



2023 Harbor 20 East-West Challenge

Notice of Race

October 13-15, 2023

Hilton Head Island, SC

Organizing Authority is the South Carolina Yacht Club (SCYC)

And Harbor 20 Fleet 3

The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The notation [DP] means that the penalty may be less than disqualification.

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (2021-2024).
- 1.2 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.3 The US Sailing prescription to RRS 63.1 is deleted.

2. COVID-19 Precautions

To reduce health risks to all involved with the regatta:

- 2.1 [NP] Participants testing positive for and/or exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 shall not participate in the regatta or regatta functions.

3. Eligibility, Entry and Format of the Regatta

- 3.1 The regatta is open to up to eight teams from Harbor 20 Fleets representing the East Coast (including the Annapolis, Hilton Head and Smith Mountain Lake fleets) and up to eight teams from Harbor 20 Fleets representing the West Coast (including the Newport Beach and Santa Barbara fleets), selected as the Fleets determine.
- 3.2 Each team will consist of two competitors.
- 3.3 A boat owner's representative from Fleet 3 will also be on each boat.

- 3.4 Competitors who helm a boat in the regatta must be members in good standing of the Harbor 20 Class Association and of the Fleet for which they are competing in the regatta.
- 3.5 Competitors selected by their Fleet shall enter online no later than September 27 and shall pay the entry fee no later than at event check-in. A link to online registration will be provided soon to the Fleet Captains of the participating Fleets.

4. Fees

- 4.1 The entry fee is \$250 per boat (including skipper and crew) and includes boat charter fees, regatta entry, welcome reception, lunch (Saturday and Sunday Only), and awards ceremonies.
- 4.2 Competitors and non-competitors who wish to attend the major social events (Friday and Saturday dinners, Sunday hors d'oeuvres) may purchase an all-event ticket for \$225 per person.
- 4.3 Individuals who wish to only attend either Friday or Saturday events may purchase only one event if they choose.
- 4.4 All alcoholic beverages or food beyond the above-mentioned will be available at additional cost to competitors and guests at the South Carolina Yacht Club.
- 4.5 A schedule of fees and due dates appears in Appendix A.
- 4.6 All registration and social event fees shall be paid on Regatta Network:
<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/27107>

5. Boats

- 5.1 Harbor 20 boats will be provided by Fleet 3 for competing teams.
- 5.2 Competitors will use the boats provided and may not make any modifications (including adjustment of standing rigging) without prior approval of the race committee.
- 5.3 All equipment supplied on a boat shall be carried aboard while racing.
- 5.4 Boats will be assigned by random draw at the competitor meeting. Skippers and crews will rotate boats. The draw and rotation procedures will be provided with the sailing instructions.

6. Schedule

Thursday, October 12

6:00pm – 8:00pm Welcome reception for out-of-town participants at SCYC.

Friday, October 13

12:00pm – 2:00pm Registration and check-in at SCYC on rear deck overlooking marina.

3:00pm – 5:00pm Practice races.

5:30pm – 9:00pm Dinner at the DeSole Residence in Sea Pines. Directions will be provided at registration.

Saturday, October 14

9:30am – 11:00am Late check-in, mandatory competitor meeting and boat draw on SCYC Deck.

12:00pm Warning signal for race #1.

Lunch break and boat rotation as necessary.

6:00pm – 9:00pm Dinner at Highsmith Residences in May River Plantation (Bluffton, SC). Directions will be provided at registration.

Sunday, October 15

10:30am – 11:00am Mandatory competitor meeting on SCYC Deck.

12:00pm Warning signal for 1st race of the day.

Lunch break and boat rotation as necessary

3:30pm No warning signal after.

4:00pm – 6:00 pm Hors d'oeuvres and awards at SCYC.

7. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available during check-in at SCYC.

8. Venue and Courses

8.1 Races will be conducted in the waters adjacent to the South Carolina Yacht Club. An option to run courses south of SCYC in the May River is reserved depending on wind and weather conditions.

