



Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point

40 Patriots Point Road, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464

April 16th, 17th, 18th & 19th, 2026

(Version 4) February 18, 2026

Notice of Race

The Organizing Authority of Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point is CRW Events.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), and the Charleston Race Week (CRW) PHRF procedures, which are posted on the race management website <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50472>.
- 1.2. The notation "[DP]" in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 1.3. The protest committee may impose penalties less than disqualification [DP] for violations of the Class Rules and racing rules other than those of RRS Part 1 and Part 2.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5. For the VxOne, Melges24 and J70 classes only.
 - 1.5.1 The RC will utilize the Vakaros Race Sense system
 - 1.5.2 Each boat shall have a Vakaros Atlas 2 device configured for RaceSense at check-in. Atlas 2s will be available to rent.
 - 1.5.3 All teams must have an active RaceSense license
 - 1.5.4 A set of instructions about the use of the electronic device will be posted on the Official Notice Board under documents.
- 1.6. The International J/70 Class Event Rules Part III (sections, I.2, I.3, I.4, I.10, and I.12 will apply).
- 1.7. The 2026 ORC Rating and IMS rules will apply for ORC classes and the ORC Sportboat rules for this class.
- 1.8. RRS Appendix G3 (CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS) will apply.
- 1.9. RRS Appendixes T and V for Circles 1,2,3,4 and 5 will apply.
- 1.10. Pursuit Class- The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply.
- 1.11. This Notice of Race may be updated and posted on the event's website. The version date will be updated when changes are made and posted.

- 1.12. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules as allowed.
 - 1.13. "RRS 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: "(2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or".
2. Advertising
 - 2.1 Advertising shall conform to the current World Sailing Regulation 20 and each boat's Class Rules.
 - 2.2. Boats may be required to display identification numbers and sponsor's advertising for the duration of the event. The Organizing Authority (OA) will supply these items free of charge at registration.
 - 2.3 Boats not bearing the event bow sticker (when required) on both sides are subject to protest by the race committee only. [DP]
 - 2.4 Competitors are requested to respect the brand exclusivity of our Official Sponsors; their participation enhances the event for all competitors.
3. Eligibility & Entry
 - 3.1 Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point is open to one-design keelboats between 19–50 feet LOA, ORC, and PHRF monohull boats 24–80 feet LOA, and multi-hulls 24–70 feet LOA between hull perpendiculars.
 - 3.2 The entry deadline is 2400 EDT on April 12, 2026. Entries received after 2400 EDT will be considered on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. Registration will be available online <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50472>
 - 3.3 A completed online entry, waiver form, and the entry fee shall be received by 2400 EDT January 31, 2026, to receive a \$100.00 early discount. Entry acknowledgement will be sent to valid entrants shortly after the entry receipt. All registrations shall be complete and final.
 - 3.4 The PHRF Consortium will assign PHRF ratings for this event. The procedures to be followed to obtain an event-specific rating are described in the CRW PHRF procedures, which can be found on the event website.
 - 3.5 ORC entries with a valid 2026 ORCi or ORC Club certificate are invited and must enter by April 3, 2026. The measurement data for their certificates shall be submitted to the CAN or USA rating offices by this date. Certificates for all ORC entries shall be issued before 1800 (EDT) on FRIDAY, April 10, 2026. For more information on how to obtain an ORC certificate, visit www.USSAILING.org/competition/offshore/orc or <https://www.orc-canada.org>.
 - 3.6 ORC A technical committee will be appointed under RRS 89.2 (c) to resolve any rating or certificate issues related to ORC certificates.
 - 3.7 Pursuit Class Boats will be divided into spinnaker, non-spinnaker, classes.
 - 3.8 Pursuit Classes are intended for cruiser/racers with a displacement length ratio over 145 or an upwind sail area to displacement ratio of under 24 and maximum rating of 270. Entry to the Pursuit Class will be considered on a case-by-case basis.
 - 3.9 Multi-hull Classes. A multi-hull class using PHRF, or Class rules, will be provided if there is sufficient interest. A minimum of five boats is needed to give a start on one of the offshore circles. Entry to the Pursuit Class will be considered on a case-by-case basis. The minimum length is 24 feet, and the maximum length is 70 feet, measured between hull perpendiculars and must be suitable for offshore sailing.

