

## RACES



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# 2020-21 NOTICE OF RACE



This document, combined with each respective event's Supplemental Notice of Race, comprises that event's Notice of Race required by RRS 89.2(a).

## COVID-19 NOTICE

**SORC is fully committed to the safety of all competitors participating in its events. Each race will occur as scheduled, though COVID-19 may require format changes. Depending on local conditions at the time, skippers meetings or awards parties may be held virtually or in new locations, courses or destinations may change, and similar adaptations may be made in full communication with the competitors. SORC will follow all applicable government regulations and prudent best practices to mitigate any possible health risks, and we ask you to do the same for your crewmates. The latest information about steps taken to address COVID-19 concerns can be found on our Facebook page, [www.facebook.com/sorcsailing](https://www.facebook.com/sorcsailing).**

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Southern Ocean Racing Conference is the Race Committee for each race, which is organized under the authority of one or more member yacht clubs, including the Coral Reef Yacht Club, the Lauderdale Yacht Club, the Storm Trysail Club, and the Nassau Yacht Club.
- 1.2 Each race will be governed by the rules defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (Rules, RRS) including the class rules of the respective classes involved.
- 1.3 Each race and related activities will be run in accordance with health and safety regulations of any governmental authority with jurisdiction.
- 1.4 From sunset to sunrise, Part 2 of the Rules shall not apply and shall be replaced by Part B, The Steering and Sailing Rules, of the International Regulations for Preventing collisions at Sea (COLREGS).
- 1.5 For each event, the terms "Notice of Race" (NOR) and "Sailing Instructions" (SI) required by RRS 89.2(a) and 90.2(a) respectively include the Comprehensive and Supplemental versions of those documents.
- 1.6 In case of conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall prevail. (This changes rule 63.7.)
- 1.7 A boat may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current rating certificate of area not greater than rated SPA without an increase in rating.
- 1.8 Advertising shall be per ISAF Regulation 20.

## 2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Each race is open to ocean racing/cruising monohull and multihull boats of the following classes whose owner is a member of his/her national authority and who comply with the requirements of the following classes:
- 2.1.1 Offshore Racing Congress (ORC), boats with an offshore long distance Time on Time rating factor of 0.880 and lower.
  - 2.1.2 Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (PHRF), boats with rating of 189 or lower from PHRF of Southeast Florida
  - 2.1.3 Doublehanded boats meeting the listed safety requirements.
  - 2.1.4 Multihull Offshore Cruising and Racing Association (MOCRA) boats of ocean racing/cruising type with enclosed cabins, and permanent accommodations. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject any entry that does not comply with its definition of an "ocean racing/cruising type" Multihull boat.
  - 2.1.5 East Coast Racer Cruiser Association (ECRCA) boats meeting ECRCA requirements. Performance Cruiser, Cruiser and Non-Spinnaker classes may be offered.
- 2.2 Prior to the Early Entry Deadline, the race committee may create a new class when five or more boats so request, or reassign registered boats to other classes if at least five boats have not registered.
- 2.3 Boats in each rated class are required to have their current year valid certificates on board while racing.

<u>Useful Web sites</u>	
SORC Web Site	<a href="http://www.sorcsailing.org">www.sorcsailing.org</a>
U.S. Sailing	<a href="http://www.ussailing.org">www.ussailing.org</a>
IRC Ratings (US)	<a href="http://www.ussailing.org">www.ussailing.org</a>
IRC Ratings (Intl)	<a href="http://www.rorcrating.com">www.rorcrating.com</a>
ORC Ratings	<a href="http://www.orc.org">www.orc.org</a>
PHRF of SE Florida	<a href="http://www.phrfsef.com">www.phrfsef.com</a>
MOCRA	<a href="http://www.mocra-sailing.org.uk">www.mocra-sailing.org.uk</a>
MOCRA Ratings	<a href="http://sites.google.com/site/mocrarating">sites.google.com/site/mocrarating</a>

## 3 CREW LIMITS

- 3.1 Crew Limits for the following classes are:
- 3.1.1 **[Deleted, Master NOR Amendment 1]**
  - 3.1.2 ORC: Crew weight limits are shown on rating certificates. To change the weight limit from the default value, contact the national rating authority for a certificate issued with the declared weight limit.
  - 3.1.3 PHRF: crew limits shall be as listed on their current valid certificate, plus one.
  - 3.1.4 Offshore One Design Classes: class limit plus one.
- 3.2 Except for Doublehanded classes, all boats shall carry a minimum crew of 4 (four). Each race may allow lower limits in its Supplemental NOR.