8.2 Windward–leeward courses will be set using moveable marks.

9. Scoring

9.1 Eight races will be attempted over the period of two days. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

9.2 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A, Racing Rules of Sailing, will be used, except that when fewer than five races are completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.

9.3 For purposes of the East-West Challenge Trophy, the series scores of all boats from each Coast will be totaled to determine the Coast's score. The Coast with the lowest combined score will be the winner of the East-West Challenge.

10. Prizes

The winner of the East-West Challenge will be awarded possession of the East-West Challenge Trophy until the next East-West Challenge Regatta. Take-home trophies will be awarded to the first three skippers and crews.

11. Radio Communication

All boats shall carry a handheld VHF radio for transmissions from the race committee. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions, including by cell phone, and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats [DP]. Specific channels for communication during the course of racing as well as harbor lock out procedures will be provided in the Saling Instructions.

12. Competitor Risks and Responsibilities

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 3, Decision to Race. Competitors acknowledge that sailing involves potential risks. As a condition of their participation in this regatta, competitors release all claims they may have against the South Carolina Yacht Club, Harbor 20 Fleet 3, and their officers, directors, members, committees, and employees, for damage to property, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for damage or injury caused by their breach of The Racing Rules of Sailing or applicable governmental rules for the avoidance of collision.

13. Further Information

For further information, please contact:

Bob Cunningham, Fleet 3 Fleet Captain at rhc.avalon@twc.com

Mark Newman, Yachting Director at mnewman@scyachtclub.com

Eric Norman, East West Regatta Chair at enorm@live.com

See the attached Additional Information sheet regarding registration, lodging, etc.

Appendix A. Fees and Due Dates

***All out of town guests please pay all fees through Regatta Network.**

***All in town guests please pay through SCYC Club Charge on Regatta Network.**

Register as...	What's Included	Date	Fee
Skipper and crew	Regatta entry and charter fee. Per boat.	By Sep 27	\$250
Skipper or crew (Per person)	Friday and Saturday dinner, Sunday hors d'oeuvres, continental pastry breakfast & competitor lunches on race days	By Sep 27	\$225
Non-Competitor / Spouse / Guest	Friday and Saturday dinner, Sunday hors d'oeuvres, continental pastry breakfast & competitor lunches on race days	By Sep 27	\$225
All Individuals (Optional)	Friday night dinner ONLY. Per Person	By Sep 27	\$100
All Individuals (Optional)	Saturday night dinner ONLY. Per Person	By Sep 27	\$125
Non-competitor dining at SCYC	Bluefish Room & Bar Dining Menu Check in with SCYC front desk	NA	Credit Card
Boat Owner rep or Volunteer	Boat owner Reps and Volunteers will be provided continental breakfast, and lunch Saturday and Sunday, as well as award ceremony on Sunday.	NA	\$0

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Additional Information

Event Registration

Competitors and event attendees must register for the events online at Regatta Network. On checkout, you will be given an option to pay online with a credit card.

Parking

Parking is available in the SCYC parking lot.

Lodging

Housing, as available, will be arranged once participants have registered.

Travel

Nearby airports include:

- Hilton Head Island Airport (HHH): 10 minutes
- Savannah Hilton Head International Airport (SAV): 45 minutes

Weather

Daytime high temperature is usually in the mid-70s. Sunscreen is highly recommended. Winds are typically 10-12 knots most afternoons.

Breakfast and Lunch

SCYC will offer continental pastry breakfasts on Saturday and Sunday. Non-competitor dining options will be available utilizing credit cards. Please check in with the front desk at SCYC for more information.

Yacht Club Facilities

Restrooms are available in the SCYC clubhouse and throughout the Windmill Harbor Marina. Showers are available throughout the Windmill Harbor Marina.

Hats and cell phone use are not permitted inside the SCYC clubhouse.

Any guests are welcome to purchase any meals or beverages via credit card while visiting SCYC.

The SCYC address is: 10 Yacht Club Drive, Hilton Head Island, SC 29926.