



COLLEGE of CHARLESTON SAILING

Welcome to the College of Charleston *J. Stewart Walker Sailing Center*, located in the *Charleston Harbor Resort and Marina* at 20 Patriots Point Rd. in Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464.



Sailing Center

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Directions

From peninsular Charleston and West Ashley Proceed east on Highway 17 North over the Arthur Ravenel Bridge over Cooper River/harbor. Toward end of bridge bear right (Hwy. 703/Coleman Blvd.) and remain in the right lane. Go 0.3 miles to the first traffic light (Shell gas station on the corner), turn right onto Patriots Point Blvd.

Go approximately 3/4 mile to the traffic circle and take the first right. Cross through the stop sign and enter a gravel parking lot. Park anywhere and take the pathway to the marina on the north side (far right towards the Yorktown). At the end of the path at the marina, turn right and the C of C complex will be on your left almost at the Yorktown.

From Mt. Pleasant From Highway 17 South, turn left onto Magrath Darby Blvd, continue through the intersection onto Patriots Point Blvd. Follow directions above.

From all areas north/west of Charleston, SC Take Interstate 26-East to exit 220 to Mt. Pleasant/Hwy. 17 North. Toward end of Arthur Ravenel Bridge, bear right and remain in the right lane. Go 0.3 miles to the first traffic light, turn right onto Patriots Point Blvd. Follow the directions above.

From all areas south of Charleston, SC Follow Highway 17 North through city of Charleston toward Mt. Pleasant. Merge onto Highway 17 via Exit 220 B toward Mt. Pleasant/Georgetown. Toward end of Arthur Ravenel Bridge, bear right (Hwy. 703/Coleman Blvd.) and remain in the right lane. Go 0.3 miles to the first traffic light, turn right onto Patriots Point Blvd. Follow the directions above.

Sailing venue and the J.Stewart Walker Complex

The College of Charleston sails in the Cooper River in the northwest corner of the Charleston Harbor, adjacent to the historic aircraft carrier, the Yorktown. We have 3 different sailing areas to choose from, depending on breeze and current. There is significant current in Charleston to say the least. In the picture above we may sail in the far upper right corner almost under the bridge, in “the marsh”. In

ideal conditions we will sail in center picture directly to the left of the Yorktown, in “The River”. Finally in lighter winds and especially heavy current, we’ll sail around the corner of the marina to the south (lower right in the picture) to “Crab Bank”. Rarely do we find less than acceptable sailing!

Our sailing center has a classroom, work room, ample dockage, an 18 boat fleet of 420’s, an 18 boat fleet of FJ’s, 8 Lasers, 10 J/22’s and 5 power boats. *We offer plenty of potable cold water but we unfortunately do Not have a restroom on site.* So if you’re in need, please stop at the Marina office center at the far left/south end of the marina or at the gas dock at the end of the first finger pier once you turn right towards the J. Stewart Sailing Center.



Weather

Normally the temperature ranges from the upper 40’s/low 50’s in the dead of winter (December/January) to the mid 90’s in mid-summer. In the hottest summer months, usually a southerly 10-15 knot southerly sea breeze will cool things down by 1-2pm. In the spring (April/May), some of the very best sailing takes place in Charleston normally with southerly breeze of 8-12 and temps in the upper 70’s. Fall can be a little lighter but it is rare that it’s

too light to sail. *Of course here is the disclaimer:* - once a predicted “normal” weather pattern is put to print it will never materialize!

Sailflow Charleston Harbor-- <http://www.sailflow.com/windandwhere.iws?regionID=111&siteID=1179&Isection=Forecast+Graphs>

Windalert (for both breeze and tide)-- <http://www.windalert.com/spot/92445>

Hotels close by the Sailing Center

There are a number of different hotels close by the sailing Center at Patriots Point of varying rates and amenities. Some offer nice discounts if College of Charleston Sailing is mentioned at check in.

Charleston Harbor Resort- 843 856 0028 20 Patriots Point Rd. (the resort at our marina)

Embassy Suites Chas Harbor- 843 981 5700 100 Ferry Wharf Rd. (very close)

Hampton Inn – 843 881 3300 255 Sessions Way.

Holiday Inn Express – 843 375 2600 350 Johnnie Dodds Blvd.

Holiday Inn - 843 884-6000 250 Johnnie Dodds Blvd.

Mainstay Hotel – 843 881 1722 400 McGarth Darby Blvd.

Other valuable stops within 10 minutes of the Sailing Center

Harris Teeter Grocery 920 Houston Northcutt. **Whole Food Grocery** 923 Houston Northcutt **Walgreens** 389 Jonnie Dodds Blvd

Zip’s Car care 412 West Coleman **Staples** 845 Houston Northcutt **West Marine** 1440 Ben Sawyer Blvd

Jersey Mike’s Sub 280 West Coleman **Baskin Robins** 278 West Coleman **Kickin’ Chicken** 249 West Coleman

Juanita Greenberg 410 West Coleman **Reds Ice House** 980 Church St **Waters Edge (upper end restaurant)** Shrimp Boat Lane

Vickery’s (Medium priced restaurant) Shrimp Boat Lane