



Fort Lauderdale To Charleston Race April 8 – 11, 2009

GENERAL INFORMATION

A 408 MILE OCEAN RACE

Ocean sailing boats from 30' LOA and larger are invited to the Fort Lauderdale to Charleston Race, starting on April 8th, 2009. Mini 6.5s are invited to participate in a separate demonstration class.

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Lauderdale Yacht Club April 7, 2009

- 1730: Mount Gay sponsored Cocktail Party at the outdoor Pavilion.
- 1830: Skipper's Meeting and weather briefing at the outdoor Pavilion.
- 1900: Cook out for all entrants and crews.

Carolina Yacht Club April 10, 2009

- 1700: Complimentary Mount Gay Cocktails for all finishers. Wrist Bands will be available at \$35 each for Saturday's Awards.

Carolina Yacht Club April 11, 2009

- 1700: Mount Gay Cocktail Party while enjoying samplings of the Great Low Country Cuisine during the Cocktail Party and the Awards.
- 1800: Awards Presentation.

1.0 TITLE / DATES / CLASSES / VENUE

1.1 The 2009 Fort Lauderdale to Charleston Race will be held April 8th – 11th , 2009.

1.2 The Fort Lauderdale to Charleston Race is a 408 mile ocean race for ocean racing monohull and multihull boats. Classes eligible to compete include **IRC rated boats**, **PHRF boats** (with handicaps 150 sec/mile or less), and ocean racing **Multihulls** with MASF PHRF ratings.

1.2.1. There will be a separate demonstration class for the Mini 6.5s. Boats entered in this class must have approval by the USA Mini 6.5 Class that they met the Mini Class rules at the date of the issuance of the Class hull number. The Mini shall meet or exceed the 90 degree stability requirement of the Mini Class. The Mini 6.5 boats shall meet all the requirements as stated in this document as well as additional requirements identified for the Mini 6.5s except for the propulsion requirement.

1.3 The race is scheduled to start at 1400 hours, April 8th, 2009 off of the Port Everglades (Fort Lauderdale) inlet and finish off of the Charleston Entrance Channel.

2.0 RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (*RRS*), including only the **US SAILING** Prescriptions for Rules 61.4, 68, 76.1, and 76.3, the 2009, and the PHRF of Southeast Florida Rules & Regulations as adopted and amended by the Race Committee, except as modified in this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, including any amendments thereto the above.

2.2 The Fort Lauderdale to Charleston Race shall be classified as a **Category C** event (*RRS* Appendix 1).

3.0 MANAGEMENT

3.1 The Organizing Authority for the race and related activities will be the SORC, Inc. The Race is hosted by the Lauderdale Yacht Club, the Storm Trysail Club, and the Carolina Yacht Club.

3.2 The Race Committee, SORC Inc., Storm Trysail Club, Lauderdale Yacht Club, and the Carolina Yacht Club 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 2009 Fort Lauderdale to Charleston Race invites ocean racing boats whose owner/charterer is a member of a recognized Yacht Club or their National Authority. (U.S. Sailing Association for USA boats.)

4.2 IRC rated boats with a LOA of 30 feet minimum, having submitted a completed entry form, and a valid "Endorsed" 2009 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). Boats from other nations should consult their rating office or contact 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.

4.3 **PHRF** boats with a LOA of 30 feet minimum, and rating 150 sec/mi or less, having submitted a completed entry form, and a valid 2009 PHRF Certificate obtained from PHRF of Southeast Florida (www.phrfsef.com) are invited.

4.4 A **Multihull** class will be offered for ocean racing type boats at least 30 feet LOA minimum with enclosed cabins and permanent accommodations, but they will not be eligible to compete for the Southeastern Cup, or the Lord Proprietor's Cup.

4.5 The Mini 6.5 demonstration class will not be required to obtain PHRF certificates. They will be treated as a one-design class.

