



34th ANNUAL
FORT LAUDERDALE
TO
KEY WEST RACE
JANUARY 14th – 16th, 2009

PRELIMINARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES GOVERNING THE RACE

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*, the PHRF of Southeast Florida Rules & Regulations as adopted and amended by the Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race Committee, the current IRC Rules #1, 2, & 3, the Class Rules for eligible One Design Classes, this Notice and Conditions of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 All boats shall conform to the most current International Sailing Federation Special Regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Racing, including the *US Sailing* Prescriptions for Monohulls (or Multihulls), **Category 3 With Life Raft**. Life rafts are not required to have a canopy or insulated floor.
- 1.3 Each boat must carry hard copies of NOAA chart numbers: 11462, 11452 and 11442.
- 1.4 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 road extends beyond the edge of the deck.

2. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

- 2.1 At the Lauderdale Yacht Club the Official Notice Board will be located at the front entrance of the clubhouse. Any signals made ashore shall be displayed on the flagpole on the eastern most part of the club property.
- 2.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on January 14, 2009, except any change to the schedule of the race will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting.
- 2.3 In Key West, the Official Notice Board will be located at the Ft. Lauderdale – Key West Race Duty Office on the rooftop of The Turtle Kraals Wildlife Bar & Grill, 231 Margaret Street, Key West, FL 33040. The Key West Duty Office will be open from 1000 to 1800 on Thursday, January 15th, and from 1000 to 1500 on Friday, January 16th. Phone number for the Key West Duty Office is 954-525-6022. Any signals made ashore in Key West shall be displayed at the Key West Duty Office.

3. RADIO MONITOR

- 3.1 The Race Committee at the Start in Ft. Lauderdale will monitor VHF Channel 68 from one (1) hour prior to the first start until one (1) hour after the last start. All competitors should then monitor Channel 16 for the duration of the race. The Finish Committee will monitor VHF Channel 68 when on station in Key West.
- 3.2 An effort will be made to broadcast on Channel 68 the recall of boats prematurely starting, general recalls, abandonments or cancellations.

4. STARTING AREA

- 4.1 The Starting Line shall be between an inflatable race mark placed by the Race Committee (approximately ½ mile South of the Port Everglades harbor entrance and approximately 1 mile offshore) and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal boat.

5. STARTING PROCEDURE AND TIMES

- 5.1 Starting signals shall be made in accordance with *RRS* 26, with Classes starting at five (5) minute intervals. The Starting signal for each Class(es) shall be the Warning signal for the next Class(es).
- 5.2 The first **Warning signal** is scheduled to be made at 1300 hours on January 14, 2009.
- 5.3 Class Signals & Times will be available and posted at the Skipper’s Meeting

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>PENNANT COLORS</u>	<u>WARNING TIME (Class Flag)</u>	<u>PREP. FLAG</u>	<u>PREP. FLAG REMOVED</u>	<u>START SIGNAL</u>

6. RECALLS

- 6.1 An effort may be made to recall premature starters by hailing or by broadcast on VHF Channel 68. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hails, or the length of time it takes to make a notification on the VHF radio shall not be grounds for redress. (This changes *RRS* 29.1 and 60.1b)
- 6.2 Boats starting prematurely and not properly re-starting shall be penalized 30 minutes.
- 6.3 General Recalls shall be signaled in accordance with *RRS* 29.3, as modified herein. In the event a General Recall is made, the Class(es) recalled shall immediately clear the Starting Area and shall start **after** the last Class in the Starting sequence. If more than one (1) Class has a General Recall, the first Class recalled shall restart five (5) minutes after the last Class and other recalled Classes to follow in order of recall.

7. COURSE

- 7.1 The course shall be from the starting line South to the **Miami Sea Buoy** (“RW Mo (A) Whistle”), leaving it to starboard; then to the **Key West Sea Buoy** (“RW Mo(A)”) located due South of Key West, leaving the following marks and a continuous line connecting the following marks to starboard:

1. Fowey Rock	8. Davis Reef “14”	15. Looe Key “24”
2. Triumph Reef	9. Alligator Reef	16. American Shoal
3. Pacific Reef	10. R “18”	17. Pelican Shoal 26
4. R “4” Turtle	11. Tennessee Reef	18. Eastern Sambo 28
5. Carysfort Reef	12. Coffins Patch “20”	19. Western Sambo
6. The Elbow “6”	13. Sombrero Key	20. FI R. 2s “32”
7. Molasses Reef	14. Big Pine Shoal “22”	21. Key West Sea Buoy

Then, Northward to the Finish Line passing between the channel marker R”14” (Qk FI R) to Starboard and G”15” (FL G-4s) to Port.

