

2006 Gulf Streamer Race

Notice of Race

The Halifax River Yacht Club and the Charleston Yacht Club are pleased to announce plans for the 2006 Gulf Streamer to begin 26 May 2006 in staggered starts. The 225 nautical mile course from Ponce Inlet, Florida, USA to Charleston, South Carolina will be sailed in at least 3 divisions, with classes in each determined by the Gulf Streamer Race Committee based upon individual ratings and the numbers of entries. Additionally, the course will require all yachts to pass within 200 yards of Daytona's Main Street Pier after their start for the finish of a sprint race to the pier.

Rules

Racing Rules of Sailing, the International Sailing Federation Special regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Racing for 2002-2003 including US SAILING Prescriptions for Category number 3 including US SAILING prescriptions, except as modified by this Notice of Race. Racing yachts will compete with PHRF ratings & handicapped as time on distance. Fleet divisions will be Spinnaker Class, Non-Spinnaker (To allow limited sails of all constructions), Cruising Class (restricted to the use of single headsail, a cutter sail when part of the permanent sail plan of the vessel, no sail flown forward of the headstay and a mainsail and mizzen sail. All sails of Dacron construction only and must all vessels will sail with a bimini permanently in use), multi-hull class and Manufactures classes to be opened as a minimum of seven boats enter the race in these classes. Safety requirements will be ORC Category 3 with defined exceptions appearing in the race instructions. Eligibility is restricted to yachts with a minimum length overall (LOA) of 30 feet.

Entrants holding valid PHRF rating certificates from regional authorities or other clubs will complete the HRYCRC rating form and submit it with their entry form to support certification. Multi-hull rating certificates will similarly be subject to review by the Race Committee for certification and normalization to fleet standards.

Entry Fee

The entry fee and applications must be received by May 2006 with the US\$175.00 (includes tax) entry fee per yacht, payable to the "Halifax River Yacht Club". US Sailing members will receive a 10% discount and will pay \$157.50(includes tax). The HRYCRC reserves the right to limit the number of entries accepted in each division. ***IMPORTANT*** In order for your yacht and crew to be included in a limited edition program, you must register and pay NO LATER THAN March 15th!!

Prizes

Prizes will be awarded for the top three finishers in each division. Additionally, prizes will be awarded for top three finishers with women in their crew. A "Perseverance Award" will be given to the yacht finishing last in each class and/or finishing despite extraordinary circumstances, as voted by the awards committee. An award will be given for the largest fish caught in route to the finish, during the race, which must be presented to the committee upon arrival at CYC. An award will be given for the skipper and crew best modeling "Corinthian Ethic" during the race, as voted by the awards committee.

For further information and an application package, call the Halifax River Yacht Club, or write to:

Chairman, Gulf Streamer Race Committee
Halifax River Yacht Club
Beach Street, Daytona, FL 32114 USA

CHANGES TO 2006 GULF STREAMER SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Section 5.2 is amended to read as follows:

The scheduled time for the warning signal for all boats racing in the 2006 Gulf Streamer is as follows:

- 13:50 White flag up
- 13:5 Blue flag up
- 14:00 Red flag up (all local Sprint boats start and all Cruising Class boats racing to Charleston start)
- 14:04 Red flag down
- 14:05 Red flag up (all Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker boats racing to Charleston start)
- 14:09 Red flag down
- 14:10 Red flag up (all Hobie-Cats start)

Section 6 will be deleted in its entirety.

The Race Committee will notify all classes of their starting times prior to the start of the race. The Race Committee will notify all boats via VHF of the official time and boats may synchronize their timepieces to the official time.



Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008*.
- 1.2** The rules shall be in the following order of precedence: The Racing rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (USSA) , The GulfStreamer Sailing Instructions, GulfStreamer Notice of Race, HRYC Rating Procedures and any special instructions issued by the HRYC Race Committee at the skipper's meeting immediately before the race.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Halifax River Yacht Club in Daytona Beach, Fl and will also be posted on the HRYC website (www.hryc.com).

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** No Signals made ashore will be displayed at any time.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1** The 2006 Gulf Streamer will consist of a common start for two consecutive races. The first race will be the Transact Sprint race. It will start at the start line and finish at the Daytona Beach pier. The second race will be an ocean race. It will start at the start line and finish in Charleston SC.

- 5.2** The scheduled time of the warning signals for all boats racing to Charleston, are as follows:

The GulfStreamer warning signal will be sounded at approximately 1350 hrs EDST. The Cruising class start will be 10 minutes later. Spinnaker/Non Spinnaker class will start approximately 5 minutes after the Cruising class

The scheduled time of the warning signals for all boats racing the local Transact Sprint race, are as follows:

The Cruising class will start approximately 5 minutes after the Spinnaker/Non Spinnaker class boat racing to Charleston has started. Spinnaker and Non Spinnaker class start approximately 5 minutes after the Cruising class has started. The Catamaran class will start approximately 5 minutes after the Spinnaker/Non Spinnaker class boat has started.