4.6 Multihull boats must have a current valid MASF PHRF/MASF Multihull Rating Certificate. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject any entry that does not comply with their definition of an "ocean racing" type Multihull boat.

5.0 OWNER/SKIPPER RESPONSIBILITY / DISCLAIMER

5.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event, including skippers and crew, are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (SORC, Inc., Race Committee, Protest Committee, Lauderdale Yacht Club, Storm Trysail Club and the Carolina Yacht Club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

5.2 The term "Skipper" as used in these Conditions and in the Sailing Instructions shall mean the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, who is designated on the entry form as "Skipper" and who is in charge of the boat. The Skipper shall be a member of a recognized yacht club or ocean racing organization.

5.3 Nothing in this NOR and Sailing Instructions shall exonerate any vessel, or the Owner, Skipper, or Crew thereof, from the consequences of any neglect to comply with this NOR and Sailing Instructions, the RRS, nor the COLREGS, or of the neglect of any precaution which may be required by the ordinary practice of seamen, or by the special circumstances of the case.

5.4 In construing and complying with these Rules, due regard shall be had to all dangers of navigation and collision and to any special circumstances, including the limitations of the vessels involved, which may make a departure from these Rules necessary to avoid immediate danger.

6.0 SAFETY

6.1 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 2**, as amended by this Notice of Race.

6.2 All competing boats shall carry the appropriate NOAA charts covering the race course.

6.3 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 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, and must ensure all equipment is properly maintained and stowed, and that all aboard know where it is kept and how it is used.

6.4 Each Skipper or Owner shall be required to declare his or her vessel's eligibility and shall affirm that the vessel complies with any and all equipment requirements for this race.

6.5 Each boat is 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 will not be 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.

7.0 ENTRIES

7.1 The entry deadline for the Fort Lauderdale to Charleston Race is Friday, April 3, 2009. Entries may be completed online at www.fortlauderdalecharlestonrace.org, or mailed with the entry fee check made out to SORC Inc.

Mail to: Fort Lauderdale to Charleston Race Committee
4710-C, NW 15th Avenue
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

7.2 A completed Entry Form, a signed Waiver Form or the electronic acceptance of same on the Race website, a signed Crew List and Waiver, a copy of the boat's current Official Rating Certificate and the prescribed entry fee for each boat must be received by the Fort Lauderdale to Charleston Race Committee prior to the final entry deadline of April 3, 2009.

7.3 No entry fee will be refunded after the entry deadline of April 3, 2009.

8.0 ENTRY FEES

8.1 Entry fees to participate in the Fort Lauderdale to Charleston Race are as follows;

<u>Early entries paid on or before March 4, 2009</u>	\$ 500.00 US
<u>Entries paid after March 4, 2009</u>	\$ 600.00 US
<u>Late Documentation Fee</u> (Late rating certificate or change after 4/3/2009)	\$ 100.00 US.

9.0 CLASSES

9.1 The fleet may be divided into IRC, PHRF, and Multihull divisions with as many classes as dictated by the total number of entries. Scratch sheets will be distributed in each race packet at the skipper's meeting.

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 The ratings and class assignments of all boats entered in the Race will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Lauderdale Yacht Club beginning at 1200 (Noon) on Tuesday, April 7th, and remain posted until 1600 the same day, at which time all posted valid ratings will stand for the race.

10.0 COURSE

10.1 The first warning signal will be at 1400 hours on April 8th, 2009. The course to be sailed shall be from the Start line off Port Everglades, and finish at the line located approximately 1-2 miles off the Charleston Breakwater.

