

**Charleston Open**  
**Hosted by Carolina Yacht Club and Charleston Community Sailing**  
**September 28, 2019**  
**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1. RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020, the prescriptions of US SAILING, the ISSA Procedural Rules, the SAISA Supplemental Rules 2018, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions. In the event of a conflict between the governing documents and the Sailing Instructions the latter shall take precedence.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

2.1 Notices will be posted on the official Notice Board which will be described at the Skipper's Meeting.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

3.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made at any time and posted on the Official Notice Board.

3.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water by a hail from the Signal Boat in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Changes must be made before the warning signal.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main dock at the sailing area.

4.2 When code flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 15 minutes" in the RRS Race Signal "AP."

**5. BOATS**

5.1 Eighteen 420's will be provided. Additional boats will be provided by competitors.

5.2 Competitors shall report any **damage, contact between boats, or loss of equipment**, however slight, to the OA representative immediately after returning the boat to shore.

**6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1 Saturday: Skippers Meeting will be at 9:30am at CCS dock, Charleston City Marina, with racing immediately after.

**7. RACING AREA**

Racing will be in Charleston harbor adjacent to the Carolina Yacht Club, 50 East Bay Street, or in the Ashley River adjacent to Brittlebank Park, 0 Lockwood Blvd.

**8. COURSES**

8.1 Appendix 1 shows the courses. The course number to be sailed will be posted on the Signal boat.

**9. Marks**

9.1 Marks will be as follows: Mark 1,2s and 2p will be yellow tetrahedrons. The start/finish mark and Mark 1a will be a reddish-orange ball.

**10. THE START**

10.1 Races will be started using the Appendix U – Audible-Signal Racing System.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

10.3 A boat shall not start more than 3 minutes after the starting signal.

10.4 Individual recalls will be signaled by a display of Code Flag X with an accompanying sound signal. Individual boats will be hailed by **sail number** if possible. Code Flag X will remain hoisted until all boats have started properly, or for a period of no less than 2 minutes. Failure of a boat to hear the hail or sound signal shall not be grounds for redress.

10.5 After a General Recall, the "Round-the-Ends Rule" provisions of RRS 30.1 shall apply. Flag I need not be displayed. (This changes RRS 30.1.)

10.6 JV boats will start with the Varsity fleet but not be included in overall scoring.

**11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE** Marks may be moved in accordance with ISSA-PR 7.7(c).

**12. THE FINISH**

12.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the nearby finishing mark.

12.2 If one or more boats are unreasonably delaying the completion of a race, the race committee may score the boat(s) in place and terminate the race. This changes rules 35 and A4.

**13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the penalty is one full turn instead of two.

13.2 The penalty for breaking instruction 5.2 (failure to report damage), unless the protest committee is satisfied that the competitor made a determined effort to comply, will be disqualification from the race most recently sailed.

**14. TIME LIMIT:**

14.1 The time limit will be 30 minutes for the first boat to finish.

14.2 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat will be scored DNF.

**15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 Protest procedures will be in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rules. Protests should be filed as soon as sailors return to the dock. Hearings will take place between races.

15.2 The protest time limit will be the end of the final race unless the race committee has been notified of additional protests.

15.3 Appendix T4.2 is in effect for Redress.

**16. SCORING**

16.1 Scoring will be in accordance with ISSA-PR 9.

16.2 Three races in each division must be completed to constitute a regatta

**17. SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS**

Coaching will be in accordance with ISSA Procedural Rule 8.

**18. ENVIRONMENTAL AND SAFETY**

18.1 ISSA-PR 2.2 applies, requiring the wearing of approved PFDs.

18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

**19. RECORD OF PARTICIPATION:** Record of Participation information must be entered on-line to Techscore by the adult representative. The time limit to submit this information is 30 minutes after the completion of the last race. Failure to do so will be 20 points per Division added to the total team score. This changes RRS 63.1.

**20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** 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 prior to, during, or after the regatta.