3.10 ORC Sportboats: Boat racing for prizes in the ORC Sportboat North American Championship must fit the following criteria:

3.11 LOA: 6.00-10.00 m

3.12 Max DSPM in measurement trim: 2300 kg

3.13 DSPM/Length ratio (DSPM/LSMO³ <3.70)

3.14 ORC Sportboat Class divisions will be determined from the entries and will not be fewer than three.

4. Crew Limits

4.1 All boats shall race with the same crew in all races on circles 1,2,3,4, and 5.

Any crew change request must be submitted to the Race Director via email to info@charlestonraceweek.com or in writing by 0700 the day of the race.

4.2 Pursuit Class only: Boats may vary the crew from day to day. Boats shall declare to the RC/OA the number of persons on board and the names of the crew before 0700 on each race day. The crew list may be sent via email to info@charlestonraceweek.com.

4.3 All boats shall be sailed by at least three persons on Circles 1 through 5 and two people for the Course Pursuit Class, and the VX One class.

4.4 Entries in ORC classes shall comply with the Crew Weight limits listed on their certificate.

5. Other Rules & Requirements

5.1. All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio.

5.2. At all times, boats shall monitor and keep clear of commercial traffic. Boats that hinder commercial traffic to the point of five horns shall be subject to protest by the race committee. [DP]

6. Fees

6.1. The entry fee shall accompany the completed entry application. Registrations are incomplete, and applications will not be accepted without entry fees.

6.2. The entry fees are based on the LOA and are as follows:

6.2.1.	Tier 1	VX One	\$500.00
6.2.2.	Tier 2	(20-24 Feet)	\$575.00
6.2.3.	Tier 3	(25-29 Feet)	\$625.00
6.2.4.	Tier 4	(30-37 Feet)	\$700.00
6.2.5.	Tier 5	(38-44 Feet)	\$750.00
6.2.6.	Tier 6	(45-50 Feet)	\$800.00
6.2.7.	Tier 7	(51-80 Feet)	\$850.00
6.2.8.	Tier 8 Sportboat North American Championship \$900.00		
6.2.9.	Additional classes are to be determined.		
6.2.10.	All boats are to be rounded to the lower number (i.e., 29.01' = 29' and 29.99' = 29') to determine LOA for the handicap classes.		

6.3. Other Fees

6.3.1. Early Discount: Completed registrations received by January 31, 2026, are eligible for a \$100.00 discount.

6.3.2. Cancellation Fee: All registrations shall be complete and final. Cancellations before March 14, 2026, will be handled on a case-by-case basis. As of March 31, 2026, registrations are non-refundable. All refunds will incur a \$50.00 processing fee.

- 6.3.3. Late Registration Fee: Registrations received after March 31, 2026, will be assessed a \$150.00 last-minute entry fee. Entries received after 2400 EDT April 13, 2026, will be considered on a case-by-case basis at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

7. Shoreside Passes

- 7.1. The Shoreside Event Pass provides entry to the Post Race Village on the USS Yorktown
- 7.2. April 16 – April 19, 2026 includes food and beverage on Thursday, Friday and Sunday, Saturday will be beverages only.
- 7.3. A Race Week Shoreside Event Pass will be required for each person's participation in any of the event's shoreside activities. Two Shoreside Event Passes will be provided with your boat's registration fee. Additional Shoreside Event Passes may be purchased online until March 14, 2025, for \$139.95. Passes will then be available online for \$155.00 until April 13, 2026. After April 13, passes will be available for purchase on-site at registration. Daily and children's passes will be available on-site for visitors and those wishing only to attend one evening.

