



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Friday, December 6, 2019

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 PHRF of Southeast Florida Rules & Regulations, the 2019 IRC Rules (Parts A, B, & C), THE 2019 ORC RULES, the 2019 ECRCA RULES, the 2019 MOCRA RULES, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, , including any properly posted amendments or addendums to the above.
- 1.2 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Race Category 4 will apply,

2 SPECIFIC RULES ARE CHANGED AS FOLLOWS

- 2.1 IRC rule 22.4, 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 IRC rules Part A, B, and C. Boats rated with Moveable and Variable Ballast, OSR APPENDIX A, may be entered. This changes rule 51.
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 Rules cited as changed in SI 8.4, 9.1, 9.2, 11.2 and 12.4.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted online at www.yachtscoring.com

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any written change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 2000, Thursday, December 5, 2019 and will be emailed to all competitors. Oral changes may be made on the water via VHF radio announcements.

5 SKIPPER'S MEETING

- 5.1 A skippers meeting will be held at 1830 at Biscayne Bay Yacht Club on Thursday, December 5, 2019.
- 5.2 Class assignments and starting order will be available online and will be announced at the skippers meeting. The first signal will not be made before 0900.

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.
- 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.

7 Class Flags

- 7.1 Class assignments will be made by the race committee and shall appear on the Scratch Sheets.
- 7.2 Class flags shall correspond to start positions indicated on the Scratch Sheet and are identified by colored pennants.

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.
- 8.3 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.
- 8.4 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 0900, whichever is earlier. Neither the decision to move the starting area nor the location of the new starting area shall be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.5 Without interfering with a starting sequence, competitors are asked to check in with the race committee via VHF 69.
- 8.6 The race will be conducted using GPS time. The race committee may 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 hails 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. For the purposes of rules 28, A4, and A5, 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 Lake Worth inlet red channel marker "2" FR 2.5 sec and the nearby green channel marker "3" FG 4 sec.
- 10.2 If the race committee is absent, a finishing boat shall record and report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 10.3 Approximately 10 minutes prior to finishing, each yacht will attempt to contact the race committee on VHF channel 69 to communicate the name of the vessel and the sail number.
- 10.4 A yacht that retires from the race shall notify the race committee by VHF 69 or the Sailfish Club of Florida dockmaster by telephone at (561)-844-1130 at the earliest opportunity.
- 10.5 If a race committee finish boat is present, their recorded GPS finish time for each competitor will be considered the official finish time for scoring purposes.
- 10.6 The Time Limit for finishing the race is 1800 Friday, December 6, 2019.

11 PENALTIES & PROTESTS

- 11.1 The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply.
- 11.2 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 over VHF Channel 69 of her intent to protest.
- 11.4 Protest forms will be available at the check-in desk located at the Sailfish Club of Florida and filed there.
- 11.5 Written protests shall be filed by 1845 or within 45 minutes after the RC Finish Crew docks, whichever is soonest.
- 11.6 Filed protests will be posted on the notice board 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

- 12.1 Time-on-time will be used for all classes.
- 12.2 Entries in the ORC division will be scored using the Coastal/Offshore Time-on-Time ratings. However, if predicted weather conditions appear to be stable for the entire race, the Race Committee may opt to use the Time on Time Triple Number system for Low, Medium or High wind range ratings for the Coastal/Offshore course model. 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 does allow the RC to change this to a more suitable scoring method if there has been a significant change in conditions during the race.
- 12.3 Entries in the ECRCA division will be scored using Point to Point Time-on-Time ratings to be selected from the V.Light/Light/Medium/Heavy values determined by the RC as appropriate for the conditions.
- 12.4 Neither the wind band selections of the RC prior to the start nor any subsequent changes thereto shall be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a)

13 PRIZES

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

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 or disqualification.