

Conch Republic Cup

January 22nd – February 3rd, 2017

Conch Republic Cup, Organizing Authority
Supported by Key West Community Sailing Center and
Hemingway International Yacht Club
Key West FL, Varadero & Havana Cuba

NOTICE OF RACE

Amended 10/30/16

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 2.2 Advertising is permitted, unless class rules do not permit, in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20. Boats that intend to display advertising shall so indicate on their entry form. Competitors are requested to respect the brand exclusivity of the official sponsors of this event. Their participation enhances the event for all competitors.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all ocean capable boats of the PHRF Monohull Cruising, PHRF Monohull Racing, Multihull class(es) and Schooner class with a minimum length of 26' for Monohull and 24' for Multihull.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing registration and paying fees on www.yachtscoring.com Captain and crew are required to include Passport information and Date of Birth when registering.
- 3.3 Captain and crew will each be required to sign a liability release & waiver on www.yachtscoring.com. Captain and crew must also provide emergency contact information.
- 3.4 Each boat owner is also required to fill out form CG3300 and return to us by December 15, 2016. <http://www.uscg.mil/hq/cg5/cg531/CG3300.pdf>
Any late forms or changes to the form after that time may result in the inability to race due to permit not being received back from the Coast Guard in time.
Please list all crew members that MAY ATTEND the event. You may remove potential crew until race day.

- 3.5 CG 3300 Form may be mailed or scanned and emailed to the following:
CRC C/O Karen Angle
1107 Key Plaza #327
Key West, FL 33040
karen@conchrepubliccup.org
- 3.6 Applicants who send CG3300 in on time shall be entitled to a full refund in the event we do not secure CG3300 Permit. Refunds may not be issued if permits are secured. An Administrative Fee of \$250 will be applied to all cancelations.
- 3.7 It is also required by US Customs that all vessels over 30ft apply and pay for a single crossing decal that allows vessels to cross into US territory by water at: https://dtops.cbp.dhs.gov/main/login_internet.jsp;jsessionid=LjKyWW8KBXRwZpdvHmY0VHwkRzf2nmSLwWZd8qpnJv1ZWGbxxlrh!-498402288
- 3.8 All Vessels are also required to fill out the US Customs Form I-418 before returning to the US. <http://www.ilw.com/forms/I-418.pdf> . It will be required upon return to the US during check in at US Customs. Participants listed on this form must match the CG3300 approved permit.
- 3.9 All vessels are also required to fill out the Declaracion General De Embarcaciones/General Statement of Foreign Vessels prior to arrival in Cuba.
- 3.10 CRC participants will need current passport with at least 6 months remaining until expiration from the time they intend to leave Cuba. Passport should have at least 2 blank pages.
- 3.11 For detailed instructions on filling out the required forms and links to the forms, please go to www.conchrepubliccup.org/participants/
- 3.12 Due to the process being new not all variations of registration can be guaranteed for acceptance specifically Cuban born individuals. This is due to Cuban Government restrictions on travel by Cuban Americans by boat. We will continue to work on this issue and notify racers if the rules change.
- 3.13 Conch Republic Cup is not requiring vessel insurance to participate in the race week. Conch Republic Cup is also not accepting any liability for any participant or their equipment. All participants will be signing a release of liability waiver prior to racing.
- 3.14 The number of boats eligible to enter is not restricted at this time but may become restricted in the future based on slip availability at Marina Hemingway. Please register early.

4 FEES

- 4.1 The Entry Fees are as follows and due at time of registration:
Early Registration – Received by September 15, 2016: \$1000 per boat (which includes skipper, one crew and one complimentary Hemingway International Yacht Club (HIYC) membership), plus \$200 for each additional crew member.
Regular Registration – Received between September 16, 2016 and December 15, 2016: \$1000 per boat (which includes one individual HIYC membership), plus \$200 for the skipper and each additional crew member.
Late Registration – After December 15, 2016: Add \$500.
- 4.2 Other fees: Optional additional HIYC memberships are available @ \$200 each.

- 4.3 An Administrative Fee of \$250 will be applied to all cancelations.