- 7.2 All competitors are advised to be familiar with and understand the strict regulations involving endangered species and coral reef habitats which may be found in and adjacent to the race course.
- 7.3 All competitors are also advised that deep draft commercial and military vessels utilize the Key West Ship Channel during all hours of the day and night and any action which obstructs or impedes such vessels may be grounds for disqualification by the Race Committee and/or disciplinary action on behalf of the United States Coast Guard or appropriate Law Enforcement Authority.

8. NIGHT SAILING

- 8.1 When sailing between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the *RRS* 17 provisions are modified as follows: When two (2) boats are on the same tack, within three (3) overall lengths (of the larger boat) of each other, the boat being overtaken shall maintain proper course. The overtaking boat shall keep clear and neither boat shall bear away toward, nor luff the other.

9. FINISH LINE

- 9.1 The finish line shall be between R"14" (Qk FI R) left to Starboard and G"15" (FL G-4s) left to Port. The bearing of this line is approximately 280°.
- 9.2 The Race Committee will be stationed ashore on the seawall of the Ft. Zachary Taylor State Park. It is requested that all boats contact the Race Committee on VHF channel 68 when abeam of Marker G 13 in Key West channel prior to finishing. To avoid radio clutter, simply state the boat's name, and sail number, and that it is approaching the finish line.

10. NIGHT FINISHING

- 10.1 If boats finish the race during darkness, it is their responsibility to identify themselves to the Race Committee and to confirm their finish (after crossing the finish line) on VHF channel 68. Until a boat makes certain it has identified itself, the Race Committee shall not be responsible for recording its finishing time or position. To alert the Committee that a boat is about to finish, the boat should show a strong light on the sail numbers in such a manner that the numbers can be clearly read by the Committee.

11. ALTERNATE FINISH LINE

- 11.1 In the event that a cruise ship, commercial, military or other large vessel is in the vicinity of the Finishing Line, and on a course to pass between markers R"14" and G"15" at or close to the same time as a finishing boat, a boat may choose to finish at the Alternate Finishing Line. The Alternate Finishing Line shall be between channel marker G"15" and a point 50 yards away on a bearing of 280°. A boat has crossed this line when marker G"15" bears 100°.
- 11.2 A boat that intends to use the Alternate Finishing Line in accordance with Section 11.1 shall notify the Race Committee of her intent prior to finishing, shall record her finish time upon finishing, and shall notify the Race Committee of her finish time immediately thereafter. Notifications under this section shall be made on VHF channel 68. This section supersedes section 10.1 above.
- 11.3 A boat that uses the Alternate Finishing Line shall submit a written explanation of her reason for doing so to the Race Committee at the Key West Duty Office within the time limit defined by Section 15.1 below.
- 11.4 A Protest Committee may assign a time penalty to any boat found to be in violation of any part of this Section.

12. TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 Boats must finish within 48 hours of their starting time to be considered as a finisher.

13. BOATS RETIRING FROM THE RACE

- 13.1 A boat, which retires from the race for any reason, **MUST** notify the Race Committee at the Lauderdale Yacht Club (954-524-5500) or in Key West (954-525-6022) as soon as possible. Official race results will not be posted until all boats have been accounted for.

14. SCORING AND TIME ALLOWANCES

- 14.1 Appendix A, using the "Low Point" scoring system of the *RRS* shall be in effect. The course distance of the Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race is established at 160 nautical miles for scoring purposes.
- 14.2 **PHRF** Time Allowances shall be calculated using the 2009 PHRF of Southeast Florida handicap rating and the rated course distance.
- 14.3 **MASF** Time Allowances shall be calculated using the appropriate handicap from MASF and the rated course distance.
- 14.4 For the **IRC** division, the boat's rating allowance will be applied as a factor of the elapsed time of its race.

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1 Protesting boats shall conform to all the conditions of *RRS* 61. Protests shall be made in writing on an approved *RRS* protest form and submitted to the Race Committee located in the Key West Duty Office within two (2) hours after finishing (if between 0800 and 1600 hours). Boats finishing after 1600 must submit their protest form to the Key West Duty Office before 1100 the following day.
- 15.2 The Protest Committee will convene on Friday, January 16th, 2009. The time and location of the protest meetings will be posted at the Key West Duty Office by 1100 on Friday, January 16th, 2009 or as soon thereafter as is practical.
- 15.3 If a breach of any Rule is found, other than a Rule of Part 2 of the *RRS*, penalties shall be at the discretion of the Jury. This alters 64.1

16. AWARDS PRESENTATION & AFTER RACE PARTY

- 16.1 An Awards Presentation and After Race Party will be held on Friday, January 16th, 2009 from 5:00 pm to 7:00 pm., at ***Kelly's Caribbean Bar-Grill & Brewery***, 301 Whitehead Street, Key West. The awards presentation is scheduled to begin at 6:00 pm.
- 16.2 Wristbands will be required for entry to the party & awards presentation. Wristbands can be purchased at the Skipper's Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale for \$30.00 each or purchased in Key West at the Duty Office or at the entrance door at Kelly's for \$35.00 each.