



2018 Charleston Yacht Club
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Charleston Yacht Club (ChYC), Organizing Authority (OA)
17 Lockwood Drive
Charleston, SC 29401

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the Thistle Class Association (TCA) Class rules.

1.2 US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 40, 61.4, 67, 76.1 and 82 will apply.

1.3 As allowed by RRS 88.2, the US Sailing prescriptions to 63.4 do not apply.

1.4 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI), the SIs shall apply.

1.5 The notation "[DP]" in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

1.6 The notation "[NP]" in a rule in these Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1.7 The TCA has designated this regatta as a Blue Chevron event.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the window of the Jury Room at ChYC.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 Any change to the SIs will be posted 2 hours prior to the first warning signal on the day it will take effect.

3.2 Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 the day before it will take effect.

3.3 Oral changes to these SIs may be given on the water by hail from the Signal boat in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Changes communicated must be made before the warning signal.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole located on the upper back deck of ChYC.

4.2 When code flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' in race signal AP is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes'.

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Five (5) races are scheduled over two (2) consecutive days.

Friday, June 22, 2018

1200-1600 On the water coaching with Greg Fisher

1700-1800 Debrief with Greg Fisher at NORTH SAILS - Charleston

1800-1845 Competitor check-in at NORTH SAILS - Charleston

1900-2200 Social event at Salty Mikes Deck Bar

Saturday, June 23, 2018

1000-1100 Competitor check-in at ChYC

1100 Competitors' Meeting at ChYC Flag room

1300 Warning signal for the first race - additional races to follow

1800 ChYC Waterfront Deck Cookout

Sunday, June 24, 2018

0900 Competitors' Briefing at ChYC

1100 Warning signal for the first race - additional races to follow

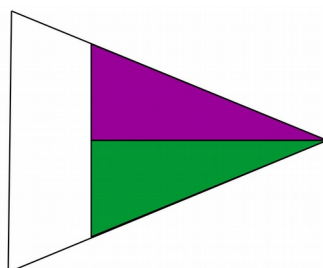
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Awards to follow in ChYC Flag Room

5.2 Two (2) races are required to constitute a regatta.

6. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a pennant consisting of the TCA colors similar to:



7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the Charleston Harbor, southeast of the Battery.

8. COURSES

8.1 As approved by the TCA, the diagram in Attachment A shows the courses.

8.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee (RC) Signal boat will display the course with an approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

9. MARKS

9.1 Mark 1 will be an orange tetrahedron, mark 1a will be an orange ball, marks 2S and 2P will be orange tetrahedrons.

9.2 A new mark 1, when used in accordance with SI 11, will be a yellow tetrahedron and will not have an associated mark 1a.

9.3 The starting marks will be RC boats at each end of the starting line.

9.4 The finishing marks will be RC boats at each end of the finish line or a RC boat and a white ball.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks.

10.3 RC may broadcast starting information, countdowns and boats OCS on the VHF channel designated in the Radio Communication portion of these SIs. Failure to make or receive such broadcasts or the order of transmission shall not be grounds for redress. This change is added to the end of RRS 62.1(a).

10.4 Prior to the warning signal of a race, the RC will hoist its orange starting line flags.

11. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1 A course change to the next leg of the course will be signaled according to RRS 33 using red and green flags and + and - boards. This changes RRS 33(a)(2).

11.2 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

11.3 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the RC boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the RC boat to starboard.

12. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Signal boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

13.2 Boats failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat in a race sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE "Time Limit Expired" and will receive points for their finishing place one more than the last boat to finish, but not worse than DNF. This instruction changes rule 35, 63.1, A4, and A5.

14. PROTESTS

14.1 A boat intending to protest about an incident that occurs in the racing area shall notify the finish boat of her intention, including the sail number of the boat being protested. This changes RRS 61.

14.2 The protest time limit and the time limit for a request for redress based on an incident in the racing area will be 60 minutes after the RC Signal boat docks which will be posted on the Official Notice Board where protest forms will be available. This changes RRS 62.2

14.3 Protests shall be delivered to a protest committee representative in the ChYC Jury Room which is the meeting room at the Official Notice Board.

14.4 The protest notices required by RRS 63.2, and the notification of protests by the RC or the protest committee required by RRS 61.1(b), will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible after a protest has been delivered, but not later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit.

14.5 RRS Appendix V will apply. Starting at the second sentence, V2 is changed to: "A boat takes a post-race penalty by delivering a written statement to the Head Judge that she accepts the post-race penalty. The statement must identify the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c). However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and in order to take this penalty, the statement must be delivered within the protest time limit."

15. SCORING

The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply, except that no race score will be excluded.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 [DP, NP] When the anchored RC Signal boat displays flag L, competitors shall come within hail and check in by hailing their sail numbers until acknowledged by the RC. Only the RC may protest alleged breaches of this SI. This changes RRS 60.1.

16.2 [DP, NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC prior to leaving the racing area. If this is not possible, she shall notify a ChYC Staff or RC Member upon arriving ashore.

17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

17.1 Substitution of crews will not be permitted without the prior written approval of the RC. No substitution of skippers is permitted.

17.2 The same boat, equipment and sails shall be used throughout the regatta. Substitutions will not be permitted without the prior written approval of the RC.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

18.1 All radio communications between the RC and the competitors shall be on VHF channel 69.

18.2 [DP, NP] Competitors may receive VHF radio transmissions from the RC concerning safety and general information to assist in the management of the event. This does not in any way alter a competitor's responsibility to observe the RC's visual signals which shall govern the conduct of the racing. Use of any other electronic communication devices, including cellular phones, is strictly prohibited.

18.3 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 restriction does not apply when a crew member may place or receive calls of a personal nature that do not involve the exchange of information which could affect the boat's outcome in a race.

19. PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top (5) skippers and crews.

19.2 As a Blue Chevron event and per the TCA Class rules, the top (5) overall finishers qualify to participate in the 2018 Thistle Nationals.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this regatta at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The ChYC, OA, sponsors, RC, Officers and Executive Committee of ChYC, and all those involved in these organizations will not accept Liability/Responsibility for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during and after this regatta.

21. Further Information

Regatta contacts and for further information:

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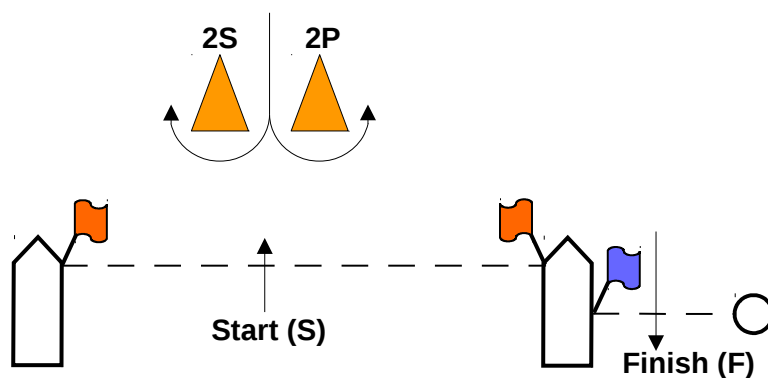
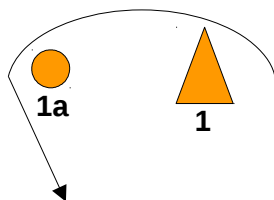


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Attachment A – Courses (not to scale)



Course 1 (one lap): S-1-1a-F

Course 2 (two laps): S-1-1a-2S/2P-1-1a-F