

2017 CORA Ocean Challenge Series

Charleston Ocean Racing Association, Charleston, SC
Chatham Sailing Club, Savannah, GA

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* for 2017-2020 (“RRS”) and the CORA Uniform Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 The 2016-2017 World Sailing Special Regulations for Offshore and Oceanic Racing Category 3 will apply, except for the Sherriff’s and Alice Cup races, which will be Category 5. For the purpose of RRS 79 and Appendix 1 this race is designed Category “C”.
- 1.3 In the case of a conflict between the CORA Uniform Sailing Instructions and these sailing instructions, this document will take precedence.
- 1.4 Appendix T1 of the RRS will apply.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 Eligibility requirements for boats are a minimum length overall of twenty four (24) feet.
- 2.2 All competing boats must have a current PHRF rating certificate, have auxiliary power, and be manned by an eligible captain and crew. CORA boats competing in this Series must be manned by members in good standing and have paid all CORA dues.

3 CLASSES

- 3.1 Classes are as follows:

Class A:

Boats whose upwind SA/D is below 30.0 and whose adjusted PHRF spinnaker rating is 132 or below, and boats whose upwind SA/D is 30.0 or above and whose spinnaker rating is 57 or below.

Class B:

Boats whose upwind SA/D is 30.0 or below and whose adjusted PHRF spinnaker rating is above 132.

Class C:

Boats whose D/L is 200 and above, or whose upwind SA/D is 17.5 and below and do not choose to sail in Class A or B.

Class D:

Boats who elect NOT to race with a spinnaker (see Appendix A of the CORA PHRF Policies and Procedures for non-spinnaker rating adjustments)

Class Flags are: A: Pink, B: Green, C: Yellow, D: Light Blue

4 **SCHEDULE OF RACES**

The 2017 CORA Offshore Challenge Series will consist of six (6) races, with two (2) being overnight races. There will be one (1) throw out allowed if all six (6) races are sailed. To be eligible for a Series Trophy a competitor must complete at least one overnight race, or in the case of Bravo Class, at least one “Sprint” race.

Scheduled races include:

Spring Ocean Race	February 25, 2017
Indigo Cup	May 12, 2017
Sherriff’s Cup	June 10-11
Savannah Cup	August 25, 2017
Alice Cup	September 16-17, 2017
Fall Ocean Race	October 21, 2017

See CORA website (www.charlestonoceanracingassociation.com) for preliminary individual race Sailing Instructions containing course information for each race.

5 **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Final Sailing Instructions for each race will be available on the CORA website no later than 14 days prior to the event.

6 **RACE AREA:**

- 6.1 The race area will be Charleston Harbour, the Atlantic Ocean, Winyah Bay and the North Edisto River.
- 6.2 Potential courses will be outlined in the Sailing Instructions. Courses will be announced prior to the start of the race.

7 **SCORING**

- 7.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the *RRS* will apply.
- 7.2 Scoring will be based on PHRF corrected times as follows:
PHRF Time-on-Time method for Spring and Fall Ocean races, Indigo Cup and Savannah Cup. PHRF Time-on-Distance for the Sherriff’s Cup and Alice Cup.
- 7.3 Scoring will be pursuant to *RRS* A9, whereby boats that came to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired or were disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that come to the starting area. A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the Series. At the end of the Series the boat with the lowest point count wins the Series.

8 **PENALTY SYSTEM**

Sections of Appendix T will be in effect: Rules of Appendix T that will be used in this regatta will be elaborated in the sailing instructions.

8.2 CORA Uniform Sailing Instructions 14 will apply to all protests.

9. AWARDS

9.1 Series Awards will be given to the first, second, and third place boats per class.

10 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

10.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

11 FURTHER INFORMATION

11.1 For further information please contact CORA Rear Commodore Andy Guhl at aguhl@comcast.net.