



2015 NASSAU CUP OCEAN RACE

GENERAL INFORMATION

Ocean sailing boats from 30qLOA and larger are invited to enter the 82nd Anniversary Nassau Cup Ocean Race to Nassau, Bahamas. The race website is www.nassaucuprace.org.

A Skipper's Meeting shall be held at 1800 hours on Wednesday, November 11th, 2015 at:
The Coral Reef Yacht Club
2484 S. Bayshore Drive
Coconut Grove, FL 33133
Phone: 305-858-1733

The Race is scheduled to begin at 1100 hours on November 12th, 2015.

The Nassau Yacht Club welcomes all competitors to The Bahamas. Details regarding visiting Nassau and the Nassau Yacht Club can be found on the race website: www.nassaucuprace.org

SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Friday, November 6th

Final entry deadline 1800

Wednesday, November 11th

Race Packet pick up at CRYC 1700 - 1800

Skipper's Meeting, Coral Reef Yacht Club.....1800

Pre Race cocktails & party at CRYC.....1830

Thursday, November 12th

Race Start North of Miami Harbor1100

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Friday, November 13th

Race Finish at western end of Nassau Harbour
After race gathering at the Nassau Yacht Club

Saturday, November 14th

Welcome party at Nassau Yacht Club 1830
Ocean Race awards presentation... 1930

2015 NASSAU CUP NOTICE OF RACE & RACE CONDITIONS

1.0 VENUE / AUTHORITY / CLASSES / DATES

1.1 The Nassau Cup Ocean Race is a 176 nm. invitational ocean race for ocean racing monohull and multihull boats. Classes invited to compete include **IRC** rated boats, **PHRF** boats, and ocean racing **Multihull** boats.

1.2 The Nassau Yacht Club, under the jurisdiction of the Bahamas Sailing Association (BSA), is the Organizing Authority for the 2015 Nassau Cup Ocean Race. The race is managed by the Southern Ocean Racing Conference, Inc. (SORC).

1.3 The race is scheduled to start at 1100 hours on Thursday, November 12th, 2015 approximately 1 nm. northeast of the Miami Harbor entrance (Government Cut), and finish at the northwest entrance of Nassau Harbor, Bahamas.

2.0 RULES

2.1 The Race will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing (Rules)*, the COLREGS, the PHRF of Southeast Florida Rules & Regulations as adopted and amended by the SORC Race Committee, the 2015 IRC Rules #1, 2, & 3, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, including any properly posted amendments to the above.

2.2 From sunset to sunrise the *Rules* Part 2 shall not apply, except when changed in the Sailing Instructions, and shall be replaced by Part B, The Steering and Sailing Rules, of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS).

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2.3 In case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. (This changes rule 63.7.)

2.4 The following prescription of the Bahamas Sailing Association will apply: *Rule 64.3 (b)*. In addition, add: ~~The~~ BSA prescribes that the authority responsible for interpreting the rules of a handicap or rating system is the organization that issued the handicap or the rating certificate involved.+

2.5 In accordance with IRC Rule 26.6.2.2 a boat may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current IRC certificate of area not greater than rated SPA without an increase in rating.

3.0 MANAGEMENT

3.1 The race is sponsored by the Nassau Yacht Club, the Coral Reef Yacht Club, and the Storm Trysail Club, and is managed by SORC as the Race Committee for the collective group. The Race Committee or its representatives shall have the authority to interpret the rules and conditions of the race and related activities, to decide protests, and to reject the entry of any boat at any time prior to the start of the race or related activities.

3.2 The SORC Race Committee, Nassau Yacht Club, Coral Reef Yacht Club, and Storm Trysail Club, their officers and agents 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 2015 Nassau Cup Ocean Race invites ocean racing boats whose owner/charterer is a member of a recognized Yacht Club or their National Authority.

4.2 **IRC** rated boats with a LOA of 30 feet minimum, having submitted a completed entry form, and a valid 2015 IRC Certificate are invited. (IRC rating applications for US flagged boats can be obtained through US SAILING (401 683-0800 or irc@ussailing.org.) Boats from other nations should consult their rating office or contact www.rorcrating.com.)