8. Schedule

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

0800-1700: Registration Packet pick up landside

1730-1800: Skipper's Meeting & Reception, ORC Sportboats Only

Thursday, April 16, 2026

1030: First Warning Signal ORC Sportboats Distance Race

1200-1700: Registration Packet pick up landside

1730-1800: Skipper's Meeting

(USS Yorktown: Smokey Stover Memorial Theatre)

1815: PRO Meet & Greet

(USS Yorktown: On the Fantail)

1800-2100: Opening Party

(USS Yorktown: Hangar Bay 2 & 3 — Mount Gay Rum Bar & PRO Meet & Greet, Food, Live music)

Friday, April 17, 2026

1030: Pursuit Class Warning Signal

1100: Inshore (Circles 1-2-3-4) Warning Signal

1200: Offshore Circle 5 Warning Signal

1800-2100: Race Debriefs Mount Gay Rum Bar, Food

(USS Yorktown: Hangar Bay 2 & 3 — Mount Gay Rum Bar, Food)

Saturday, April 12, 2026

1030: Pursuit Class Warning Signal

1100: Inshore (Circles 1-2-3-4) Warning Signal

1200: Offshore Circle 5 Warning Signal

1800-2100: Race Debriefs Mount Gay Rum Bar, Food

(USS Yorktown: Hangar Bay 2 & 3 — Mount Gay Rum Bar, Music)

Sunday, April 13, 2026

1030: Pursuit Class Warning Signal
1100: Inshore (Circles 1-2-3-4) Warning Signal
1200: Offshore Circle 5 Warning Signal
1400: No warning signal after 14:00, all circles
16:00-18:00: Awards with food, Mount Gay Rum Bar, and beverages.
(USS Yorktown: Hangar Bay 2 & 3 — Mount Gay Rum Bar and Beverages)

9. Sailing Instructions

9.1. Sailing Instructions will be available April 4, 2026, on the Yacht Scoring Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point event page, and at Race Headquarters beginning on Thursday, April 10, 2026.

10. Courses

- 10.1. The regatta site for Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point will be Charleston Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean.
- 10.2. Attachment A shows the approximate location of the racing areas.
- 10.3. Inshore Race Courses – Circles 1, 2, 3 and 4
- 10.4. Ocean Race Courses – Circle 5/Area 6
- 10.5. The Pursuit Class will sail in area 6 and shall comply with WS Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 requirements.
- 10.6. Courses for each race area circle will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 10.7. Races on Circles 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be windward/leeward set by the Race Committee.
- 10.8. Races for the offshore ORC and PHRF classes on Circle Five, may include a distance leg back into the harbor. If conditions permit.
- 10.9. Races in area 6 for the Pursuit Class will be a longer single race per day with possible turning marks both inshore and offshore.
- 10.10. The ORC and select one design classes sailing on the offshore circle (Circle 5) shall comply with WS Offshore Special Regulations Category 4 requirements.
For more information, refer to www.Sailing.org/specialregs

11. Penalties & Hearings

- 11.1. Hearings will be conducted in accordance with the rules of RRS Part 5, Section B [Hearings & Making Decisions]
- 11.2. Arbitrations will be conducted in accordance with Appendix T [Arbitration].

12. Scoring

- 12.1. A maximum of eight races are scheduled for the offshore ORC and PHRF, three for the Pursuit Class, and a maximum of ten races are scheduled for the inshore circles. One completed race for each class shall constitute a series for each class.
- 12.2. If five or fewer races are completed, the score for each boat will be the sum of the scores for all races sailed; if six or more races are completed, one race will be discarded from each boat's score. This changes Appendix A2.1.
- 12.3. All inshore and offshore ORC classes will be scored using five band time on time ratings for the course configuration selected unless conditions dictate an alternative scoring option. The selection of wind range and course selection is at the sole discretion of the Race Committee and shall not be grounds for a boat to request

