

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(Amendment 1)



RACES



These are the Master Sailing Instructions (Master SIs) for races run by the Southern Ocean Racing Conference in the 2023-2024 season, including the St. Petersburg to Fort Lauderdale Race, Nassau Cup Race, and Lauderdale to Key West 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.
- 1.7 Personal AIS transponders are required for each crewmember.

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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>	
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-

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 shall then monitor VHF Channel 16 for the duration of the race.
- 3.2 The Race Committee will attempt to monitor the designated VHF channel while boats are finishing.

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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) may not be exonerated by returning to the pre-start side of the line, but instead shall have a penalty of 30 minutes added to her elapsed time. This changes RRS 29.1.

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

- 9.1 Appendix A, using the "Low Point" scoring system of the rules shall be in effect. Scoring procedures for each class are described in each race's Supplemental SIs.

10 TRACKING

Each boat is required to be equipped with a SPOT, **Garmin inReach** or Delorme inReach position transponder, be subscribed to the "Track Progress" option offered by SPOT or Delorme In-Reach, and provide the Race Committee with the "shared URL or XML" for the purpose of inclusion in the official race tracking program. The unit shall be mounted and operated throughout each race in accordance with the instructions provided. Only the Race Committee may use tracking information described in this section for a protest, and it may not be used as the basis of a request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 and 60.2.

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 and posted on the Notice Board upon receipt, and will be held no later than 15 minutes after the Protest Deadline, unless the protest committee posts a change to the hearing schedule by that time on the event site on Yachtscoring.com.
- 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 Awards parties and locations will be described in each race's Supplemental SIs.

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SAINT PETERSBURG - LAUDERDALE RACE



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(Supplemental - **Amendment 1** and **2**)

This document, combined with the SORC Master Sailing Instructions, comprises the Sailing Instructions for the Saint Petersburg to Lauderdale Race. Numbered sections in this document are supplements to, not replacements for, equivalently numbered sections in the Master SIs unless otherwise indicated. These Supplemental Sailing Instructions govern should there be conflicting language in the Master SI's or the NOR documents.

1 RULES AND SAFETY

- 1.2 Personal AIS transponders are required for each crewmember.
- 1.3 Supplemental NOR 7.2.8.1 is modified by replacing "A lifejacket which shall be worn at all times" with "A lifejacket which shall be worn (i) from sunset to sunrise, (ii) whilst reefed, (iii) in a confused sea state and (iv) when required to by the skipper, watch captain or helmsperson."

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & SKIPPERS MEETING

- 2.1 The [Official Notice Board](http://www.sorcsailing.org/st-pete-lauderdale-race) will be on the event's Yachtscoring.com web page accessible from www.sorcsailing.org/st-pete-lauderdale-race. No signals will be made ashore.
- 2.2 The Race Headquarters will be Saint Petersburg Yacht Club located at 11 Central Ave., St. Petersburg. It will be open from 1600 hrs. to 1800 hrs. November 7th. The Lauderdale Yacht Club Race Headquarters shall operate from 1630 to 1730 hrs.
- 2.3 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1700 on November 3rd.
- 2.4 The Skippers Meeting will be held at 1800 hrs on November 7th at the Saint Petersburg Yacht Club. Check-in to finalize registration begins at 1700 hrs.
- 2.5 The Skippers Meeting will be followed by a buffet reception and live music. Wristbands will be required for the buffet and drinks tickets provided in the skipper's bag. Wrist bands can be purchased in advance on Yacht Scoring for \$25 ea. or from Race Headquarters for \$35 ea.

3 RADIO MONITOR

- 3.1 The designated race channel for the start and finish is VHF 68.

4 START

- 4.1 The Starting Line shall be located in the vicinity of Tampa Bay Cut C Lower Range (Iso. R 6s 27° 39.8 N - 082° 37.2 W) between an inflatable race mark and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal boat.
- 4.3 The first Warning signal is scheduled to be made at 1100 hours on Wednesday, November 8th.
- 4.4 Class Signals and start times will be announced in an addendum to the Sailing Instructions prior to the Skippers Meeting.
- 4.5 Routine movement of an autonomous mark that may be used for the starting pin will not be grounds for redress, including if returning to station after having been pushed away by a competitor. Rule 31 still applies.

