

# 2023-24 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).

## 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 Master and Supplemental versions of those documents, as well as any amendments thereto.

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 Ship's AIS Transponder required, consistent with SER 3.9.

1.9 Advertising shall be per ISAF Regulation 20.

1.10 Individual races may require individual transponders for each crew member.

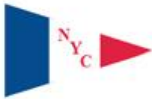
## 2 ELIGIBILITY

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 higher.

2.1.2 Double-handed boats meeting the listed safety requirements.

2.1.3 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.

2.2 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 must meet at least one of the following to be eligible:

2.3.1 Has a minimum Stability Index of 103.

2.3.2 Is a true sister ship of a boat in the US Sailing IMS Master File with a Stability Factor of at least 103.

2.3.3 Meets the requirements of ISO 12217-2B.

### 3 CREW LIMITS

3.1 Crew Limits for the following classes are:

3.1.1 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.

3.1.2 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 Boats may enter a race registering on the race web site [www.sorcsailing.org](http://www.sorcsailing.org).

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

St. Pete to Fort Lauderdale Race	November 8, 2023
Nassau Cup Ocean Race	January 11, 2024
Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race	February 22, 2024

Note: SORC serves as the Race Committee for the Wirth Munroe (Palm Beach) Race on December 1, 2023, but this event has a separate OA with separate race documents.

## **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 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 In addition to any other device required in each race's Safety Regulations, each boat shall 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 SPOT or Garmin/InReach 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 will be accompanied by Code Flag "L" at the Skipper Meeting venue and posted to 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: 1st, 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 published 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 3, 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.

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# Saint Petersburg - Fort Lauderdale

November 8 - 11, 2023



## 2023 NOTICE OF RACE (SUPPLEMENTAL)

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

In the event of any conflicting terms between this Supplement and the SORC Master Notice of Race, this Supplement shall prevail.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Saint Petersburg Yacht Club and Lauderdale Yacht 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.
- 1.3 Boats in Doublehanded classes are not eligible for an additional spinnaker beyond those specified on their rating certificates.
- 1.4 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

- 2.1 Boats must have a minimum LOA of 27 feet. The Race Committee reserves the right to disallow entry of any yacht at their sole discretion that is considered to be unsuited to this event.
- 2.2 Boats must hold a valid ORC/ORCi or West Florida PHRF rating.
- 2.3 PHRF entries shall have a valid West Florida PHRF Buoy Rating of 160 or less.
- 2.4 PHRF entries may use electric or hydraulic winches

### 3 ENTRY

- 3.1 The Entry Deadline is October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2023. The Early Entry Deadline is September 17<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- 3.2 Ratings and preliminary class assignments shall be posted on November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023.
- 3.3 Entries may be completed online at [www.sorcsailing.org/st-pete-lauderdale-race](http://www.sorcsailing.org/st-pete-lauderdale-race).

**4 ENTRY FEES**

4.1 Entry Fees and Early Entry Fees are as follows:

Hull LOA	Entry Fee	Early Entry Fee
Under 50'	\$600	\$500
50' or greater	\$700	\$600

**5 SCHEDULE**

Early Entry Deadline	September 17 <sup>th</sup> , 2023
Sailing Instructions Posted	October 11 <sup>th</sup>
Entry Deadline	October 22 <sup>nd</sup>
Rating Certificate Deadline	October 24 <sup>th</sup>
Class Assignments posted	November 6 <sup>th</sup>
Mandatory Skippers Meeting	November 7 <sup>th</sup>
First Warning Signal	November 8 <sup>th</sup>
Awards Party - Lauderdale YC	November 11 <sup>th</sup>

**6 COURSES**

The course shall be from the start line located in the vicinity of Tampa Bay Cut C Lower Range (Iso R 6s 27° 39.8 N - 082° 37.2 W), Southwesterly through the center three spans and associated fenders of the Skyway Bridge, round Southwest Channel Entrance Bell Buoy 1 to port, rounding Rebecca Shoal Lighted Buoy 4 and to the finish line at the Port Everglades 'PE' Buoy, staying seaward of a series of marks and waypoints.