- redress. This changes RRS 61.4(b). Explanations of ORC scoring options can be found on the Scoring models page at <https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc/>.
- 12.4. For the ORC Sportboat Classes, the Short Distance Race is mandatory and non-discardable
 - 12.5 There shall be no changes to race or series scores resulting from action, including the correction of errors, initiated more than 24 hours after the protest time limit for the last race of the series (including a single-race series); being informed of a protest committee decision after the last race of the series, or the results are published. However, changes to scores shall be made resulting from a decision under RRS 6, 69, or 70.
13. **Support Boats**
 - 13.1 Support boats shall remain no less than 150 yards from the racecourse from the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals postponement, general recall, or abandonment.
 - 13.2 Failure of a support boat to register shall be considered a breach of RRS 2 (Fair Sailing) by the boats associated with support and are subject to protest. The penalty applied to the boat or boats associated with the support boat shall be at the discretion of the protest committee and shall not be excluded from their score. This changes RRS 63.2(c) and A2.
 - 13.3 Support boats shall carry a VHF radio tuned to the designated race circle VHF channel for the nearest circle and an assigned numbered yellow flag. Flags are available at registration.
 - 13.4 Support drivers shall have valid third-party liability insurance or the equivalent and provide proof upon request by the race committee or organizing authority.
 - 13.5 J/70 Class only:
 - 13.5.1 Individual support or coach boats shall not have contact of any nature: Communication by radio, telephone, internet, vocal signal, or visual signaling of any kind (i.e., tactical placement, use of flags and/or distinct colors of clothing).
 - 13.5.2 The transfer of crew, equipment, or supplies, with a registered racing boat, from the time the boat leaves its dock or mooring each day until the boat has finished racing for the day. Notwithstanding the preceding, late-arriving crew, food and drink may be transferred to a racing boat before the first race of the day.
 - 13.5.3 The crew may be transferred to a support or coach boat in the event of an unforeseen personal emergency.
 - 13.5.4 Infringements of this rule will result in a penalty to the boat associated with the support boat. Such penalty may be either penalty or disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.
 14. **Berthing, Slips & Docking**
 - 14.1. For further dockage instructions and information, see under logistics at <https://www.charlestonraceweek.com/racing>
 15. **Haul Out Restrictions**
 - 15.1. Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission from the Race Director. The VX One class and Melges 20 class are exempt due to limited dockage space.

16. Competitor Communications

- 16.1. All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio.
- 16.2. 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.

17. Prizes

- 17.1 ORC: One overall trophy will be awarded in each class for every three boats entered, up to a maximum of three trophies per class. The entry that wins the most competitive class will receive recognition on the Palmetto Cup Perpetual Trophy.
- 17.2 ORC Sportboats: The Winner of each class in the ORC Sportboats will receive a trophy and the title ORC Sportboat North American Champion for that class. Other podium finishers in each class will also receive awards. The best-placed team in each class with an all-amateur (World Sailing Group 1) crew will also receive a trophy and recognition as the Corinthian winner in each class.
- 17.3 One Design Classes: One overall trophy will be awarded in each class for every three boats entered, up to a maximum of three trophies per class. Additional Corinthian awards will be made available for the classes recognizing Corinthian teams within their class. The entry that wins the most competitive class will receive recognition on the Charleston Race Week Cup Perpetual Trophy.
- 17.4 PHRF: One overall trophy will be awarded for every three boats entered to a maximum of three trophies in each class.
- 17.5 The Jubilee Sportsmanship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the participant who displayed an outstanding example of good sportsmanship during Charleston Race Week. Ballots will be available for all participants.

