



# 2017 NASSAU CUP OCEAN RACE

## GENERAL INFORMATION

☞ **Ocean sailing boats** from 30' LOA and larger are invited to enter the 84<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Nassau Cup Ocean Race from Miami, to Nassau, Bahamas.

The race website is [www.nassaucuprace.org](http://www.nassaucuprace.org).

☞ A Skipper's Meeting shall be held at 1800 hours on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at:

The Coral Reef Yacht Club  
2484 S. Bayshore Drive  
Coconut Grove, FL 33133  
Phone: 305-858-1733

☞ The Race is scheduled to begin at 1100 hours on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

☞ The Nassau Yacht Club welcomes all competitors to The Bahamas. Details regarding visiting Nassau and the Nassau Yacht Club can be found on the race website: [www.nassaucuprace.org](http://www.nassaucuprace.org)

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

### Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>

Final entry deadline..... 1800

### Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>

Race Packet pick up at CRYC..... 1700 - 1800

Skipper's Meeting, Coral Reef Yacht Club..... 1800

Pre Race cocktails & party at CRYC..... 1830

### Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>

Race Start North of Miami Harbor..... 1100

## **84<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY NASSAU CUP OCEAN RACE**

### Friday, November 10<sup>th</sup>

Race Finish at western end of Nassau Harbour  
After race gathering at the Nassau Yacht Club

### Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup>

Welcome party at Nassau Yacht Club..... 1830  
Ocean Race awards presentation..... 1930

## 2017 NASSAU CUP NOTICE OF RACE & RACE CONDITIONS

### 1.0 VENUE / AUTHORITY / CLASSES / DATES

1.1 The Nassau Cup Ocean Race is a 176 nm. Invitational ocean race for ocean racing monohull and multihull boats. Classes invited to compete include **IRC** rated boats, **ORC Club** rated boats, **PHRF** boats with ratings from PHRF of Southeast Florida, **East Coast Racer Cruiser Association** and ocean racing multihull boats with ratings from Multihull Association of South Florida (**MASF**). Classes will be established with a minimum of three paid entries in a class.

1.2 The Nassau Yacht Club, under the jurisdiction of the Bahamas Sailing Association (BSA), is the Organizing Authority for the 2017 Nassau Cup Ocean Race. The race is managed by the Southern Ocean Racing Conference, Inc. (SORC).

1.3 The race is scheduled to start at 1100 hours on Thursday, November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017 approximately 1 nm. northeast of the Miami Harbor entrance (Government Cut), and finish at the northwest entrance of Nassau Harbor, Bahamas.

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### 2.0 RULES

2.1 The Race will be governed by the Rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (Rules), including only the US SAILING Prescriptions Rules 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1 and Appendix R, the 2017 IRC Rules, parts A, B, & C, the 2017 ORC Rules, the PHRF of Southeast Florida Rules & Regulations, the Class Rules and Bylaws of the East Coast Racer Cruiser Association, Class Rules for eligible Multihull classes, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, including any properly posted amendments to the above.

2.2 INTERNATIONAL REGULATIONS FOR PREVENTING COLLISIONS AT SEA. Part 2 of the *Rules* shall not apply between the times of local sunset and sunrise, except when changed in Sailing Instructions, and shall be replaced with the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS (International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea).

2.3 In case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. (This changes rule 63.7.)

2.4 The following prescription of the Bahamas Sailing Association will apply: *Rule* 64.3 (b). In addition, add: "The BSA prescribes that the authority responsible for interpreting the rules of a handicap or rating system is the organization that issued the handicap or the rating certificate involved."

2.5 In accordance with IRC Rule 21.6.1 a boat may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current IRC certificate of area not greater than rated SPA without an increase in rating.

### 3.0 MANAGEMENT

3.1 The race is sponsored by the Nassau Yacht Club, the Coral Reef Yacht Club, and the Storm Trysail Club, and is managed by SORC as the Race Committee for the collective group. The Race Committee or its representatives shall have the authority to interpret the rules and conditions of the race and related activities, to decide protests, and to reject the entry of any boat at any time prior to the start of the race or related activities.

3.2 The SORC Race Committee, Nassau Yacht Club, Coral Reef Yacht Club, and Storm Trysail Club, their officers and agents 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 this race or related activities.

### 4.0 ELIGIBILITY AND RATINGS

4.1 The 2017 Nassau Cup Ocean Race invites ocean racing boats whose owner/charterer is a member of a recognized Yacht Club or their National Authority.

