

RACES



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2020-21 NOTICE OF RACE

This document, combined with each respective event's Supplemental Notice of Race, comprises that event's Notice of Race required by RRS 89.2(a).

COVID-19 NOTICE

SORC is fully committed to the safety of all competitors participating in its events. Each race will occur as scheduled, though COVID-19 may require format changes. Depending on local conditions at the time, skippers meetings or awards parties may be held virtually or in new locations, courses or destinations may change, and similar adaptations may be made in full communication with the competitors. SORC will follow all applicable government regulations and prudent best practices to mitigate any possible health risks, and we ask you to do the same for your crewmates. The latest information about steps taken to address COVID-19 concerns can be found on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/sorcsailing.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Southern Ocean Racing Conference is the Race Committee for each race, which is organized under the authority of one or more member yacht clubs, including the Coral Reef Yacht Club, the Lauderdale Yacht Club, the Storm Trysail Club, and the Nassau Yacht Club.
- 1.2 Each race will be governed by the rules defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (Rules, RRS) including the class rules of the respective classes involved.
- 1.3 Each race and related activities will be run in accordance with health and safety regulations of any governmental authority with jurisdiction.
- 1.4 From sunset to sunrise, Part 2 of the Rules shall not apply and shall be replaced by Part B, The Steering and Sailing Rules, of the International Regulations for Preventing collisions at Sea (COLREGS).
- 1.5 For each event, the terms "Notice of Race" (NOR) and "Sailing Instructions" (SI) required by RRS 89.2(a) and 90.2(a) respectively include the Comprehensive and Supplemental versions of those documents.
- 1.6 In case of conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall prevail. (This changes rule 63.7.)
- 1.7 A boat may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current rating certificate of area not greater than rated SPA without an increase in rating.
- 1.8 Advertising shall be per ISAF Regulation 20.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Each race is open to ocean racing/cruising monohull and multihull boats of the following classes whose owner is a member of his/her national authority and who comply with the requirements of the following classes:
- 2.1.1 Offshore Racing Congress (ORC), boats with an offshore long distance Time on Time rating factor of 0.880 and lower.
- 2.1.2 Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF), boats with rating of 189 or lower from PHRF of Southeast Florida
- 2.1.3 Doublehanded boats meeting the listed safety requirements.
- 2.1.4 Multihull Offshore Cruising and Racing Association (MOCRA) boats of ocean racing/cruising type with enclosed cabins, and permanent accommodations. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject any entry that does not comply with its definition of an "ocean racing/cruising type" Multihull boat.
- 2.1.5 East Coast Racer Cruiser Association (ECRCA) boats meeting ECRCA requirements. Performance Cruiser, Cruiser and Non-Spinnaker classes may be offered.
- 2.2 Prior to the Early Entry Deadline, the race committee may create a new class when five or more boats so request, or reassign registered boats to other classes if at least five boats have not registered.
- 2.3 Boats in each rated class are required to have their current year valid certificates on board while racing.

	<u>Useful Web sites</u>
SORC Web Site	www.sorcsailing.org
U.S. Sailing	www.ussailing.org
IRC Ratings (US)	www.ussailing.org
IRC Ratings (Intl)	www.rorcrating.com
ORC Ratings	www.orc.org
PHRF of SE Florida	www.phrfsef.com
MOCRA	www.mocra-sailing.org.uk
MOCRA Ratings	sites.google.com/site/mocrarating

3 CREW LIMITS

- 3.1 Crew Limits for the following classes are:
- 3.1.1 ***[Deleted, Master NOR Amendment 1]***
- 3.1.2 ORC: Crew weight limits are shown on rating certificates. To change the weight limit from the default value, contact the national rating authority for a certificate issued with the declared weight limit.
- 3.1.3 PHRF: crew limits shall be as listed on their current valid certificate, plus one.
- 3.1.4 Offshore One Design Classes: class limit plus one.
- 3.2 Except for Doublehanded classes, all boats shall carry a minimum crew of 4 (four). Each race may allow lower limits in its Supplemental NOR.

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 Eligible boats may enter a race by completing the registration process on the race web site or by completing the race's entry form and sending it with the required fee, a signed Owner Waiver, and a copy of the boat's current rating certificate (when relevant) to the address provided by the Entry Deadline provided in the race's Supplemental NOR.
- 4.2 Entry Deadlines are described in each race's Supplemental NOR.

4.3 Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 USD or the equivalent.

4.4 A boat shall submit her final rating certificate no later than the Entry Deadline. Ratings and preliminary class assignments will be posted on each race's web site and Official Notice Board prior to the Skippers Meeting.

5 ENTRY FEES

5.1 Entry Fees will be described in each race's Supplemental NOR.

5.2 Entry Fees are fully refundable until each race's Entry Deadline, which has been extended to the latest date possible for the effective organization of each race.

6 SCHEDULE

Nassau Cup Ocean Race [Amendment 2]	November 13, 2020
SORC Islands in the Stream Series Race #2 [Master NOR Amend 1]	December 5, 2020
Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race	January 21, 2021
Eleuthera Race	February 17, 2021

7 COURSES

Courses will be summarized in each race's Supplemental NOR and described in its Sis.