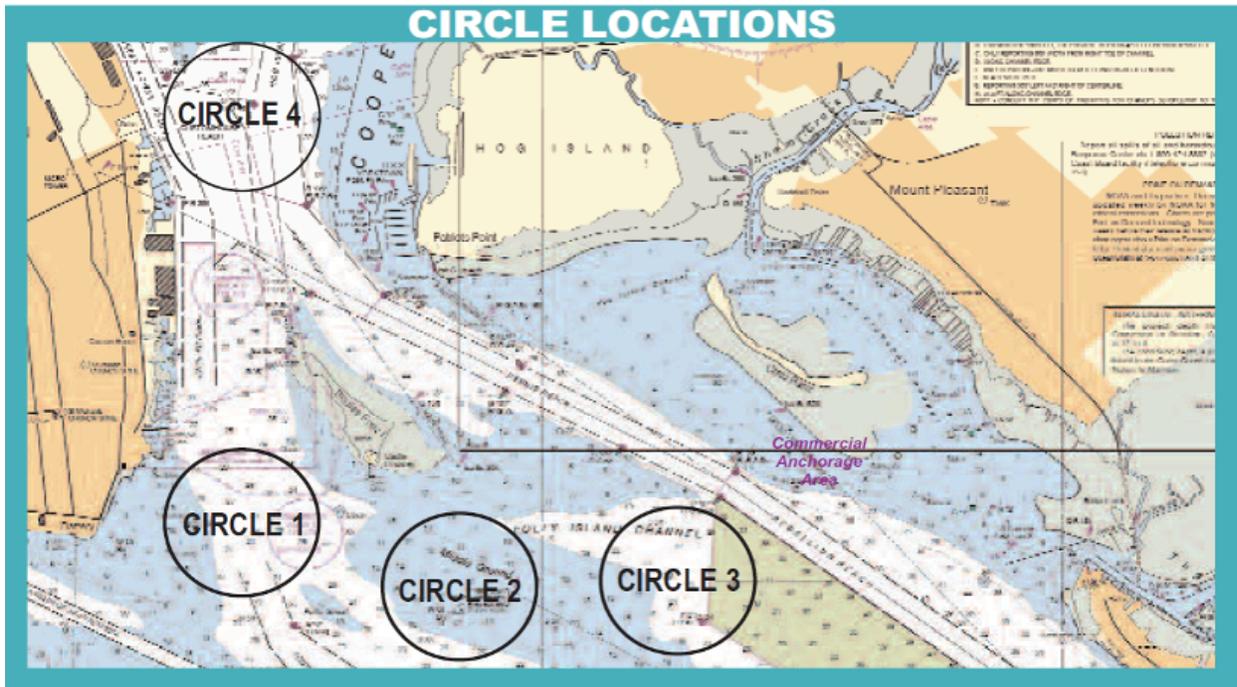
18. Disclaimer of Liability

- 18.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 3, DECISION TO RACE). The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or before, during, or after the regatta.
- 18.2 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper, who shall ensure that the boat is entirely sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced and physically able crew. Neither the establishment of regulations nor inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.
- 18.3 CRW Events, sponsors of the Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point, their employees, and volunteers do not accept responsibility for the loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel in any way or form any cause during or relating to this event.
- 18.4 The Skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of his crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property, or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer or Committee Member, the Skipper will be responsible for all damage, and the boat may be subject to protest, which may include disqualification from the regatta.

