race will be awarded a participation plaque.

12.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The South Carolina Maritime Heritage Foundation, the Charleston Ocean Racing Association, and the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club 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. The captain's responsibility is as set out in the 2008-2009 ISAF Special Regulations for Offshore and Oceanic Racing Category 1 including US Sailing prescriptions and as defined on the registration forms.

13.0 FURTHER INFORMATION

For all race inquiries or for further information contact:

Charleston to Bermuda Race, PO Box 22405 Charleston, SC 29413

(843) 722-1030 fax: 843-722-2243

Internet address: <http://www.charlestontobermuda.com>

e-mail: dhavens@scmaritime.org

***NOTE:** Fleet refers to the entire body of entrants, Division refers to a group racing in a particular racing area and Class refers to groups of boats within a division.*

APPENDIX A: ADDITIONAL REQUIREMENTS

In addition to the 2008-2009 ISAF Special Regulations for Offshore and Oceanic Racing Category 1 including US Sailing prescriptions, all boats shall comply with the following:

1. A minimum of 5 US gallons (19 liters) of fresh water shall be carried for each person aboard.
2. The requirement of OSR3.29.1 b)ii (it shall have a masthead antenna, and co-axial feeder with not more than 40% power loss) is suggested but the use of Type RG8U cable is not a requirement for the Charleston to Bermuda Race.
3. A properly registered 406 MHz EPIRB shall be carried.
4. Boats shall carry:
 - A fully charged hand held VHF transceiver designated as waterproof by the manufacturer;
 - A 25-watt marine VHF transceiver with a permanently installed masthead antenna
 - A marine SSB transceiver OR a global satellite telephone
 - Both the VHF and SSB transceivers shall have permanently installed antennas plus provision for emergency antennas. The SSB must be equipped to operate on the following USB frequencies in kHz: Usage Channel Tx Rx Designation Type; Emergency ITU 000 2182 2182 Simplex; USCG Working 2670 2670 Simplex; USCG Working ITU 816 8240 8764 Duplex; Reporting & Intership ITU 218 2096.5 2096.5 2 Charlie Simplex; Reporting & Intership ITU 452 4149 4149 4 Bravo Simplex; Reporting & Intership ITU 652 6227 6227 6 Bravo Simplex.
 - A tracking device provided by the race administration to be mounted and used as prescribed by the OA.
 - The tracking device will be issued on loan against a credit card deposit. The captain and owner of the vessel undertakes at his own expense to return the tracker to the OA in Bermuda.
 - A SSB receiver for weather
 - Sufficient fuel to provide a cruising range of at least 100 miles shall be on board after finishing.

The captain of each boat shall, prior to the Captains meeting on May 28, 2009, conduct actual training drills, including man overboard, setting the storm trysail, and a walkthrough of

procedures for abandoning ship, dismasting, and steering loss. At least 80 percent of the race crewmembers must be aboard for these drills. Participating crew shall sign the On Board Training Certificate supplied upon registration and it shall be submitted to the RC at the Captain's meeting.

12.0 MANDATORY SAFETY EQUIPMENT VERIFICATION

12.1 Equipment Check List Review– The captain of each boat is responsible for ensuring that all equipment is in serviceable condition, stored appropriately, and that the crew is trained in its deployment and/or use. Each captain shall be required to inspect his/her boat and its equipment. The captain of each boat shall complete and submit the Equipment Check List Review provided by the OA as part of the race package.

12.2 Certificate of Compliance - The captain shall complete, sign, and submit a Certification of Compliance (Appendix C) as outlined in the 2008-2009 ISAF Special Regulations for Offshore and Oceanic Racing Category 1. The Certification of Compliance shall be submitted to the RC after finishing the race and along with the boat's finishing time.

12.3 Equipment Check List Reviews - All competing boats must be in Charleston Harbor by May 23, 2009 and report their location to the OA by calling (843) 722-1030. The OA will perform check list reviews; these reviews are a courtesy and it remains the captain's responsibility to comply with all requirements. The captain or a knowledgeable designee must be aboard for this inspection. The purpose of the inspection is to visually verify the presence of required items and will not construe endorsement of any items with respect to condition or fitness for use.

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