8 SAFETY

8.1 Each race's Supplemental NOR contains important safety rules.

8.2 Each boat shall have non-electronic charts that are appropriate for the race area.

8.3 The Race Committee may inspect any boat for compliance with this section without prior warning before the start or after the finish.

9 AWARDS PARTY

Locations and details for awards parties will be described in each race's Supplemental NOR.

10 SCORING AND TIME ALLOWANCES

10.1 The Low Point Scoring System as described in Appendix "A" will be used.

10.2 The course distance for rating purposes will be described in each race's Supplemental NOR.

10.3 PHRF Scoring details for each class are described in each race's Supplemental NOR.

10.4 For all other classes, a boat's rating allowance will be applied as a factor of the elapsed time of its race.

11 RACE TRACKING DEVICES

11.1 Each boat is required to be equipped with an active SPOT or Garmin/InReach position transponder, be subscribed to the "Track Progress" option offered by SPOT or Garmin/InReach, and to provide the Race Committee with the "shared URL" for the purpose of inclusion in the official race tracking program.

11.2 The tracking unit shall be mounted and operated throughout the race in accordance with the instructions provided. Only the race committee may protest a boat for an alleged violation of this section.

11.3 Tracking data may not be used as grounds for a protest.

12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

12.1 Sailing Instructions for each race shall be posted no later than one week prior to the start of the race.

12.2 Amendments to the Sailing Instructions after posting will be accompanied by Code Flag "L" on site at the Skipper Meeting venue and posted to the race web site and on the Official Notice Board.

13 SKIPPERS MEETING

13.1 A representative of each boat shall attend the Skippers Meeting for each race

13.2 Each boat shall be required to complete and submit to the Race Committee at the Skippers Meeting an accurate crew list, required waiver(s) and equipment declaration form in exchange for their race packet.

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: 1 st, 2nd, & 3rd place finishers in each division/class, provided at least five entries per division/class. Additional prizes may be awarded.

15 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

While racing, boats may not receive weather, current, or navigational information except from publicized sources available to all competitors. Subscription, password protected or restricted access web pages, as well as phone conversations and text messages that contain any of the above information, are not allowed. Accessing other information during the race will be considered a violation of RRS 41.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event, including skippers and crew, are participating entirely at their own risk. (See Rule 4, Decision to Race). The Organizing Authority and Race Committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.

LAUDERDALE - KEY WEST RACE 2021 NOTICE OF RACE (SUPPLEMENTAL)

This document, combined with the SORC Master Notice of Race, comprises the Notice of Race for the Lauderdale to Key West Race. Numbered sections in this document are supplements to, not replacements for, equivalently numbered sections in the Comprehensive NOR.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Lauderdale Yacht Club and Storm Trysail Club are the Organizing Authority for the event, managed by the Southern Ocean Racing Conference (SORC).
- 1.2 Only U.S. Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), and 76.1 apply.
- 1.7 Boats in Doublehanded classes are not eligible for an additional spinnaker beyond those specified on their rating certificates.
- 1.10 For Doublehanded classes only, RRS 52 is changed by adding: However, the rudder may be adjusted and operated by an autopilot using power that is not provided by the crew.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.3 Boats must have a minimum LOA of 25 feet.

3 CREW LIMITS

- 3.2 Doublehanded classes shall carry a crew of two.

4 ENTRY

- 4.2 The Entry Deadline is January 15, 2021. The Early Entry Deadline is January 1, 2021.
- 4.4 Ratings and preliminary class assignments shall be posted on January 18.

- 4.6 Entries may be completed online at www.keywestrace.org, or the Entry Form can be downloaded, completed and mailed with a check made out to SORC, Inc. to:

The Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race Committee
C/O The Lauderdale Yacht Club
1725 S.E. 12th Street
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316.

5 ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fee is \$500. Boats registering by January 1 may pay an Entry Fee of \$400.00. No Entry Fee will be refunded after the entry deadline.

6 SCHEDULE

Sailing Instructions Posted	December 18, 2020
Early Entry Deadline	January 1, 2021
Entry Deadline	January 15
Class Assignments posted	January 18
Skippers Meeting	January 20
First Warning Signal	January 21
Awards Party	January 23

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The course shall be from the start line south of Port Everglades to the finish line in Key West Harbor, staying seaward of a series of marks.

8 SAFETY

- 8.1 All boats must conform to the current US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Ocean Racing with the following changes or additions:
- 8.1.1 Engine and Fuel (SER 2.7.1): SER 2.7.1 is amended as follows: A boat shall have a mechanical propulsion system that is quickly available and capable of driving the boat at a minimum speed in knots equivalent to the square root of LWL in feet (1.81 times the square root of the waterline in meters) with sufficient fuel to provide range under power for 75 miles.
 - 8.1.2 Operative VHF/FM transceiver with Channels 9, 16, 68, 71 and 72. (DSC and GMDSS equipped and MMSI registered VHF radios are required per SER 3.8.1 and 3.8.2.)
 - 8.1.3 Ship's AIS Transponder required, pursuant to SER 3.9.
 - 8.1.4 Life raft need not have a canopy or insulated floor
 - 8.1.5 While personal AIS beacons are not yet required by the SER, competitors are strongly encouraged to avail themselves of this invaluable device.

