



67th Wirth M. Munroe Race to Palm Beach

Friday December 1, 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

(includes Amendment 1)

This event is a qualifier for the Southern Ocean Racing Conference (SORC) Islands in the Stream Series.

The Organizing Authority is Sailfish Club of Florida, Storm Trysail Club, and Biscayne Bay Yacht Club.

Race Management provided by Sailfish Club of Florida, Storm Trysail Club, and SORC.

The notation “[NP]” in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation “[DP]” in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

1.1 The race will be governed by:

a) The Racing Rules of Sailing, except as may be changed by this Notice of Race; the Sailing Instructions, or amendments thereto. The following Rules are changed:

- 51 to allow the use of canting keels and water ballast for all boats rated with them.
- 52 to allow the use of power to mechanically move canting keels or water ballast, and for double handed classes to use wind vanes and/or autopilots.

b) US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for “Coastal” races, as modified in NoR 11;

c) The current IMS Rule (measurement) and ORC Rating Systems (ratings) rules and regulations. (www.orc.org/rules);

d) PHRF Regulations as administered by PHRF of Southeast Florida;

e) The MOCRA (Multihull Offshore Cruising and Racing Association) rules, regulations, and ratings;

f) Various offshore One Design classes rules, regulations, and ratings;

g) Other than Double Handed entries, the minimum number of crew is 3.

2. GREEN REGATTA

This regatta is a Sailors for the Sea “Clean Regatta”. All competitors are encouraged to use non-single use water bottles, and recycle all appropriate items. Competitors are reminded of Rule 55 which states that competitors “shall not intentionally put trash in the water.”

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY & FEES

- 3.1 Open to mono-hull boats of no less than 26 feet hull length (LH) and multi-hull boats of no less than 24 feet LH.
- 3.2 Racing will be conducted in ORC, PHRF of SE Florida, MOCRA, and various offshore One Design classes. If there are sufficient Double Handed entries received by the registration deadline, the Race Committee may consider adding a Double Handed class at their discretion. Divisions may be subdivided into classes.
- 3.3 The entry fees are based on hull length which may be rounded downward to nearest whole number. (e.g.: 39.71' = 39'): Entry Fees are LH X \$10.00 per foot.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form, paying the entry fee, entering all crew names and email addresses, and executing the Skipper Waiver in www.yachtscoring.com. Boats competing in the SORC “Islands In The Stream Series” must have a valid ORC rating to be eligible for the overall trophy and have selected and raced the **Classic** Course as detailed in section 6.1 below.
- 3.5 Upon entering, boats shall indicate Course 1 or Course 2. (See NoR 6)
- 3.6 Completed entries must be received by 1200, November 24, 2023.
- 3.7 No rating changes will be accepted after 1200, November 24, 2023.

4. SCHEDULE

- 4.1 There will be no skippers’ meeting. Competitors are reminded to monitor the Official Notice Board at www.yachtscoring.com
- 4.2 First signal for the Classic Course (Miami start) will be 0830 and the Sprint Course (Fort Lauderdale start) will be at 0900 Friday, December 1st. Class assignments and starting times will be available on the Official Notice Board at www.yachtscoring.com.
- 4.3 Attendance at the Awards Dinner on Friday, December 1, 2023 will be by reservation only. Traditional complimentary rum drinks will be served. The Sailfish Club of Florida's seafood buffet will be available from 1800-2100. Reservations must be made in advance with the Sailfish Club of Florida. Long pants and collared shirts are required for gentlemen. Contact Sarah Gay at 561-844-0206 for reservations.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available on or before November 29, 2023 at: www.yachtscoring.com

6. COURSES

- 6.1 Course 1 ("The Classic"). The course will be from the Starting Line located approximately 0.5 nm North of Government Cut, Miami, to the Finish Line at Lake Worth Inlet.
- 6.2 Course 2 ("The Sprint") will be from the Starting Line located approximately 0.5 nm North of Ft. Lauderdale inlet to the Finish Line at Lake Worth inlet.
- 6.3 [NP] In the event of light air, the Race Committee may, at its own discretion, move the Starting Line North to a new location. Neither the decision to move the starting area nor its location shall be grounds for redress.
- 6.4 The time limit for both Course 1 and Course 2 is: 1800 Friday, December 1, 2023. This changes rule 35. Boats competing for the SORC Islands in the Steam Series and finishing after 1800 may take and submit their own finish time to: Carol Ewing lightning@cofs.com, 305-785-4777

7. PROTESTS

Protests will be heard at the Sailfish Club of Florida as soon as practicable after the boats involved have finished.

8. PENALTY SYSTEM

[DP] The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply. In the case of a protest involving the rules of Part 2 and OCS, the boat at fault, instead of being disqualified as a result of a hearing, may, at the option of the Protest Committee, have her elapsed time increased by 2%. This modifies RRS 64.3(c)

9. SCORING

- 9.1 Scoring for all competitors participating in ORC, PHRF of SE Florida and MOCRA classes will be Time-on-Time.
- 9.2 Scoring for competitors participating in their respective offshore One Design classes will be scored boat-for-boat. For those having a valid rating certificate, they will also be scored for overall prizes.

10. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 10.1 The race committee may make announcements over VHF channel 69.
- 10.2 RRS 41, Outside Help, is changed by adding: (e) Help in the form of information freely available to all boats even if that information is only accessible at a cost. "At a cost" help shall not include private forecast or tactical advice, or information customized for a particular boat or group of boats and/or her/their situation.

11. SAFETY

- 11.1 All boats must conform to the USSER for "Coastal" races.
- 11.2 Requirements under USSER for "Coastal" races 2.4.4 is hereby amended to allow for suitable synthetic fiber for lifelines.
- 11.3 Requirements under USSER for "Coastal" races **3.1.2, 3.1.4 and 3.2.1** are waived for fully crewed boats. Double Handed entries are subject to these requirements.
- 11.4 Attention is drawn to USSER requirements under 4.3.2.
- 11.5 Attention is also drawn to RRS 1.2, "Life-Saving Equipment and Personal Flotation."

- 11.6 Requirements under USSER for “Coastal” races 3.8.1 are waived provided that a boat shall have a handheld VHF that complies with 3.8.2 AND a second handheld VHF which need not have DSC/GPS capability.
- 11.7 Requirements under USSER 3.16.2 (EPIRB) are waived.
- 11.8 Requirements under USSER 3.33.1 are waived PROVIDED that a boat carries a heavy weather jib that conforms with the requirements under USSER 3.33.3

12. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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. The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the Wirth M. Munroe Race To Palm Beach shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat – both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with any reasonable request of any Race Officer, Regatta Committee member, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat, and its exclusion from the regatta.
- 12.2 The Sailfish Club is not responsible or liable for damage or loss to any boat or vessel docked at or using Club facilities and is not responsible or liable for any theft, loss, or other damage to any personal property on or contents of the boats or vessels docked at or using Club facilities. See “General Information D” for more information.

13. PRIZES

Class prizes and special awards are as follows:

Best Elapsed Time - Presented by the Sailfish Club of Florida in memory of Charles Schulman.

Navigator of boat with Best Elapsed Time - Presented by the Sailfish Club of Florida in memory of Edward W. Crawford

First Overall Awarded to the boat that has won her class and, in the judgement of the Officers and Race Committee, had the best overall performance.

Sailfish Club Yacht with Best Elapsed Time - Presented by the Sailfish Club of Florida in memory of Richard D. Kreuzler.

Sailfish Club Yacht with Best Corrected Time - Presented by the Sailfish Club of Florida in memory of Adrian Van Voast.

13. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage, personal injury, or death.

14. BERTHING

Dockage in Miami can be reserved as follows:

Biscayne Bay Yacht Club

Boats drawing 6' or less

Space is LIMITED and boats will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis.

FIRST- REGISTRATION PAID basis. Ph. 305-858-6303

Miami Beach Marina Ph. 305-673-6000

<http://www.miamibeachmarina.com/>

Miamarina at Bayside Ph. 305-960-5180

<http://www.miamiandbeaches.com/boating-and-water/miamarina-at-bayside/101546>

Dinner Key Marina Ph. 305-329-4755

<http://www.miamigov.com/marinas/pages/marinas/dinkeymarina.asp>

Dockage at the Sailfish Club is by reservation only on a first-come, first-served basis. For reservations contact the Dockmaster's office, 561-844-1130

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

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For more information on the SORC Islands in the Stream Series, please visit

<http://www.sorcsailing.org/>

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