



34<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL  
FORT  
LAUDERDALE  
TO  
KEY WEST RACE  
JANUARY 14<sup>th</sup> - 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009

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## GENERAL INFORMATION

- Ocean sailing boats from 25' LOA and larger are invited to the 33rd Annual Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race, starting on January 14<sup>th</sup>, 2009
- The Skipper's Meeting shall be held at the Lauderdale Yacht Club, 1725 SE 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316 at 1830 on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009.  
LYC Phone; 954-524-5500
- Participants are advised that special care of the living coral reefs, sea turtles and manatees along the Florida coast is the responsibility of the *Skipper* and Crew.
- **SCHEDULE OF EVENTS**
  - Tuesday, January 13, 2009**  
1600 – 1800 – Lauderdale Yacht Club Packet Pickup, Crew Registration  
1830 – Skipper's Meeting at the Lauderdale Yacht Club.
  - Wednesday, January 14, 2009**  
1300 – Race Begins
  - Friday, January 16, 2009**  
1700 – Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres & Awards Ceremony – Kelly's Caribbean Bar & Grill, Key West, Fla.  
(Awards party tickets are \$30.00 each if paid with your entry form. Tickets purchased in Key West will be \$35.00 each)

## OFFICIAL NOTICE & CONDITIONS OF RACE

### **1.0 TITLE / DATES / CLASSES / VENUE**

- 1.1 The 2009 Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race will be held January 14<sup>th</sup> –16<sup>th</sup>, 2009.
- 1.2 The Fort Lauderdale to Key West race is a 160-mile coastal race for ocean racing / cruising monohull and multihull boats. Classes expected to compete include PHRF (with handicaps 180 sec/mile or less), IRC, One-Design ocean racing classes with minimum 5 or more entries and ocean racing/cruising Multihull boats with a current valid MASF PHRF Multihull Rating Certificate.
- 1.3 The race will start at 1300, January 14, 2009 off of the Port Everglades (Ft. Lauderdale) inlet and finish in Key West, Florida.

## **2.0 RULES**

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 The Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race shall be classified as a **Category C** event (*RRS* Appendix 1).

## **3.0 SAFETY**

- 3.1 All boats shall conform to the 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.
- 3.2 All competing boats shall carry the following NOAA charts – Number(s) 11462, 11452 & 11442.
- 3.3 Each Skipper or Owner shall declare his or her vessel's eligibility and shall affirm that the vessel complies with any and all equipment requirements for this race.
- 3.4 Each boat may be required to carry a transponder used for daily position reports. The unit will be mounted in accordance with the instructions provided and a good faith effort shall be made to maintain its operation throughout the race. Yachts are not responsible for the rental fee, but are required to enter into a rental agreement with the transponder rental company. The transponder rental company requires a refundable equipment deposit from the yacht which is estimated to be \$600.

## **4.0 MANAGEMENT**

- 4.1 The races and related activities shall be managed by SORC, Inc. a race management organization consisting of members of the Lauderdale Yacht Club and the Southern Station of the Storm Trysail Club.
- 4.2 The term "*Skipper*" as used in the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions shall mean the person, whether or not the owner or charterer of the boat, who is designated on the entry form as "*Skipper*" and who is the person in charge of the boat.