## 4 ENTRY

- 4.1 Eligible boats may enter a race by completing the registration process on the race web site or by completing the race's entry form and sending it with the required fee, a signed Owner Waiver, and a copy of the boat's current rating certificate (when relevant) to the address provided by the Entry Deadline provided in the race's Supplemental NOR.
- 4.2 Entry Deadlines are described in each race's Supplemental NOR.

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

4.4 A boat shall submit her final rating certificate no later than the Entry Deadline. Ratings and preliminary class assignments will be posted on each race's web site and Official Notice Board prior to the Skippers Meeting.

## 5 ENTRY FEES

5.1 Entry Fees will be described in each race's Supplemental NOR.

5.2 Entry Fees are fully refundable until each race's Entry Deadline, which has been extended to the latest date possible for the effective organization of each race.

## 6 SCHEDULE

Nassau Cup Ocean Race <b>[Amendment 2]</b>	November 13, 2020
SORC Islands in the Stream Series Race #2	December 5, 2020
<b>[Master NOR Amend 1]</b>	
Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race	January 21, 2021
Eleuthera Race	February 17, 2021

## 7 COURSES

Courses will be summarized in each race's Supplemental NOR and described in its Sis.

## 8 SAFETY

8.1 Each race's Supplemental NOR contains important safety rules.

8.2 Each boat shall have non-electronic charts that are appropriate for the race area.

8.3 The Race Committee may inspect any boat for compliance with this section without prior warning before the start or after the finish.

## 9 AWARDS PARTY

Locations and details for awards parties will be described in each race's Supplemental NOR.

## 10 SCORING AND TIME ALLOWANCES

10.1 The Low Point Scoring System as described in Appendix "A" will be used.

10.2 The course distance for rating purposes will be described in each race's Supplemental NOR.

10.3 PHRF Scoring details for each class are described in each race's Supplemental NOR.

10.4 For all other classes, a boat's rating allowance will be applied as a factor of the elapsed time of its race.

## 11 RACE TRACKING DEVICES

11.1 Each boat is required to be equipped with an active SPOT or Garmin/InReach position transponder, be subscribed to the "Track Progress" option offered by SPOT or Garmin/InReach, and to provide the Race Committee with the "shared URL" for the purpose of inclusion in the official race tracking program.

11.2 The tracking unit shall be mounted and operated throughout the race in accordance with the instructions provided. Only the race committee may protest a boat for an alleged violation of this section.

11.3 Tracking data may not be used as grounds for a protest.

## **12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

12.1 Sailing Instructions for each race shall be posted no later than one week prior to the start of the race.

12.2 Amendments to the Sailing Instructions after posting will be accompanied by Code Flag "L" on site at the Skipper Meeting venue and posted to the race web site and on the Official Notice Board.

## **13 SKIPPERS MEETING**

13.1 A representative of each boat shall attend the Skippers Meeting for each race

13.2 Each boat shall be required to complete and submit to the Race Committee at the Skippers Meeting an accurate crew list, required waiver(s) and equipment declaration form in exchange for their race packet.

## **14 PRIZES**

Prizes will be given as follows: 1 st, 2nd, & 3rd place finishers in each division/class, provided at least five entries per division/class. Additional prizes may be awarded.

## **15 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE**

While racing, 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 RRS 41.

## **16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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 Rule 4, Decision to Race). The Organizing Authority and Race Committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.

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# SORC SAILOR'S CHOICE RACE

## NOTICE OF RACE (SUPPLEMENTAL)



This document, combined with the SORC Master Notice of Race and Series, comprises the Notice of Race for the SORC Sailor's Choice Race.

Numbered sections in this document are supplements to, not replacements for, equivalently numbered sections in the Master NOR.