4.2 **IRC** rated boats with a LOA of 30 feet minimum, having submitted a completed entry form, and a valid 2017 IRC Certificate are invited. (IRC rating applications for US flagged boats can be obtained through US SAILING (401 683-0800 or [irc@ussailing.org](mailto:irc@ussailing.org).) Boats from other nations should consult their rating office or contact [www.rorcrating.com](http://www.rorcrating.com).)

4.3 **ORC Club** rated boats with a LOA of 30 feet minimum, and an offshore long distance Time on Time rating factor of 0.880 and higher, having submitted a completed entry form, and a valid 2017 ORC Club rating certificate are invited. (ORC Club online rating application can be found at: <http://www.orc.org/index.asp?id=25>).

4.4 **PHRF** boats with a LOA of 30 feet minimum, and rating 190 sec/mi or less, having submitted a completed entry form, and a valid 2017 PHRF Certificate obtained from PHRF of Southeast Florida are invited. (For information regarding PHRF of Southeast Florida ratings or to apply for a Certificate from PHRF of Southeast Florida, contact PHRF of Southeast Florida at [www.phrfsef.com](http://www.phrfsef.com).)

4.5 **Multihull** ocean racing/cruising type boats at least 30 feet LOA minimum with enclosed cabins and permanent accommodations, having submitted a completed entry form and a current valid MASF/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 Rick Tobin, (305-297-5627 or email at [rickt111@earthlink.net](mailto:rickt111@earthlink.net)).

4.6 **East Coast Racer Cruiser Association** (ECRCA) valid member boats, with a LOA of 30 feet minimum having submitted a completed entry form and a valid 2017 ECRCA ARC Rating Certificate are invited. Performance Cruiser, Cruiser and Non-Spinnaker classes will be offered if 3 or more boats enter in this class by the early entry deadline of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. For more information contact ECRCA Administrator Jay Tyson (813-220-1584 or [jwtj29@gmail.com](mailto:jwtj29@gmail.com))

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4.7 A current **IRC, ORC Club, PHRF** of Southeast Florida **ECRCA** or **MASF** rating certificate is required for each boat. The certificate upon which acceptance of an entry is predicated will be the rating applicable to the boat at the time she starts the race. Each boat must submit their current, valid rating certificate to the Race Committee by 1800 hours, Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Rating problems due to re-measurement or modification must be resolved prior to the submission deadline.

4.8 The ratings and preliminary class assignments of all boats entered in the Nassau Cup Ocean Race will be posted on the race website at [www.nassaucuprace.org](http://www.nassaucuprace.org), and on the Official Notice Board located in the breezeway at the Coral Reef Yacht Club not later than 1000 hours on Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, and remain posted until 1800 the same day, at which time all posted valid ratings will stand for the race. Rating, and/or class assignment issues must be resolved with the Race Committee prior to 1800 hours on November 8<sup>th</sup>.

#### 5.0 ENTRIES:

5.1 The entry deadline for the 2017 Nassau Cup Ocean Race is 1800 hours Friday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017. Entries may be completed online by going to [www.nassaucuprace.org](http://www.nassaucuprace.org), or the official entry form can be downloaded, completed and mailed with a check made out to SORC Inc. to:

Nassau Cup Race C/O Coral Reef Yacht Club  
2484 S. Bayshore Drive  
Coconut Grove, FL 33133

5.2 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 SORC Race Committee prior to the final entry deadline of November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

5.3 No entry fee will be refunded after the entry deadline of 1800 hours, on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2017.

5.4 Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 USD or the equivalent.

#### 6.0 ENTRY FEES

6.1 Entry fees to participate in the 2017 Nassau Cup Ocean Race are as follows;

<b>Early Entry Fee - paid on or before October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b>	<b>\$ 350.00 US</b>
<b>Entries paid AFTER October 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017</b>	<b>\$ 450.00 US</b>
<b>Late Documentation Fee (Late rating certificate or change after 11/7/2017)</b>	<b>\$ 100.00 US</b>

#### 7.0 SKIPPERS MEETING

7.1 A Skippers meeting will be held at 1800 hours, Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, 2017 at the Coral Reef Yacht Club, 2484 S. Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL 33133. It is required that a representative of each boat entered attend the Skippers' Meeting to submit waivers, crew lists, pick up handicap sheets, and race packets.

7.2 Each boat shall be required to complete and submit to the Race Committee a full and accurate crew list, waiver form, and equipment declaration form in exchange for their race packet.

#### 9.0 DIVISIONS & CLASSES

9.1 The fleet may be divided into IRC, ORC Club, PHRF, ECRCA and MASF classes as dictated by the number of entries. A minimum of three (3) boats entered and paid is required to establish a class.