## **5.0 ELIGIBILITY AND RATINGS**

- 5.1 The Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race invites ocean racing/cruising boats whose owner / charterer is a member of their National Authority. (U.S. Sailing Association for USA boats.) To join the U.S. Sailing Association, call 1-800-877-2451 or visit their website at [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org).
- 5.2 **PHRF** boats with a LOA of 25 feet minimum, and rating 189 sec/mi or less, having submitted a completed entry form and a current valid PHRF Certificate obtained from PHRF of Southeast Florida are invited. To obtain a rating from PHRF of S.E. Florida, contact PHRF of Southeast Florida at [www.phrfsef.com](http://www.phrfsef.com), or Chief Handicapper Christopher Woolsey at [info@phrfsef.com](mailto:info@phrfsef.com) or by phone at 954-462-9247.
- 5.3 **Multihull** ocean racing/cruising type boats at least 25 feet LOA minimum with enclosed cabins and permanent accommodations, having submitted a completed entry form and a current valid PHRF Certificate obtained from MASF are invited. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject any entry that does not comply with their definition of an "ocean racing/cruising type" Multihull boat. To obtain a rating from MASF, contact MASF at [www.masf-multihulls.com](http://www.masf-multihulls.com).
- 5.4 **IRC** rated boats with a LOA of 30 feet minimum, having submitted a completed entry form, and a valid "Endorsed" 2008 IRC Certificate are invited. *IRC* racing will be offered if sufficient entries are received and satisfactory classes can be established. *IRC* rating applications for US flagged boats can be obtained through US SAILING (401 644-3154 or [info@us-irc.org](mailto:info@us-irc.org)). Boats from other nations should consult their rating office or contact [www.rorcrating.com](http://www.rorcrating.com). *IRC* entrants are also required to obtain a 2009 PHRF of Southeast Florida certificate so that PHRF class assignment can be made if there are insufficient *IRC* entries to form a stand-alone class. In this event, *IRC* entries may be scored as a separate subclass within a PHRF class. The committee may waive this requirement if it is clear that there are sufficient *IRC* entries to form a stand-alone *IRC* class.

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5.5 The ratings and preliminary class assignments of all boats entered in the Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race will be posted on website and the Official Notice Board located at the Lauderdale Yacht Club not later than 1200 (Noon) on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup> and remain posted until 1700 the same day, at which time all posted valid ratings will stand for the race.

5.6 Boats are required to have a their current valid certificates on board while racing.

5.7 Mini-650 or Mini Transat class boats with a minimum crew of two are permitted.

#### **6.0 CREW LIMITS**

6.1 Crew limits for PHRF boats shall be as listed on their current valid certificate plus one.

6.2 Crew limits for One-Design Classes shall conform to their Class Rules for sanctioned events plus one.

6.3 IRC crew weight and limitations: The maximum total crew weight shall not exceed the product of the Crew Number printed on the boat's certificate, plus one, multiplied by 180 pounds.

6.4 All boats, including the Multihull boats shall carry a minimum crew of 4 (four).

#### **7.0 ENTRIES**

7.1 The entry deadline for the Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race shall be Friday, January 9, 2009.

Entries may be completed online at [www.keywestrace.org](http://www.keywestrace.org) or mailed to:

The Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race Committee

4710-C, NW 15<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309

7.2 A completed Entry Form, a signed waiver form or the electronic acceptance of same on the Race website, a copy of the boat's current Official Rating Certificate and the prescribed entry fee for each boat must be received by the Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race Committee prior to the final entry deadline.

7.3 No entry fee will be refunded after the entry deadline of January 9, 2009.

7.4 In consideration of acceptance of his entry, each owner / skipper agrees to be bound by the Racing rules of Sailing and by all the other rules that govern the Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race. Each skipper certifies to have read, understand and agree with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

7.5 The Race Committee shall have the right to randomly inspect entries for eligibility and equipment requirements at any time prior to the awards presentation.

#### **8.0 ENTRY FEES**

8.1 Entry fees to participate in the Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race are as follows;

**Early entries paid on or before December 12, 2008** **\$ 300.00 US**

**Entries paid after December 12, 2008** **\$ 400.00 US**

**Late Documentation Fee** (Late rating certificate or change after 1/9/09) **\$ 100.00 US.**

#### **9.0 CLASSES AND IDENTIFICATION**

9.1 The fleet may be divided into Classes of IRC, PHRF, One-Design, and Multihull boats, with further Class divisions depending on the number of entries. Class divisions and starting times will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Lauderdale Yacht Club by 1700 on Tuesday, January 13, 2009.

9.2 For Class identification, a colored Class pennant will be issued to each competing boat. The Class Pennant shall be prominently displayed near the stern of the boat.

