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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



These are the Master Sailing Instructions (Master SIs) for races run by the Southern Ocean Racing Conference in the 2021-2022 season, including the Nassau Cup Race,

Lauderdale to Key West Race, Port Canaveral Race, and Sailors' Choice Race. Each race also has Supplemental Sailing Instructions (Supplemental SIs) that, together with these Master SIs, comprise that event's Sailing Instructions required by RRS 90.2(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 Each Race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 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).
- 1.3 The U.S. Sailing Safety Equipment Regulations will apply as modified by each race's NOR and SIs.
- 1.5 Anchors shall not be stowed on or protruding from the bow area of the boat except only anchors that may be stowed in a bow locker or on deck in chocks, provided that no portion of the anchor or anchor rode extends beyond the edge of the deck.
- 1.6 Except for the rules of RRS Parts 2 and 3, the jury may impose an alternate penalty less than DSQ for breaking a rule, in accordance with RRS 64.2.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The Official Notice Board and locations of signals ashore will be indicated in each race's Supplemental SIs.

| <u>Useful Web sites</u> | |
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| SORC Web Site | www.sorcsailing.org |
| U.S. Sailing | www.ussailing.org |
| 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 RADIO MONITOR

- 3.1 The Race Committee will monitor the designated VHF race channel from one hour prior to the first start until one hour after the last start. All competitors should then monitor VHF Channel 16 for the duration of the race.
- 3.2 The Race Committee will monitor the designated VHF channel while boats are finishing.

4 START

- 4.1 The starting area, start line, and start times will be described in each race's Supplemental SIs.
- 4.2 Starting signals shall be made in accordance with rule 26, with classes starting at five (5) minute intervals. The Starting signal for each class shall be the Warning signal for the next class.

5 RECALLS

- 5.1 If a boat is identified on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal, the race committee will attempt to broadcast the sail number on the starting VHF channel. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 5.2 In the event of a General Recall, the start of the last scheduled class shall be the warning signal for the new start of the recalled class. If more than one General Recall is signaled, each recalled class will restart after the class recalled before it. This changes RRS 29.2.
- 5.3 A boat failing to comply with RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) need not return to the pre-start side of the line but shall have a penalty of 30 minutes added to her elapsed time.

6 COURSE

Each course is described in the Supplemental SIs for each race.

7 FINISH

- 7.1 The finish line and finishing procedures will be described in each race's Supplemental SIs.

8 TIME LIMIT AND RETIREMENT

- 8.1 The time limit for each race will be described in its Supplemental SIs.
- 8.2 A boat retiring from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible. Official race results will not be posted until all boats have been accounted for.

9 SCORING

Appendix A, using the "Low Point" scoring system of the rules shall be in effect. The course distance of the Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race is established at 160 nautical miles for scoring purposes. Scoring procedures for each class are described in each race's Supplemental SIs.

10 TRACKING

Tracking will be used for public viewing and media purposes. Information from the tracking system shall not be used as a basis for a protest or request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 and 60.2.

11 PROTESTS

Protest procedures and time limits will be described in each race's Supplemental SIs.

12 AWARDS

Awards parties and locations will be described in each race's Supplemental SIs.

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SAILORS' CHOICE RACE

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(Supplemental)



This document, combined with the SORC Master Sailing Instructions, comprises the Sailing Instructions for the 2022 Sailors' Choice Race. Numbered sections in this document are supplements to, not replacements for, equivalently numbered sections in the Master SIs unless otherwise indicated.

1 RULES

- 1.9 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.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the official Yachtscoring.com page for the race prior to 1700 on March 17, 2022.

3 RADIO MONITOR

- 3.1 The designated VHF Channel for the race will be 69.

4 START

- 4.1 The Starting Line will be approximately 1.0 nm north of Port Everglades, between an inflatable race mark and a staff displaying an orange flag on a nearby Race Committee boat.
- 4.3 The first Warning signal is scheduled to be made at 1000 hours (10:00 a.m.) on Friday, March 18. This changes the preamble to the NOR and NOR 6.
- 4.4 All ORC boats will start as one class.
- 4.6 Any boat not starting within 10 minutes of her start time will be scored DNS (did not start) unless permission to start at a later time has been obtained from the Race Committee on the Signal boat prior to the first Warning Signal.

6 COURSE

- 6.1 The course shall have the following marks in addition to those comprising the start/finish line.
- Rounding Mark: Miami Sea Buoy: RW "M" Mo (A)
 - Rounding Mark (virtual): the waypoint named "Gun Cay" at 25° 32.000'N 079° 18.000'W, with a rounding quadrant defined by lines extending from the mark bearing 090 and 180 (see SI 6.2)
 - Passing Marks: Picquet Rocks, South Bimini, North Bimini, Moselle Bank and Hens & Chickens Rocks, all of which shall be passed on the west side;
 - Rounding Mark: Great Isaac Cay.
- 6.2 The Gun Cay virtual mark waypoint has an associated rounding quadrant defined as the area enclosed between two bearing lines (with 90° between them) extending from the waypoint. A photo of a boat's primary GPS screen indicating its position within the rounding quadrant is deemed to be evidence of rounding the waypoint on the correct side and shall be provided after finishing.
- 6.3 The course may be sailed in a clockwise or counter-clockwise direction. If sailed in a counter-clockwise direction, all rounding marks shall be left to port in the order listed in SI 6.1. If sailed in a clockwise position, all rounding marks shall be left to starboard in the reverse order listed in SI 6.1.

7 FINISH

- 7.1 The finish line shall be a circle with a radius of 50 yards with a center on the Port Everglades Sea buoy (RW "PE" Mo (A)).
- 7.2 As soon as reasonably possible after finishing, each boat shall send the following to the Race Committee via text message to 954-448-5999:
- The name of the boat,
 - A photo of its primary GPS receiver indicating its position at the finish,
 - If known, the names of the boats finishing immediately before or after the finisher, and
 - The photo described in SI 6.3.

8 TIME LIMIT AND RETIREMENT

- 8.1 There is no time limit for the race.
- 8.2 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible on the designated VHF channel or by calling or texting 954-448-5999.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 A boat's calculated Time on Time rating allowance will be applied as a factor of the boat's elapsed time for the race.

11 PROTESTS & PENALTIES

- 11.1 The Scoring Penalty, Rules 44.3 (a) shall apply. The penalty for accepting a penalty by displaying a yellow flag in accordance with Rule 44.3 (a) shall be one percent (1%) of a boat's elapsed time added to her corrected time. This changes Rule 44.3 (c). A boat taking a scoring penalty shall report it to the Race Committee within the protest time limit.
- 11.2 The protest time limit is two hours after her finishing time for a boat finishing between 0900 and 1700 hrs, or for a boat finishing after 1700 hrs, 0900 hrs the following day.
- 11.3 Protest hearings will be scheduled upon receipt of protests. Protests may be held via Zoom or in person at the Lauderdale Yacht Club.
- 11.4 The Protest Committee may assess a scoring penalty of no less than five (5) percent of a boat's elapsed time added to her corrected time, as an alternative to disqualification for an infraction of the Rules of Part 2. This changes Rule 64.1 (a).

12 AWARDS

- 12.1 The Awards Party will be held at the Lauderdale Yacht Club on Saturday, March 19, beginning at 1800 hrs.

For More Information:

www.sailorschoice.org

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