



**2021 Hospice Regattas Championship
Charleston Harbor, SC
November 18-21, 2021**



Organizing Authority: College of Charleston Sailing Association

The mission of the National Hospice Regatta Alliance is to support charity sailing regattas that raise funds for and awareness of non-profit hospice services in local communities. In that spirit, the Championship will raise funds and awareness of Roper St. Francis Hospice, which operates a Hospice Cottage facility not far from the College of Charleston Sailing Center. Our host for social gatherings is Hobcaw Yacht Club, also located in the Mt. Pleasant area.

NOTICE OF RACE

Dated July 9, 2021

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The J/22 Class rules will **not** be in effect.
- 1.3 Prescription to 63.1 and 63.2 will not apply.
- 1.4 Appendix V will apply.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 The regatta will comply with World Sailing F regulation 20.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entries will be accepted from skippers who have been selected by their local Hospice Regatta organizers and who have been invited by the NHRA to compete in this annual Hospice Regattas Championship.
- 3.2 Each skipper must be a member of US SAILING; however, membership in the J/22 class association is not required.
- 3.3 Entries shall be submitted on the official regatta website at <http://hospiceregattas.org/schedule/2021-championship/>, and are due by **September 13, 2021**. Payments can be made online or by check to NHRA, P.O. Box 1054, McLean VA 22101.
- 3.4 Late entries may be accepted solely at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 3.5 Refunds: No refund will be paid to any skipper/team who withdraws within 30 days of the Championship.
- 3.6 Cancellation: The Alliance reserves the right to cancel the event if less than eight (8) teams are registered by the deadline.

4 BOAT ASSIGNMENTS and FORMAT

- 4.1 The Organizing Authority will be providing J/22s with sails for the Championship.
- 4.2 Initial boat assignments will be determined by a drawing at the Competitors' Meeting ON Thursday, November 18. There after a boat drawing will be held each morning before boats are rigged.

4.3 Boats will be checked in and checked out in accordance with the OA's procedures. Skippers shall not leave their boats after racing has been completed for the day before completing the check-out procedure.

4.4 The event format will be determined after the close of registration. The OA may modify the assignment format based on the number of completed entries and the boats available for the event.

5 FEES: Required fees are as follows:

5.1 Entry Fee: The Championship entry fee is \$500.00, which includes four (4) social passes for skipper and crew to all events as listed in **NOR 6 SCHEDULE**

5.2 Security Deposit: All skippers are required to post a \$500 damage deductible security deposit when they check in on-site. **See Attachment "A" below** for insurance and security deposit details.

6 SCHEDULE

Thursday, 18 November	1000-1200	Registration and collection of damage deposit at CofC Sailing Center
	1100-1700	Practice Sailing J/22s
	1400	Practice Starts and Races
	1800	Competitors Meeting & Welcome Reception at Hobcaw YC.
Friday, 19 November	1100	1st Warning, additional races to follow
	1800	Dinner on your own
Saturday, 20 November	1100	1st Warning, additional races to follow
	1800	Championship Dinner and Auction at Hobcaw YC.
Sunday, 21 November	1030	1st Warning, additional races to follow
	1400	No Warning signal to be displayed after this time
	1500	Awards Ceremony at CofC Sailing Center

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available on the official regatta website, <http://http://hospiceregattas.org/schedule/2021-championship//>, on or before September 13, 2021, and will be distributed at registration.

8 VENUE

All races will be sailed in the Charleston Harbor area. Specific areas may be in the Cooper River near the "Yorktown" or, in the case of lighter winds and strong current, sailing will be in the area of "Crab Bank" to the south and east of the marina or south of Castle Pinckney.

9 THE COURSES

Windward-leeward drop-mark courses are planned. Offset marks and leeward gates may be used. Additional information will be listed in the Sailing Instructions.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

The sailing instructions will invoke US Sailing prescription RRS Appendix V (ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES).

11 SCORING

11.1 There will be nine (9) races scheduled.

11.2 After at least 6 races have been completed, a team's series score will be the total of its scores excluding its worst score.

11.3 A minimum of one race scored is required to constitute a regatta.

12 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places in the College of Charleston Sailing Center, as defined by the OA.

13 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the PRO and OA.