6 COURSE

- 6.1 The course shall be from the starting line and then through the center three spans and associated fenders of the Skyway Bridge, leaving marks 1 to 26 as shown in the table below, to port and then to the finish line. Marks identified with an asterisk (*) beginning with Mark R "2", 28ft. and ending with Fowey Rocks Light are to be observed with a continuous line between them which cannot be crossed. The continuous line is not always indicative of the boundary of safe water for navigation and does not include the course from (i) Rebecca Shoal Lighted Buoy 4 to Mark R "2", 28ft., (ii) the Fowey Rocks Light to the Miami Sea Buoy and (iii) the Miami Sea Buoy to Port Everglades Sea Buoy, on to the Finish:

1. Southwest Channel Entrance Bell Buoy 1	10. Looe Key "24" *	19. Molasses Reef "10" *
2. Rebecca Shoal Lighted Buoy 4	11. Big Pine Shoal "22" *	20. Elbow Reef Light "6" *
3. Mark R "2", 28 ft. *	12. Sombrero Key Light *	21. Carysfort Reef Light *
4. Sand Key no mark, 24° 27.063N 81° 52.626W *	13. Coffins Patch point, no mark N24° 40.50 & W80° 57.40 *	22. Pacific Reef Light *
5. Key West Entrance Buoy "KW" *	14. Tennessee Reef Light *	23. Triumph Reef point, no mark N25° 28.60 & W80° 06.60 *
6. Stock Island "32" *	15. Alligator Reef Light *	24. Fowey Rocks Light *
7. Eastern Sambo point, no mark N24° 29.35 & W81° 40.00 *	16. Crocker Reef point, no mark N24° 54.49 & W80° 31.48 *	25. Miami Sea Buoy RW "M"
8. Pelican Shoal 24 30.246 N 81 35.817 W *	17. Davis Reef "14" *	26. Port Everglades Sea Buoy "PE"

9. American Shoal Light *	18. Conch Reef point, *	
	no mark	
	N24° 57.00 & W80° 27.40	

6.2 Competitors shall consult the Local Notice to Mariners ([link here](#)) for the latest updates on the status of the marks. The charted position of any missing mark shall be observed as that mark.

7 FINISH

- 7.1 A yacht will be finished when passing within 500 feet to the south of Port Everglades Lighted Buoy 3 and when it bears 0 deg Mag. This defines the finishing line.
- 7.2 Each boat shall take a photo of its exact GPS position and time at their finish and send this with the boat's name via text message to the Race Committee at 954-695-7168 as soon as reasonably possible after finishing. If known, the names of the boats finishing immediately before or after the finisher should be included.

8 TIME LIMIT AND RETIREMENT

- 8.1 The time limit for the race is 76 hours from their start time.
- 8.2 A boat retiring shall contact the Race Committee by calling 954-881-3094 as soon as reasonably possible after the decision to retire.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 ORC scoring will use the Time-on-Time Single Number rating. The RC may also post a Time Allowance sheet based on this rating on the Official Notice Board before the start of the race. Use of this Time Allowance sheet is for guidance only and does not replace the official results. For ORC scoring, each boat's ORC certificate valid to December 31, 2023, will be used for scoring purposes.
- 9.2 **The PHRF Time on Time scoring method will be using a yacht's West Florida RLC rating converted to a corrected time using utilizing A=600 and B=550 parameters.**
- 9.3 For the Multihull division, the boat's appropriate MOCRA rating will be applied as a factor of the elapsed time of its race.

11 PROTESTS

- 11.2 Protests may be submitted online through the event's Yachtscoring web page accessed www.sorcsailing.org/st-pete-lauderdale-race. Alternatively, completed forms can be e-mailed to bobmeagher3@gmail.com or delivered to the Race Headquarters during operating hours, where blank forms will also be available.
- The protest time limit is two hours after her finishing time for a boat finishing between 0900 and 1600 hrs, or for a boat finishing after 1600 hrs, 1000 hrs the following day.
- 11.3 Protest hearings will be scheduled upon receipt of protests, listed on the [Official Notice Board](#) upon receipt, and will be held no later than 17:30 hrs. on Saturday, November 11th, unless the protest committee posts a

change to the hearing schedule on the [Official Notice Board](#) by that time. Hearings may be conducted via Zoom or in person at Lauderdale YC.

12 AWARDS

- 12.1 The Reception and Awards Presentation will be held at Lauderdale Yacht Club, 1725 SE 12th St., Fort Lauderdale, 33316 (954-524-5500) located under the marquee on November 11th from 17:30 to 19:30.
- 12.2 Wristbands will be required for entry to the reception & awards presentation. Wristbands can be purchased in advance on Yacht Scoring or at the Skipper's Meeting in Saint Petersburg for \$50 each. They also can be purchased at Lauderdale Yacht Club at the Race Headquarters or at the entrance to the Awards Party for \$60 each.

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