**The race is scheduled to start at 1700, March 19, 2021, approximately 1.0 nm north of the Port Everglades harbor entrance and finish at Port Everglades.**

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Southern Ocean Racing Conference (SORC) is the Organizing Authority for the event.
- 1.10 Special attention is drawn to AIS requirements in 8.1.3 that are stricter than previous SORC races.

### 2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1.6 Class 40 boats are included as a class.
- 2.4 Boats must have a minimum LOA of 30 feet.

### 3 CREW LIMITS

- 3.2 Class 40 boats must have a minimum of two crew.
- 3.3 Crew weight limits for ORC-rated boats may be declared from default values by contacting your national rating office and having a certificate issued with the correct declared crew weight

### 4 ENTRY

- 4.2 The Entry Deadline is Thursday, March 11, 2021.
- 4.4 Ratings and preliminary class assignments for all classes except the ECRCA shall be posted by 1800 hrs Friday, March 12 remain posted until 2000 hrs Thursday, March 18, at which time they will stand for the race.
- 4.6 Entries may be completed online at the event's Yachtscoring page accessible through [sorcsailing.org](http://sorcsailing.org).

### 5 ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fee is \$275 and includes heavy appetizers at the LYC Skippers Meeting for all competitors.

### 6 SCHEDULE

Entry Deadline	March 11, 2021		
Sailing Instructions Posted	March 13 2021		
Skippers Meeting	March 18, 2021	1900 hrs	LYC Pavilion
First Warning Signal	March 19, 2021	1700 hrs	Start line

### 7 COURSE

- 7.1 The "Long Course" will be from the start line around Grand Bahama and Great Abaco to the finish.
- 7.2 The "Short Course" will be from the start, around Great Isaac, Ocean Cay mark, and the Miami Sea Buoy, to the finish.

- 7.3 Each boat must register for their chosen course (Long or Short), but then may choose to sail that course in a clockwise or counter-clockwise direction.

## **8 SAFETY**

- 8.1 All boats must conform to the current US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Ocean Racing with the following changes or additions:
- 8.1.1 Engine and Fuel (SER 2.7.1): SER 2.7.1 is amended as follows:  
A boat shall have a mechanical propulsion system that is quickly available and capable of driving the boat at a minimum speed in knots equivalent to the square root of LWL in feet (1.81 times the square root of the waterline in meters) with sufficient fuel to provide range under power for 75 miles.
- 8.1.2 Operative VHF/FM transceiver with Channels 9, 16, 68, 71 and 72. (DSC and GMDSS equipped and MMSI registered VHF radios are required per SER 3.8.1 and 3.8.2.)
- 8.1.3 An operational AIS Transponder shall be carried and be switched on, such that it is receiving and transmitting throughout the race. The failure of any station to receive a signal from a boat's AIS Transponder shall not be subject to protest or grounds for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a) and RRS 63.1 shall not apply).
- 8.1.4 Life raft need not have a canopy or insulated floor
- 8.1.5 While personal AIS beacons are not yet required by the SER, competitors are strongly encouraged to avail themselves of this invaluable device.
- 8.3 The Race Committee may select a class-winning vessel at random, for inspection after finish.

## **9 AWARDS PARTY**

- 9.1 No awards party is scheduled this year.

## **10 SCORING AND TIME ALLOWANCES**

- 10.3 For any PHRF divisions, Time-on-Time scoring will be used. Time allowances will be calculated using the following conversion formula:  $650 / (550 + \text{PHRF Rating})$ .

## **12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 12.1 Sailing Instructions shall be posted by March 13, 2021, and available at the Skippers Meeting.

## **13 SKIPPERS MEETING**

- 13.1 The Skippers Meeting will be held Thursday, March 18, at 1900 hrs, in person and outside at the Lauderdale Yacht Club Pavilion (1725 SE 12th St, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33316). Heavy appetizers (included in entry fee) and a cash bar for all the competitors will be offered.

## **14 PRIZES**

Prizes will be mailed to the winners in each class for First to Finish and Best Corrected Time in ORC.

For More Information:

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<https://www.facebook.com/sorcsailing>

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