11.0 TIME ALLOWANCES

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

11.2 For **PHRF** division, the boat's PHRF rating times the course length of 408 nm will be its time allowance.

11.3 For **Multihull** division, the boat's PHRF rating times the course length of 408 nm will be its time allowance.

12.0 EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION

12.1 All boats are required to meet the Race Category 2, Monohull (or multihull) equipment requirements of the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations, US Edition, 2009 (US Sailing 2009), except as modified below: (Paragraph numbers herein refer to the aforementioned publication)

3.28.1 Inboard propulsion is modified to include 3.28.1.1 "A propulsion engine shall be provided, whether in accordance 3.28.1 above, or as an outboard engine with associated tanks and fuel supply systems, all securely fastened, provided it meets the requirements of 3.28.3."

- ♦ Sufficient fuel to provide range under power of at least 75 miles.
- ♦ Operative VHF/FM transceiver with Channels 9, 16, 68, and 72 with power capability for seven (7) days. (DSC and GMDSS equipped VHF radios are encouraged.)
- ♦ Life raft need not have a canopy or insulated floor.

12.2 The Race Committee has the right to inspect any entrant 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.

13.0 SAIL NUMBERS

13.1 Racing boats shall carry corresponding numbers on mainsails, spinnakers, storm trysails, and each overlapping headsail whose LP exceeds 130% of the base of the foretriangle.

14.0 SPECIAL LIMITATIONS ON WEATHER AND OCEANOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

14.1 Competitors may receive regularly scheduled transmissions of weather data, such as broadcasts or weather fax transmissions from NOAA, USCG, WWV, NMC, etc. Competitors may also receive imagery from satellites, such as NOAA, & APT satellites. Competitors may also use any means to retrieve data from the Internet (e.g. from the web, from ftp sites, from email responders), provided that those data are intended for public use without charge, are routinely available throughout the year, and are publicly indexed (e.g. can be found via simple internet search such as www.google.com). Accessing other information during the race will be considered a violation of RRS 41 (Outside assistance). Prior to a yacht's preparatory signal, there is no limitation on private weather forecasts.

15.0 ASSISTANCE

15.1 Radio communications among participants, other vessels and shore stations may be essential to the safety of boats and crews. All participants are urged to exercise extraordinary care and consideration in standing by, relaying information and monitoring appropriate frequencies in case a problem develops.

16.0 CREW

16.1 The minimum crew shall be 4, except there shall be two persons aboard in the Mini 6.5 demonstration class.

17.0 SKIPPERS MEETING

17.1 A Skippers meeting will be held at 1830 hours, Tuesday, April 7, 2009 at the Lauderdale Yacht Club, 1725 S.E. 12th Street, Fort Lauderdale, Fla. 33316. (phone 954-524-5500). Skipper and Navigator from each boat should attend the Skipper's meeting to receive final instructions, handicap sheets, and race packets.

17.2 Each boat shall be required to supply a full and accurate crew list, including names, addresses and emergency contact information along with an equipment declaration form in order to obtain their race packet.

18.0 CHANGES / ADDITIONS

18.1 Changes or addendums to the Race Conditions or to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the official bulletin board at Lauderdale Yacht Club and/or the Carolina Yacht Club official bulletin board and will be posted on the race web site at www.fortlauderdalecharlestonrace.org. Code Flag "L" will be displayed from the Lauderdale Yacht Club and Carolina Yacht Club flagpoles if an amendment or notice has been posted.

18.2 No notice or amendment(s) affecting the NOR or Sailing Instructions will be posted at the Lauderdale Y.C. later than 0900 hours on the day of the race.

19.0 ADVERTISING

19.1 The race is subject to the category "C" advertising restrictions of *RRS* Appendix 1 (Advertising). Those classes or boats satisfying Appendix 1 qualifications for Category C are strongly urged to refrain from displaying advertising for products or services competing with any primary or secondary sponsors of the event.

20.0 OFFICIAL REGATTA WEBSITE

20.1 The website for the 2009 Fort Lauderdale to Charleston Race is www.fortlauderdalecharlestonrace.org. This Notice of Race, Entry Form, Crew Waiver, Sailing Instructions, Entry List, Addenda, Notices, and final results will be posted on the website.

21.0 DIRECT INQUIRIES TO:

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