- 8.1.6 A boat shall carry either a 406MHz EPIRB which is properly registered to the boat, or a floating 406MHz Personal Locator Beacon, registered to the owner with a notation in the registration that it is aboard the boat. This device shall be equipped with an internal GPS.
- 8.1.7 The following additional safety requirements apply to Doublehanded classes.
 - 8.1.7.1 The VHF/FM transceiver required by SNOR 8.1.2 shall be switched on and accessible from the cockpit at all times while afloat.
 - 8.1.7.2 SER 3.16.2 is changed to require that each crew shall wear a personal locator beacon at all times while afloat. SER 3.16.2 is also changed to allow the substitution of the specified EPIRB beacon with a Personal AIS MOB beacon.
 - 8.1.7.3 As required by SER 4.3.2, each crew member shall have taken a US Sailing Safety at Sea course within the last 5 years. This requirement may be met by taking the US Sailing Online Coastal Safety at Sea Course (<https://www.ussailing.org/education/adult/safetyat-sea-courses/>).
 - 8.1.7.4 RRS 40 is changed to require competitors to wear personal flotation devices with harness at all times while afloat except briefly while adjusting clothing or equipment. The display of flag Y is not required.
 - 8.1.7.5 Each boat shall have a permanently mounted magnetic compass independent of the boat's electrical system suitable for steering at sea (this changes SER 3.19.1).
 - 8.1.7.6 The mainsail shall have reef points capable of reducing at least 20% of the sail's area.
- 8.2 Each boat shall have non-electronic charts appropriate for the race area, including NOAA chart numbers 11462, 11452, and 11442.
- 8.4 Multihull Division boats are required to carry either life rafts as in 4.1 above, or an Immersion (Survival) suit for each person on board, having an inherent reserve buoyancy of at least 15.5 lbs and that otherwise meets SOLAS requirements. Wet suits or dry suits do not comply with this requirement. It is strongly recommended that Multihull boats also carry life rafts in accordance with ISAF OSR as an additional safety measure.

9 AWARDS PARTY

- 9.1 Uncertainties regarding COVID-19 preclude planning an Awards Party at this time. SORC will monitor the situation and proceed as appropriate, which may mean a traditional Awards Party, a no-contact virtual one, or a hybrid of some kind.

10 SCORING AND TIME ALLOWANCES

- 10.2 The course distance for the race is calculated as at 160 nautical miles for scoring purposes.
- 10.3 PHRF Time Allowances shall be calculated using PHRF handicaps and the rated course distance.

12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 12.1 Sailing Instructions shall be posted by December 18, 2020.

13 SKIPPERS MEETING

- 13.1 Uncertainties regarding COVID-19 preclude planning a Skipper Meeting at this time. SORC will monitor the situation and proceed as appropriate, which may mean a traditional Skippers Meeting, a no-contact virtual one, or a hybrid of some kind.

14 PRIZES

- 14.2 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded as follows:

Committee's Trophy - Presented to the Skipper of the boat with the Best Overall Performance.

Bolero Trophy - Presented to the Skipper of the First PHRF Boat to Finish.

East Martello Trophy - Presented to the Skipper of the First PHRF Boat (Corrected) to Finish.

Northrup & Johnson Trophy - Presented to the Navigator of the First PHRF Boat (Corrected) to Finish.

Appleton Trophy - Presented to the Skipper of the First IRC Boat to Finish.

Meyers / Rodstrom Memorial Trophy - Presented to the Skipper of the First IRC Boat (Corrected) to Finish.

Edward A. Powers Memorial Trophy - Presented to the Navigator of the First IRC Boat (Corrected) to Finish.

Rudy Choy Trophy - Presented to the Skipper of the First Multihull Boat to Finish.

Douglas Merrill Memorial Trophy - Presented to the Skipper of the First Multihull Boat (Corrected) to Finish.

Teddy Hall Memorial - Presented to the Skipper of the boat with Best Performance by a STC Member.

Lauderdale Yacht Club Perpetual Trophy - Presented to the Skipper of the boat with Best Performance by an LYC Member.

Hillsboro Inlet Trophy - Presented to the Skipper of the boat with the Best Performance by a Hillsboro Inlet Sailing Club Member.

Gulfstream Sailing Club Trophy - Presented to the Skipper of the boat with the Best Performance by a Gulfstream Sailing Club Member.

Dowager Trophy - Presented to the Skipper of the boat with the Best Performance By a Boat Over 25 Years Old.

William Cargill Trophy - May be presented to a competitor exhibiting Outstanding Seamanship during the event.

For More Information:

www.keywestrace.org

<https://www.facebook.com/sorcsailing>

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In Key West:

Race HQ
To Be Determined
(COVID permitting)