6 CLASS FLAGS

6.1	Class flags will be:	<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>
		Charleston Cruising	“0” flag
		Charleston Spinnaker and Non Spinnaker	“9” flag
		Local Transact Sprint Cruising	“7” flag
		Local Transact Sprint Spinnaker and Non Spinnaker	“6” flag
		Catamarans	“5” flag

7 THE COURSE

7.1

1. From the start line, racers will continue north, passing between the Daytona Beach pier and a mark approx 200 yards east of the pier.
2. The line between the pier and the mark will be the finish line for the Sprint race.
3. Racers will continue north to the Charleston harbor sea bouy, leaving it to port.
4. Racers will turn northwest, finishing between marks “7” and “8”.
5. Racers will be responsible for taking their own finishing times.

8 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions: None

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

9.2 The starting line will be between the committee boat and the starting pin to the east of Ponce Inlet.

9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

9.4 The starting sequence will be as follows:

1. Ten minutes prior to the start of the race, a warning signal of one blast of the horn will be sounded to alert the first starting class.
2. Five minutes before the start of the race a preparatory signal of a white flag will be raised and displayed for a period of one minute.
3. Four minutes before the start of the race the white flag will be lowered.
4. Four minutes before the start of the race a blue flag will be raised and displayed for a period of three minutes.
5. One minute before the start of the race the blue flag will be lowered.
6. The race will start upon the raising of the red flag one minute after the blue flag has been lowered.
7. An single audible signal will be sounded upon the raising of all flags.
8. The raising of a flag constitutes the official signal.

10 RECALLS

10.1 Display of code flag “X” and one sound signal shall signal individual recalls. A boat recalled will be notified by hail and on VHF channel 72. Boats starting early and not restarting properly shall be penalized 30 minutes.

10.2 Display of the “First Repeater Flag” and two sound signals shall signal a general recall.

11 POSTPONEMENT

11.1 Display of the “Answering Pennant” and two sound signals shall signal a postponement. After a postponement the “Answering Pennant” shall be lowered with a sound signal one minute before raising the white warning flag.

11.2 If weather conditions require a 24 hour postponement, announcement will be made at the skippers meeting.

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The Transact Sprint race finishing line will be between the north east corner of the Daytona Beach pier and a buoy approximately 200 yards east.

12.2 The ocean race will finish between Charleston harbour channel marks “7” and “8”, after leaving the “A” buoy to port.

12.3 Racers will take their own finishing times for the ocean race and convey them to the race committee as soon as possible. A boats time will be taken when the HELMSMAN passes through the finish line.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 Time limits are as follows:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Time limit</i>
Cruising	65 hrs
Spinnaker and Non Spinnaker	65 hrs

14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms are available at HRYC and from the Race Committee. Protests shall be delivered within the protest time limit.

14.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 1100 hrs the 29th of May 2006. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

14.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located at a place and time to be determined by the Race Committee.

14.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

14.5 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.4, have acknowledged breaking rule 42 or have been disqualified by the Protest Committee will be posted before the protest time limit.

14.6 Breaches of instructions 15.3, 19.1, 22, 23 and 24 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

14.7 Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

14.8 All boats shall carry at all times a protest form and a standard protest flag.

15 SCORING

15.1 All boats shall be scored using their PHRF rating and corrected *time on distance*.

15.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to reclassify any boat at its discretion

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1** Check-in: Boats shall sail within hailing distance of the committee boat, and state their class and sail number.
- 16.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 16.3** All boats shall carry all the necessary safety equipment required by law, regulation, or class rules.
- 16.4** All boats shall comply with all ISSA Category 3 requirements. The only exceptions will be:
1. A dingy, inflatable or rigid, carried on deck ready for immediate deployment may be substituted for a life raft.
 2. All classes racing the local Transact Sprint race.
- 16.5** All skippers racing to Charleston MUST sign a Certificate of Compliance which states that each yacht meets the requirements of ISSA Category 3.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1** Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 17.2** Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee before the end of the skippers meeting.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 18.1** A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.
- 18.2** Boats shall be a minimum of 30 feet LOD. Exceptions will be individually considered by the Race Committee. Request for exemption shall be submitted, in writing, with entry application.

19 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 19.1** Official boats will be marked with a race committee flag.

20 SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1** All support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have started the race, the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

21 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 21.1** A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

22 PRIZES

- 22.1** Prizes will be given as follows:
- 1st overall (corrected time)
 - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in all classes
 - 1st, 2nd, and 3rd with female crew
 - Largest fish caught

Perseverance

Corinthian

Club to Club Fleet (average of fastest 3 corrected times)

23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

23.1 The Race Committee will be in charge of all scheduled races. The Race Chairman or his designate will have final decision over management issues of the race, including, but not limited to whether a boat will be allowed to compete, penalties (except protest – which will be over-seen by the protest committee), scoring, eligibility of yachts to race and time limits.