14 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around boats between the end of registration and the end of the regatta. There will be no cleaning below the waterline of assigned boats.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

15.1 Use of a handheld VHF radio, will be permitted for monitoring weather channels or RC communications to competitors on VHF channel 69.

15.2 The RC intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS boats after the start and other communications to the fleet.

15.3 Failure to receive an OCS hail, for the hail to be made, the order of hails made, or to receive other communications to the fleet shall not be grounds for granting redress. This sentence is added as RRS 62.1(e).

16 PRIZES

Series prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place teams. The winning skipper will be awarded the Virginia Brown Inspiration Trophy, to be kept and displayed by the winning team until the next Championship.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority and the NHRA 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.

18 CREW LIMITATIONS

18.1 The Championship is open to qualified crews that contain no more than one Group 3 Professional Competitor, as defined by the ISAF Classification system.

18.2 A Group 3 competitor may not steer during a race unless he is the selected competitor nominated by his local Hospice Regatta.

18.3 The crew number limit is three to four.

18.4 There will be no crew weight limit.

18.5 Crew substitutions will be permitted with advance written permission from the OA.

19 SAFETY AND OTHER EQUIPMENT

19.1 All competitors shall have onboard a Coast Guard-approved personal flotation device.

19.2 The OA will not provide life jackets or PFDs. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.

19.3 The boats will have the following equipment onboard: mainsail with main sheet, Jib with 2 Jib sheets, Spinnaker with 2 Spinnaker sheets, 2 twing lines, a spinnaker pole and down haul, a winch handle, and a roll of white e-tape.

19.4 Competitors may bring any other personal equipment as desired on board the racing boat. This includes electronic compass, stopwatch, tools, and tape. All items must be removed when the team leaves the boat each day.

19.5 Each Boat will have onboard its own working VHF Radio.

19.6 The J/22s will be prepared by the OA, and no adjustment to the standing rigging or mast deck blocks shall be permitted, except for the tension of the backstay. Further information will be provided in the sailing instructions.

19.7 No other equipment can/will be attached to the boat and/or its rigging. No markings can be applied to its deck. No tape other than the tape supplied by the OA can be used on the boat.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

A block of rooms will be available to competitors at a location convenient to the sailing center. Additional Championship information can be found at <http://hospiceregattas.org/schedule/2021-championship/>, or by contacting the committee at championship@hospiceregattas.org

Regatta Chair – Mark LeNeave, president, National Hospice Regatta Alliance

Race headquarters — J. Stewart Walker Complex (College of Charleston Sailing Center), 20 Patriots Point Road, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Social gatherings — Hobcaw Yacht Club, 180 Hobcaw Drive, Mt. Pleasant, SC 29464

Benefitting hospice — Roper Hospice Cottage, 676 Wando Park Blvd, Mt Pleasant, SC 29464

Notice of Race - Attachment "A"

Boat Insurance

1. The College of Charleston will have boat insurance for each borrowed boat. Each team is responsible for the damage or loss to its boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the Organizing Authority. Insurance deductible deposits of \$500 shall be posted by each competing team at registration. Damage deposits must be cash or check (payable to College of Charleston).
2. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each team for each incident. If a boat is damaged in a race, and any part of a team's deductible is used, the team will be required to restore the damage deposit to the original value to maintain eligibility. The additional damage deposit must be made within the protest time limit period on that day.
3. A completed Boat Inspection Form shall be submitted by a representative of each competing team following sailing on each day (Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday). The form shall be submitted to the Race Committee at Race Headquarters within two hours of the last boat's finish time for the last race of the day or abandonment of the race.
4. Boat Insurance arranged by the College of Charleston provides protection ONLY to the owners for damage to their boats. This insurance does not relieve competitors from liability in the event a competitor causes injury to other persons or property.
5. If damages occur that were not reflected on a completed Boat Inspection Form, the costs will be paid from the deposit of the team(s) causing the damage when so noted and determined by the Organizing Authority. Damages not attributed to a single team will be deducted from the damage deposits of the teams which used the affected boat during the regatta, in equal shares, and the balance returned by the Organizing Authority. A detailed accounting of expended funds will be supplied to each team that did not receive the full amount back.
6. Damage deposits will be refunded within 30 days after the event to all skippers who are clear of outstanding protest hearings, and outstanding damage reports on the Boat Inspection Forms.