9.3 Scratch sheets will be included in the Skipper's packet distributed prior to the Skipper's Meeting.

#### **10.0 SCORING AND TIME ALLOWANCES**

10.1 The Low Point Scoring System as described in Appendix "A" – Scoring of the *RRS* will apply.

10.2 The course distance for the Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race is established at 160 nautical miles for scoring purposes.

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10.3 **PHRF** Time Allowances shall be calculated using the *Ocean/Coastal (O/C)* handicap issued by the PHRF of SE Florida Rating Committee and the rated course distance.

10.4 **MASF PHRF** Time Allowances shall be calculated using the handicaps issued by the **MASF** Rating Committee and the rated course distance.

10.5 **IRC** division, the boats rating allowance will be applied as a factor of the elapsed time of its race.

### **11.0 RESPONSIBILITY**

11.1 The Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race Committee, co-sponsoring clubs and participating commercial sponsors do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss of or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or related to this race.

11.2 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the *Skipper* who must insure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are physically fit. The *Skipper* of the boat must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars rigging, sails and all gear. He must insure that all equipment is properly maintained and stowed that he and the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. Neither the establishment of regulations nor an inspection of a boat in any way limits and reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the *Skipper*.

11.3 It is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the *Skipper* of each boat to decide whether or not to start, or continue in the race, and to notify the Race Committee if the boat withdraws after starting the race.

### **12.0 CONDUCT**

12.1 The *Skipper* shall be responsible for the conduct of his crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, the destruction of property or the failure to comply with a reasonable request of any Race Officer, committee member, or agent of the Storm Trysail Club or Lauderdale Yacht Club, the Storm Trysail Club or Lauderdale Yacht Club may rescind the entry of the boat and the *Skipper* shall be liable for any and all damages.

### **13.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

13.1 Preliminary Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race website at [www.KeyWestRace.org](http://www.KeyWestRace.org), on or about December 12, 2008, and final Sailing Instructions will be available before the Skipper's Meeting on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at the Lauderdale Yacht Club.

### **14.0 SKIPPERS' MEETING**

14.1 A Skippers' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2009 at 1830 hours at the Lauderdale Yacht Club. It is required that a representative of each boat entered attend the Skippers' Meeting to submit crew lists, and pick up handicap sheets, the appropriate class flag, and race packet.

14.2 Each boat shall be required to execute and complete an accurate crew list, equipment declaration and conduct responsibilities form in exchange for their race packet.

14.3 Each Skipper or Owner shall indicate the intended location of his or her boat while in Key West. Boats failing to comply may be protested by the Race Committee, and if such a protest is sustained, the boat may be disqualified or assessed an appropriate time penalty.

**15.0 PRIZES**

15.1 First, second and third place trophies will be awarded the winners in each Class

**15.2 Perpetual Trophies include:**

**Committee's Trophy** – Presented to the Skipper of the Best Overall Performance boat.

**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 a 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 the Skipper of a boat exhibiting Outstanding Seamanship during the event.

15.3 All awards will be presented in Key West on Friday evening January 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009 during the awards ceremony at Kelly's Caribbean Bar, Grill & Brewery, 301 Whitehead Street, Key West, FL 33040.

**16.0 DIRECT INQUIRIES TO:**

Joel Bowie:- Race Chairman  
E-mail: Chair@keywestrace.org  
Phone: 954-525-6022  
Fax: 954-862-8991

**In Ft. Lauderdale – Race Headquarters**

Lauderdale Yacht Club  
1725 SE 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316  
LYC Club Phone; 954-524-5500

OR

**In Key West – Race Headquarters**

Turtle Kraals Restaurant Bar  
Key West, FL  
R/C Phone; 954-525-6022

**17.0 OFFICIAL REGATTA WEBSITE**

17.1 The official website for the 2009 Ft. Lauderdale to Key West Race is **www.keywestrace.org**. This Notice of Race, Entry Form, Crew Waiver, Sailing Instructions, Entry List, Addendum's, Notices, and final results will be posted on the website.