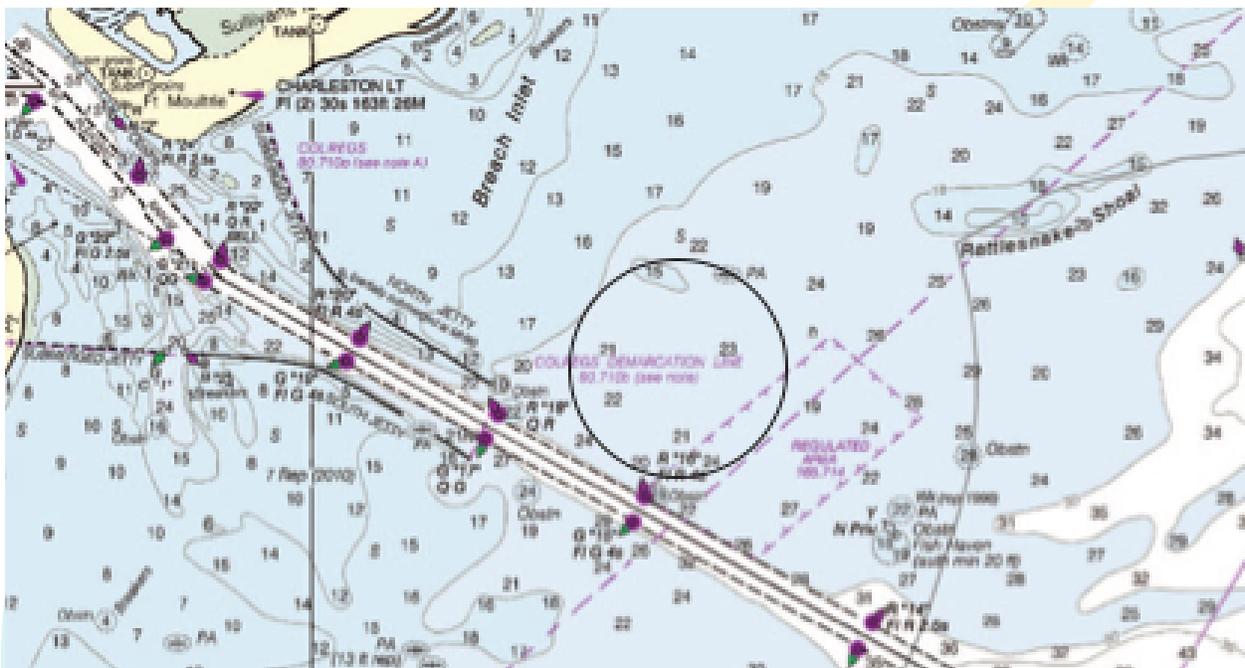
19. **Insurance**
 - 19.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of USD 300,000 per event or the equivalent.
20. **Amendments to the Notice of Race**
 - 20.1. Any amendments to the Notice of Race will be posted on the Yacht Scoring's Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point event page.
21. **General Information**
 - 21.1. Periodic updates and the latest information on the event will be posted on the Yacht Scoring's Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point event page and at charlestonraceweek.com
 - 21.2. Storage, Launching, Retrieving, and Setup
 - 21.2.1. Pre-and post-race storage details will be posted on the event website under logistics. Several local yacht clubs and boatyards are available for storage, launching, and retrieving. Greater details are available on the event website
 - 21.3. Accommodations
Hotels in Mt. Pleasant, SC | Interactive Hotel Guide (experiencemountpleasant.com)
22. **Event Management**
 - 22.1. The organizing authority for Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point 2026 is CRW Events LLC. Direct all correspondence regarding the event to:
Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point
4208 Pace Street, Unit C
North Charleston, SC 29405
Telephone 843 628 5900
Email: info@charlestonraceweek.com
Event/Race Director: Randy Draftz
23. **Event Name & Rights**
 - 23.1. Any commercial or editorial reference to the event must use the official regatta's name Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point. A commercial video must be licensed by Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point. Photographers and videographers must be registered with the event, display the appropriate flag, and respect the Race Committee's requests to keep clear of the competitors.
 - 23.2. Television and Photographer's Rights Competitors give absolute right and permission for video footage or photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial or advertising purposes.
 - 23.3. Please make sure to periodically check the event website and sign up for the event email list. Events and schedules may change. Please make sure each individual planning to attend these festivities have a Shoreside Event Pass.

Attachment A

Race Circles 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and Pursuit Courses will be available within their Sailing Instructions (SIs)



Circle 5



Sample of One of the Pursuit Courses