#### 10.0 CREW LIMITS

10.1 **IRC** crew weight and limitations: IRC 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by:  
The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a yacht shall be as detailed below.  
There is no crew weight limit.

<b>IRC Certificate number:</b>	<b>Allowed crew</b>
Up to 9	certificate number plus 1
10-13	certificate number plus 2
14 and over	certificate number plus 3

10.2 There are no crew limits for ORC rated boats.

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

10.3 The minimum number of crew is three in addition to the Skipper.

### **11.0 COURSE**

11.1 The course to be sailed shall be from the Start line northeast of Government Cut, to the Finish Line at the northwest entrance of Nassau Harbour, leaving Great Isaac (including Northeast Rock and East Brother), and Great Stirrup to Starboard. The Warning signal for the first start is scheduled for 1055 hours on November 9<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

### **12.0 SPECIAL LIMITATIONS ON WEATHER AND OCEANOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

12.1 During the race, boats may not receive weather, current, or navigational information except from publicized 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 the *Rules #41* (Outside assistance).

### **13.0 TIME ALLOWANCES**

13.1 For the **IRC** and **ORC** divisions, Time on Time scoring will be used. A boat's rating allowance will be applied as a factor of the boats elapsed time for the race.

13.2 For the PHRF and MASF divisions, Time-on-Time scoring will be used. Time allowances will be calculated using the following conversion formula: **650 / ( 550 + PHRF (or MASF) Rating)**

13.3 For the PHRF and MASF divisions, a boats calculated Time on Time rating allowance will be applied as a factor of the boat's elapsed time for the race.

13.4 For the ECRCA division, time allowances shall be calculated using ARC handicaps and the rated course distance of 176 miles.

### **14.0 EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION**

14.1 All competing boats shall carry the appropriate nautical charts covering the race course.

14.2 All boats must conform to the current World Sailing Special Regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Racing **Category 2** with the following changes or additions:

- ◆ **Engine and Fuel (OSR 3.28):** OSR 3.28 is amended to permit, as an alternative to the inboard engine required by 3.28.1, an outboard engine which may be carried on the transom or securely stowed below decks in such a way that it is available for immediate deployment. The requirements of 3.28.3 apply, except that a sealed and approved portable container may be carried above the working deck or in a vented locker such that there is no possibility of leakage into the bilges or interior of the yacht.
- ◆ Sufficient fuel to provide range under power of at least 75 miles.
- ◆ Operative VHF/FM transceiver with Channels 9, 16, 68, 71 and 72. (DSC and GMDSS equipped VHF radios are encouraged.)
- ◆ AIS Transponder recommended, but not required.
- ◆ Life raft need not have a canopy or insulated floor.

14.3 The Race Committee has the right to inspect any boat without prior warning before the start and after the finish of the race. It may reject any entry or deny an award on its findings.

### **15.0 RACE TRACKING DEVICES:**

15.1 Each boat is required to be equipped with a SPOT or GARMIN position transponder, be subscribed to the "TrackProgress" option offered by SPOT or GARMIN, and provide the Race Committee with the "shared URL" for the purpose of inclusion in the official race tracking program. ([www.findmespot.com](http://www.findmespot.com) or [garmin.com](http://garmin.com)).

**16.0 CHANGES / ADDITIONS**

16.1 Changes or addendums to this Notice of Race or to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the official bulletin board at Coral Reef Yacht Club. Code Flag "L" will be displayed from the Coral Reef Yacht Club if an amendment or notice has been posted.

16.2 No notice or amendment(s) affecting the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions will be posted later than 2000 hours on the day prior to the race.

**17.0 PRIZES**

17.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, & 3<sup>rd</sup> place finishers in each division/class, provided at least five entries per division/class.

17.2 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded as follows:

17.2.1 The Coral Harbour Yacht Club Trophy for the first monohull boat to finish.

17.2.2 The Nassau Cup will be awarded to first place corrected time in the largest division.

17.2.3 The Arthur Bosworth Trophy will be awarded to first place corrected time in the ORC division.

17.2.4 The 'Half Hull' Perpetual will be awarded to the best performance by a Bahamian boat.

17.3 Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

**18.0 RACE WEBSITE**

18.1 Access the official race website at [www.nassaucuprace.org](http://www.nassaucuprace.org) for the official Notice of Race, entry forms, and other information concerning the race.

**19.0 DIRECT INQUIRIES TO:**

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Phone: 305-785-4777

**In Miami – Race Headquarters**

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Coconut Grove, FL 33133  
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**OR**

**In Nassau – Race Headquarters**

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East Bay Street  
Nassau, Bahamas  
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