**7 SAFETY**

7.1 Crew training.

8.1.1 Two persons on board shall hold a current World Sailing Hands-on Safety At Sea Certificate except for a Double Handed entry; in which case one person is required to hold a current World Sailing Hands-on Safety At Sea Certificate.

7.2 All boats must conform to the current US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Ocean Racing with the following changes or additions:

7.2.1 In addition to the stated methods of meeting 2.2.1 Stability within the current Monohull SER Ocean U.S. Sailing document, boats may also satisfy their stability requirement for this race by complying with the Following:

Boats shall have at least one of the following, or be a true sistership of a boat that does:

- a) A minimum ORC Stability Index of 115
- b) A minimum ORR Stability Limit of 115
- c) A minimum RORC SSSN of 28
- d) A minimum IRC STIX of 32
- e) Meet the requirements of ISO 12217-2A

7.2.2 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.)

7.2.3 An operational AIS Transponder shall be carried and be switched on, such that it is receiving and transmitting throughout the race.

7.2.4 SER 3.39 Life Raft is modified to include: the life raft is required to have a canopy, but does not need to have an insulated floor. It shall contain at a minimum a 24 hr. pack (ISO 9650 Pack 2) or the Pack 2 equipment specified in WS Offshore Special Regulations 4.20.2 contained in a grab bag that has inherent floatation. It may be stowed in a valise in an immediately accessible location beside the companionway provided that it does not weigh more than 88lb.

7.2.5 Two SOLAS smoke flares shall be carried on board.

7.2.6 SER 13.16.1 is modified to include that a boat shall carry a 406MHz EPIRB that is water and manually activated and is registered to the boat. This device shall be equipped with an internal GPS.

7.2.7 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 120 miles.

7.2.8 The following additional safety requirements apply to Doublehanded classes.

7.2.8.1 The VHF/FM transceiver required by SNOR 8.1.2 shall be switched on and accessible from the cockpit at all times while afloat.

7.2.8.2 Each crew shall carry a Personal AIS MOB locator beacon whilst wearing their lifejacket. A lifejacket which shall be worn at all times. The Personal AIS MOB beacon may be considered to be a substitution for a personal EPIRB beacon.

7.2.8.3 Both crew members shall have attended a half-day, one-day, or two-day U.S. Sailing Safety at Sea Seminar within the last 5 years, including online courses when available, or hold a valid U.S. Sailing Safety at Sea Certificate, or have attended other courses as accepted by U.S. Sailing or another national authority. One crewmember shall hold a current World Sailing Hands-on Safety At Sea Certificate.

7.2.8.4 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).

7.2.8.5 The mainsail shall have reef points capable of reducing at least 20% of the sail's area.

7.3 Each boat shall carry non-electronic charts appropriate for the race area, including NOAA chart numbers 11415, 11420, 11434, 11450, 11469, and 11470.

7.4 Multihull Division boats are required to carry life rafts as in 8.1.4 above. 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 is also recommended.

## **8 AWARDS PARTY**

8.1 The awards Party will be at the Lauderdale Yacht Club on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 1800 hrs.

## **9 SCORING AND TIME ALLOWANCES**

9.1 The racing shall be scored ORC. A PHRF Class may be run should there be at least six entries.

## **10 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

10.1 Sailing Instructions shall be posted by October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2023.

## **11 SKIPPERS MEETING**

11.1 The Skippers Meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 7<sup>th</sup> at 1800 hrs. at the Saint Petersburg Yacht Club.

## **12 PRIZES**

12.1 Re-commissioned Perpetual Trophies will be designated. Details to be announced at a future date.

For More Information:

[www.sorcsailing.org/st-pete-lauderdale-race](http://www.sorcsailing.org/st-pete-lauderdale-race)

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

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