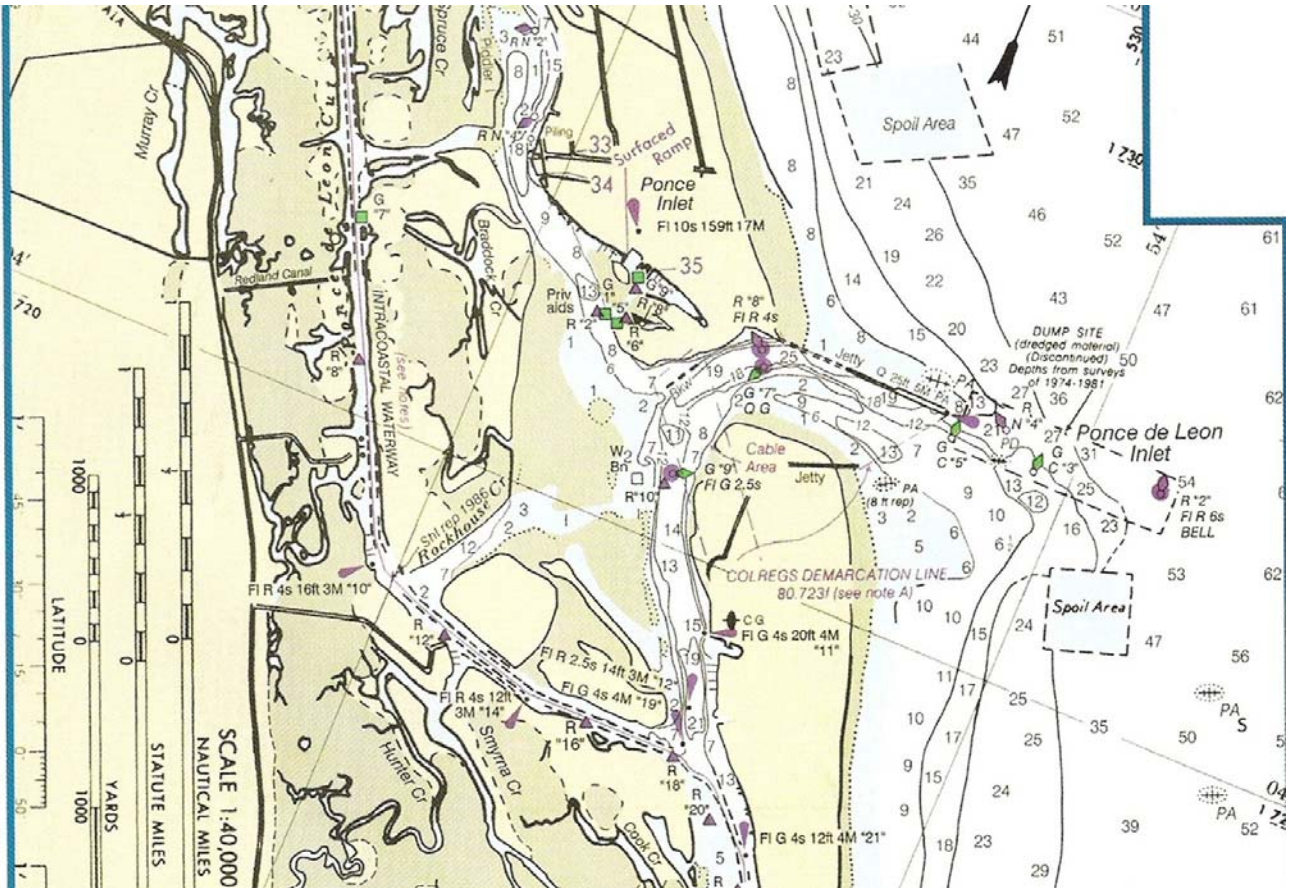
Despite the schedule to race and despite the Race Committee's decision to race, it is *ALWAYS* the skipper's decision whether he, his vessel and/or his crew should participate in any race. The responsibility of the decision to race and any and all consequences lie *SOLELY* with the skipper, captain or owner/operator of the vessel. **YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR THE SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE OF YOUR VESSEL AND ANYONE ABOARD! YOU ARE FURTHER RESPONSIBLE FOR ACTIONS TAKEN BY YOUR CREW AND DAMAGE TO, OR CAUSED BY, YOUR VESSEL. THIS SHOULD ALWAYS GUIDE YOUR DECISION TO RACE AND YOUR ACTIONS WHILE RACING.** The Race Committee accepts *NO* responsibility for your decision to race and the consequences that accompany it.

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.

24 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$250,000.00 (USD).

THE START:



THE SPRINT FINISH:



THE GULFSTREAMER FINISH:

