



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Friday, December 1, 2023

[NP] 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)
[DP] 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

The race will be governed by:

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by: the *Rules* as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing (Rules)*; the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS); the 2023 ORC RULES; the 2023 MOCRA RULES; the Notice of Race; and these Sailing Instructions, including any properly posted amendments or addendums to the above.
- 1.2 US Safety Equipment Requirements for “Coastal” races, as modified in Paragraph 11 of the NOR, will apply.

2 SPECIFIC RULES ARE CHANGED AS FOLLOWS

- 2.1 ECRCA, ORC, MOCRA, and US PHRF regulations are changed to include a minimum crew of 3 and no maximum limitations for the number of crew or crew weight.
- 2.2 Boats rated with Moveable and Variable Ballast, USSER APPENDIX K, may be entered. This changes rule 51.
- 2.3 Rules 35 and A5 are changed. All boats must finish the race before 1800 Friday, December 1, 2023. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF. Boats competing in the Islands in the Stream Series shall be score per SI 12.4
- 2.4 Rule 41(c) is changed to include - A boat shall not receive help from any outside source except in the form of information, which is freely available to all boats, which shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice from, any source not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted online at www.yachtscoring.com https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=16161

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 2000, Thursday, November 30, 2023.

5 CLASSES

Class assignments and starting order is available online at:
https://yachtscoring.com/event_scratch_sheet.cfm?eid=16161

6 THE COURSE

- 6.1 Course 1 “The Classic”. Boats will sail from the starting line located approximately 1.2 nm north of the Miami Harbor Entrance to the finish line at Lake Worth Inlet. (See SI 10)
- 6.2 Course 2 “The Sprint”. Boats will sail from the starting line located approximately 0.5 nm north of Ft. Lauderdale inlet to the finish line at Lake Worth Inlet. (See SI 10)

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Class flags shall correspond to start positions indicated on the Scratch Sheet and are identified by colored pennants.
- 7.2 Class assignments will be made by the race committee and shall appear on the Scratch Sheets.
- 7.3 Class flags need not be flown by competitors.

8 THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.
- 8.2 The starting line for the Course 1 "Classic" race will be between a temporary mark set approximately 1.2 nm north of the Miami Harbor Entrance and a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel.
 - 8.2.1 The first signal will be at 0830.
- 8.3 The starting line for the Course 2 "Sprint" race will be between a temporary mark set approximately 0.5 nm north of Ft. Lauderdale inlet and a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel.
 - 8.3.1 The first signal will be at 0900.
- 8.4 [NP] In the event of light air, the race committee may, at its own discretion, move the starting line North to a new location. To do so, the RC will display Code Flag "L" with one sound and motor to the new location. In such case, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the race committee signal boat and a nearby mark to port. The RC will not move the starting line until all boats are checked-in or accounted for or the intended time of the first signal, whichever is soonest. Neither the decision to move the starting area nor the location of the new starting area shall be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.5 [NP] Prior to starting, competitors are asked to check-in with the race committee on VHF 69.
- 8.6 The race will be conducted using GPS time. The race committee will attempt to provide GPS time sync announcements on VHF 69 prior to each warning signal.

9 RECALLS

- 9.1 In the event of an Individual Recall, the race committee will attempt to hail OCS boats by name or sail number over VHF 69. The timing and order of such hail and/or the failure to hear the hail will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)
- 9.2 A boat that is OCS and does not restart shall, without a hearing, have thirty minutes added to her elapsed time. A boat so penalized shall be considered to have started properly. This changes rules 28, 63.1, A4 and A5.

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1 **The finish line will be between a virtual point lying 50 yards from and on a bearing of 075° to Lake Worth Inlet red channel marker R "2" FI R 2.5s. (NEW)**
- 10.2 **Each finishing boat shall record and report her GPS finish time, and her position in relation to the boat finishing ahead and behind her, if available, via email to: wmrace@sailfishclub.com within 10 minutes of finishing.**
- 10.3 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee by VHF 69 or the Sailfish Club of Florida by telephone at (561)-844-0206 or by email (wmrace@sailfishclub.com) at the earliest opportunity.

11 PENALTIES & PROTESTS

- 11.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply.
- 11.2 [DP] In the case of a protest involving the rules of Part 2, the boat at fault, instead of being disqualified as a result of a hearing, may, at the option of the Protest Committee, have her corrected time increased by 2% or more. This modifies rule 64.1, but does not affect SI 9.1
- 11.3 In addition to all other requirements of rule 61.1, a boat intending to protest shall display a red flag above her class flag, and promptly after finishing, shall notify the race committee of her intent to protest.
- 11.4 Protests shall be filed online at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=16161> no later than 1900, December 1, 2023.
- 11.5 Filed protests will appear on the Official Notice Board on YachtScoring and may be posted adjacent to the check-in desk located at the Sailfish Club of Florida. Protest hearings will be held at a time and place to be determined and mutually acceptable to the parties.

12 SCORING & TIME LIMIT

- 12.1 Time on time will be used for all classes.
- 12.2 [NP] Entries in the ORC division will be scored using one of the options available in the rule. The Race Committee will attempt to inform by VHF radio, at or prior to the Warning Signal, which ratings it intends to use for the race. Note that ORC Rating Rule 403.4 allows the RC to change this to a more suitable scoring method if there has been a significant change in conditions during the race.
 - 12.2.1 The decision on the scoring method and scoring parameters used for the race will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee. This includes the length of the course, and the wind details such as strength and direction. These will not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 12.3 Boats shall sail the course and finish by 1800. Those not finished by 1800 will be scored TLE (Finishers + 1)
- 12.4 Boats who do not finish by 1800 but who may wish to be scored over the "Classic" course for purposes of the SORC Islands in the Stream Series may take their own finish time in accordance with SI 10.2. These results should be reported by email to lightning@cofs.com.

13 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the Sailfish Club of Florida awards dinner scheduled for 1900.

14 CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITIES

The skipper/owner shall be responsible for the conduct of his or her crew and/or guest. In the event of breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, or failure to comply with the request of any race officer, committee member, or agent of the Sailfish Club of Florida or the Storm Trysail Club, the skipper/owner will be held responsible and his/her yacht shall be subject to protest and possible disqualification.