



36th ANNUAL FORT LAUDERDALE TO KEY WEST RACE

JANUARY 12th – 14th, 2011

OFFICIAL 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, the Notice and Conditions of Race and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 RRS Part 2 will be replaced by Part B, The Steering and Sailing Rules, of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
- 1.3 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.
- 1.4 Each boat must carry hard copies of NOAA chart numbers: 11462, 11452 and 11442.
- 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 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 12, 2011, 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 13th, and from 1000 to 1500 on Friday, January 14th. 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 12, 2011.
- 5.3 Class Signals & Times are indicated below.

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>PENNANT COLORS</u>	<u>WARNING TIME</u> <u>(Class Flag)</u>	<u>PREP FLAG</u> <u>DISPLAYED</u>	<u>PREP. FLAG</u> <u>DOWN</u>	<u>START</u> <u>SIGNAL</u>
IRC A	Yellow	1300	1301	1304	1305
IRC B	Pink	1305	1306	1309	1310
PHRF A	Orange	1310	1311	1314	1315
PHRF B	Green	1315	1316	1319	1320
PHRF C	White	1320	1321	1324	1325
Multihull A	Purple	1325	1326	1329	1330

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 or points and a continuous line connecting the following 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 Lt.	18. Eastern Sambo (no mark)
5. Carysfort Reef	12. Coffins Patch “20”	19. Western Sambo (no mark)
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 Part 2 will be replaced by **Part B, The Steering and Sailing Rules**, of the **International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS)**. (Important sections paraphrased below)

Two sailing vessels approaching one another must give-way as follows:

Port gives way to Starboard. When each has the wind on a different side, the vessel which has the wind to port must give way;

Windward gives way to leeward. When both have the wind on the same side, the vessel which is windward must give way to the vessel which is leeward;

Unsure port gives way. If a vessel, with the wind on the port side, sees a vessel to windward and cannot determine whether the other vessel has the wind on the port or the starboard side, they must give way.

An overtaking vessel must keep out of the way of the vessel being overtaken. 'Overtaking' means approaching another vessel at more than 22.5 degrees abaft her beam, i.e. so that at night, the overtaking vessel would see only the stern light and neither of the sidelights of the vessel being overtaken.

The give-way vessel

The give-way vessel must take early and substantial action to keep well clear.

The stand-on vessel

The stand-on vessel shall maintain her course and speed, but she may take action to avoid collision if it becomes clear that the give-way vessel is not taking appropriate action, or when so close that collision can no longer be avoided by the actions of the give-way vessel alone.

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
- 9.3 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 2011 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. TRACKING

- 15.1 GPS tracking of all boats provided by Kattack Live will be used for public viewing and public media purposes. Information from the tracking system shall not be used as evidence, or be used as a basis for a protestor request for redress by either the Race Committee or a boat, although the Protest Jury may use available information from the system at their discretion. This changes *RRS* 60.1 and 60.2.
- 15.2 The following procedure shall be followed:
- (a) Each boat shall personally collect their tracking device at registration.
 - (b) Each boat shall personally return the tracking device to the Key West Duty Office. Boats must return tracking devices prior to the protest time limit.

16. PROTESTS

- 16.1 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.
- 16.2 Protest hearings will be scheduled upon receipt of protests and will be held no later than 1100 hrs. on Friday, January 14, unless the protest committee posts a change to the hearing schedule by that time.
- 16.3 If a breach of any Rule is found, other than a Rule of Part 2 of the *RRS* or COLREGS, penalties shall be at the discretion of the Jury. This alters 64.1

17. AWARDS PRESENTATION & AFTER RACE PARTY

- 17.1 An Awards Presentation and After Race Party will be held on Friday, January 14th, 2011 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.
- 17.2 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.