Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point

40 Patriots Point Road, Mount Pleasant, SC 29464
April 22nd, 23rd, 24th and 25th, 2026
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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), The Equipment Rules of Sailing, the 2027 ORC Rules, and the Charleston Race Week (CRW) PHRF procedures, which are posted on the event website at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50997
   - 1.2. 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.
   - 1.3. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.
   - 1.4. The International J/70 Class Event Rules Part III (sections I.3 and I.4) will apply.
   - 1.5. RRS Appendix G3 (CHARTERED OR LOANED BOATS) will apply.
   - 1.6. RRS Appendices T and V for Circles 1, 2, 3, and 5 will apply.
   - 1.7. Pursuit Class – The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply.
   - 1.8. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules as allowed.
   - 1.9. 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".
   - 1.10. The Vakaros Race Sense System will be used in classes that already use the system and have the equipment to support it.

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 sponsors' advertising for the duration of the event by World Sailing Regulation 20. 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.

2.5. For any single contribution of $250 or more, CRW Events will issue a contemporaneous written acknowledgment (CWA) as required by IRC § 170(f)(8), stating the amount of the contribution, whether CRW Events provided any goods or services in return, and, if so, a description and good-faith estimate of their value, documenting the exact tax-deductible portion of the contribution.

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 19th, 2027. 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 at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50997 A completed online entry, waiver form, and the entry fee shall be received by 2400 EDT January 31, 2027, to receive a $100.00 early discount. Entry acknowledgment will be sent to valid entrants shortly after receipt of the entry. All registrations shall be complete and final.

3.3. 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.

3.4. ORC entries with a valid 2027 ORCi or ORC Club certificate are invited. ORC certificates must be applied for by Friday April 9th and issued before 1800 (EDT) on Friday, April 16th, 2027. For more information on obtaining an ORC certificate, visit www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc or for CAN entries contact ratings-ORC@bcsailing.bc.ca.

3.5. An ORC technical committee will be appointed under the RRS 89.2 (c) to resolve any issues related to ORC rules, ratings, scoring or certificates.

3.6. One-Design and ORC Sportboat class starts will be on Circles One, Two, Three and Five.

3.7. Pursuit Classes: Boats will be divided into spinnaker and 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. 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 it must be suitable for offshore sailing.

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 short blasts 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): $750.00

6.2.7. Tier 7 (51-80 Feet): $825.00

6.2.8. Additional classes are to be determined.

6.2.9. All boats will be rounded down to the nearest whole foot of LOA (i.e., 29.01′ = 29′ and 29.99′ = 29′) for determining LOA for the handicap classes.

6.2.10. Boats in Tiers 1, 2, 3, and 4 will receive two event passes with their registration. Boats in Tiers 5, 6, and 7 will receive three event passes with their registration.

6.3. Other Fees

6.3.1. Early Discount: Completed registrations received by January 31, 2027, are eligible for a $100.00 discount.

6.3.2. Cancellation Fee: All registrations shall be complete and final. Cancellations before March 16th, 2027 will be handled on a case-by-case basis. After March 31st, 2027, registrations are non-refundable. All refunds will incur a $50.00 processing fee.

6.3.3. Late Registration Fee: Registrations received after March 31st, 2027, will be assessed a $150.00 last-minute entry fee. Entries received after 2400 EDT April 19th, 2027, 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. The Shoreside Event Pass (April 22nd–April 25th, 2027) includes food on Friday evening and beverages on Thursday, Friday, and Sunday; Saturday is beverage-only, with food trucks on-site.

8. Schedule

Thursday, April 22nd 2027

1200-1700: Registration packet pick-up landside
1730-1800: Skipper's Meeting
(USS Yorktown: Smokey Stover Memorial Theatre)
1800-1930: Opening Cocktail Party
(USS Yorktown, near Smokey Stover Memorial Theatre: Mount Gay Rum Bar, and PRO Meet & Greet)

Friday, April 23rd 2027
1030: Pursuit Class Warning Signal
1100: Inshore (Circles 1-2-3) Warning Signal
1200: Offshore Circle 5 Warning Signal
1730-2000: Opening Race Night Dinner
(USS Yorktown: Race Debriefs, Mount Gay Rum Bar, Food)

Saturday, April 24th, 2027
1030: Pursuit Class Warning Signal
1100: Inshore (Circles 1-2-3) Warning Signal
1200: Offshore Circle 5 Warning Signal
1730-2000: Discover Sailing Night
(USS Yorktown: Mount Gay Rum Bar)

Sunday, April 25th, 2027
1030: Pursuit Class Warning Signal
1100: Inshore (Circles 1-2-3) Warning Signal
1200: Offshore Circle 5 Warning Signal
1400: No warning signal after 1400 on all courses.
1500-1800: Awards
(USS Yorktown: Mount Gay Rum Bar, Light Food)

9. Sailing Instructions
   9.1. Sailing Instructions will be available April 19th, 2027, on the Yacht Scoring Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point event page, and at Race Headquarters beginning on Thursday, April 22nd, 2027..

10. Courses
   10.1. The regatta site for Charleston Race Week at Patriots Point will be the Charleston Harbor and the Atlantic Ocean.
   10.2. Attachment A shows the approximate location of the racing areas.
   10.3. Inshore Racecourses – Circles 1, 2, 3
   10.4. Ocean Racecourses – 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. Plan to sail a longer single race per day around government buoys both inshore and offshore.
   10.6. Courses for each racing area will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.
   10.7. Races on Circles 1, 2, and 3 will be windward/leeward set by the Race Committee.
   10.8. Races for Circle 5 will be windward/leeward courses set by a race committee, with a distance leg back into the harbor, if conditions permit.

10.9. Races in area 6 for the Pursuit Class will be point-to-point type racing.

10.10. The ORC, PHRF, 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 & Decisions]

11.2. Arbitrations will be conducted in accordance with Appendix T [Arbitration].

12. Scoring

12.1. A maximum of eight races is scheduled for the offshore ORC, three for the Pursuit Class, and a maximum of ten races is scheduled for the inshore circles, one of which shall be completed to 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.

12.3. The inshore and offshore ORC classes will be scored using time-on-time ratings found on Page 2 of ORC USA and CAN certificates. Explanations of USA - CAN scoring options can be found on the Scoring explanation page at https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc/

12.4. There shall be no changes to race or series scores resulting from action, including the correction of errors, initiated more than 24 hours after (a) the protest time limit for the last race of the series (including a single-race series); (b) being informed of a protest committee decision after the last race of the series; or (c) the results are published. However, as an exception, 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 excludable from their score. This changes RRS 64.1(c) and A2.

13.3. Support boats shall carry a VHF radio tuned to the designated race circle VHF channel for the nearest circle.

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 to or from 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, is prohibited. 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 penalties 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.

16. Competitor Communications

16.1. 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.

17.2. 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 classes that recognize Corinthian teams within their class. The entry that wins the most competitive class will receive recognition on the Charleston Race Week Cup Perpetual Trophy.

17.3. PHRF: One daily trophy will be awarded to each class for the day of racing. One overall trophy will be awarded for every three boats entered to a maximum of the three trophies in each class.

17.4. The Jubilee Sportsmanship Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the participant who has displayed an outstanding example of good sportsmanship during Charleston Race Week. Ballots will be available for all participants.

17.5. The Palmetto Cup Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the winner of the most competitive handicap class.

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. More 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 2027 is CRW Events. 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, 5 and Pursuit Courses will be detailed within their Sailing Instructions (SIs)