5 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE (Locality for Race Village and Parties in KW to be announced)

- 5.1 Sunday, Jan 22: 1000-1600 Check In and Opening of Race Village
1000-1600 Vendor's will be set up for business.
1200-1500 Exhibition Racing
Monday, Jan. 23: 1000-1600 Registration and Race Village Open for Business
1200-1500 Exhibition Racing
1600 Skipper's Meeting
1630-1830 Welcome Party.
Tuesday, Jan. 24: 1700 – Start Race from Key West to Varadero.
Wednesday, Jan. 25: Arrive at Varadero.
1700 Skippers' Meeting.
1800 Cocktail and Appetizer Welcome Reception at Marina Gaviota.
Thursday, Jan. 26: 1700 Start Race from Varadero to Havana.
Friday, Jan. 27: Arrive at Hemingway.
1700 Skippers' Meeting.
1800 Welcome Reception at Hemingway International Yacht Club (HIYC).
Saturday, Jan. 28: Lay Day.
Sunday, Jan. 29: 1000 Castillo Del Morro Triangle Race & Parade along The Malecon.
1800 Awards Party at HIYC.
Monday – Wednesday, Jan. 30 – Feb. 1: Lay Days.
Thursday, Feb. 2: 1700 Start Race from Havana to Key West.
Friday, Feb 3: Arrive in Key West.
1800 Awards Party and Dinner.

6 MEASUREMENTS

Each boat shall produce a valid Southeast Florida PHRF certificate. SEF PHRF will not issue a certificate after 3 weeks prior to an event. <http://phrfsef.com/>

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on or before Jan 1, 2017, at the CRC website.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 Key West to Varadero race will start to the West of the main ship channel and South of Tank Island, See Appendix B.
8.2 Start of the Varadero to Havana race will be North of the Canal de Buba, See Appendix C.

- 8.3 The Castillo del Morro Race will be held North of Malecon and Havana Harbor Entrance, See Appendix D.
- 8.4 Havana to Key West Race will start North of the main channel entrance to Marina Hemingway, See Appendix E.

9 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be as follows:

Distance Race 1: Key West to Varadero, Cuba.

Distance Race 2: Varadero, Cuba, to Havana, Cuba.

Buoy race in Havana: Coastal race of 4 -10 miles each around a combination of fixed marks and/or dropped marks.

Distance Race 3: Havana to Key West.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply.
- 10.2 Each boat's series score shall be the total of her 4 race scores. This changes RRS A2.

11 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY INSPECTION

- 11.1 All US Coast Guard safety equipment shall be required, and each boat shall be subject to inspection. Current pre-inspection certificates and stickers will be accepted and are encouraged. It is further recommended that each skipper review World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Category 3 races and prepare his boat with safety measures appropriate for offshore sailing. A link to these regulations is: <http://www.sailing.org/specialregs>
- 11.2 All boats shall have either a SPOT or Delorme In Reach and provide the URL information to organizing authority so it can be tracked on Kattack. This shall be the responsibility of the skipper.

12 BERTHING

Multiple marinas in the Key West Municipal Marina area, Stock Island Marina in Key West, Marina Gaviota in Varadero and in Marina Hemmingway in Havana.

13 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

During the entire event, the race committee shall use International VHF channel 68 for communicating with the competitors. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Trophies will be given to the top three finishers in each division for each race.
- 15.2 The Conch Republic Cup Trophy will be presented for the best score overall for all 4 races.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

17 INSURANCE

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18 CLEAN REGATTA

We are proud to announce that we have joined the race to restore ocean health with Sailors for the Sea's Clean Regattas program. Protecting our local waters is very important to this regatta and we ask for your help in this effort. The ocean, lakes and rivers of our planet are in crisis with plastic pollution, oil spills, and marine debris threatening marine wildlife and human health. To learn more about this initiative visit www.sailorsforthesea.org

We ask for your help on the following items:

- Ensuring recycling and trash is separated properly before disposing of waste
- Switch your team over to reusable water bottles
- Place an oil absorbent pad in your bilge
- Ensure that your head is secured and observe the no discharge rule

19 TELEVISION AND PHOTOGRAPHER'S RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact karen@conchrepubliccup.org .