4.3 **PHRF** boats with a LOA of 30 feet minimum, and rating 190 sec/mi or less, having submitted a completed entry form, and a valid 2015 PHRF Certificate obtained from PHRF of Southeast Florida are invited. (For information regarding PHRF of Southeast Florida ratings or to apply for a Certificate from PHRF of Southeast Florida, contact PHRF of Southeast Florida at www.phrfsef.com.)

4.4 **Multihull** ocean racing / cruising type boats at least 30 feet LOA minimum with enclosed cabins and permanent accommodations, having submitted a completed entry form and a current valid PHRF Certificate obtained from MASF are invited. Multihull boats must have a current valid South Florida MASF/PHRF Multihull Rating Certificate. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject any entry that does not comply with their definition of an "ocean racing / cruising+type Multihull boat.

5.0 ENTRIES:

5.1 The entry deadline for the 2015 Nassau Cup Ocean Race is 1800 hours Friday, November 6th, 2015. Entries may be completed online at www.nassaucuprace.org, or the official entry form can be downloaded, completed and mailed with a check made out to SORC Inc. to:

Nassau Cup Race Committee
C/O Coral Reef Yacht Club
2484 S. Bayshore Drive
Coconut Grove, FL 33133

5.2 A completed entry form, a signed waiver form or the electronic acceptance of same on the Race website, a copy of the boat's current Official Rating Certificate and the prescribed entry fee for each boat must be received by the SORC Race Committee prior to the final entry deadline of November 6th, 2015.

5.3 No entry fee will be refunded after the entry deadline of 1800 hours, on November 6th, 2015.

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

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6.0 ENTRY FEES

6.1 Entry fees to participate in the 2015 Nassau Cup Ocean Race are as follows;

Early Entry Fee - paid on or before October 10th, 2015	\$ 350.00 US
Entries paid AFTER October 10th, 2015	\$ 450.00 US
Late Documentation Fee (Late rating certificate or change after 11/9/2015)	\$ 100.00 US

7.0 SKIPPERS MEETING

7.1 A Skippers meeting will be held at 1800 hours, Wednesday, November 11th, 2015 at the Coral Reef Yacht Club, 2484 S. Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL 33133. It is required that a representative of each boat entered attend the Skippers' Meeting to submit waivers, crew lists, pick up handicap sheets, and race packets.

7.2 Each boat shall be required to complete and submit to the Race Committee a full and accurate crew list, waiver form, and equipment declaration form in exchange for their race packet.

8.0 RATINGS

8.1 A current **IRC**, **PHRF** of Southeast Florida, or South Florida **PHRF/MASF Multihull** rating certificate is required for each boat. The certificate upon which acceptance of an entry is predicated will be the rating applicable to the boat at the time she starts the race. Each boat must submit their current, valid rating certificate to the Race Committee by 1800 hours, Monday, November 9th, 2015. Rating problems due to re-measurement or modification must be resolved prior to the submission deadline.

8.2 The ratings and preliminary class assignments of all boats entered in the Nassau Cup Ocean Race will be posted on the race website at www.nassaucuprace.org, and on the Official Notice Board located in the breezeway at the Coral Reef Yacht Club not later than 1000 hours on Wednesday, November 11th, and remain posted until 1800 the same day, at which time all posted valid ratings will stand for the race. Rating, and/or class assignment issues must be resolved with the Race Committee prior to 1800 hours on November 11th.

9.0 DIVISIONS & 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.

10.0 CREW LIMITS

10.1 **IRC** crew weight and limitations: IRC 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by:

The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a yacht shall be as detailed below.

There is no weight limit.

IRC Certificate number:	Allowed crew
Up to 9	certificate number plus 1
10-13	certificate number plus 2
14 and over	certificate number plus 3

10.2 Crew limits for PHRF boats shall be as listed on their current valid certificate, plus one.

10.3 The minimum number of crew is three in addition to the Skipper.

11.0 COURSE

11.1 The course to be sailed shall be from the Start line northeast of Government Cut, to the Finish Line at the northwest entrance of Nassau Harbour, leaving Great Isaac (including Northeast Rock and East Brother), and Great Stirrup to Starboard. The Warning signal for the first start is scheduled for 1055 hours on November 12th, 2015.

12.0 SPECIAL LIMITATIONS ON WEATHER AND OCEANOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

12.1 During the race, 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 the *Rules #41* (Outside assistance).

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13.0 TIME ALLOWANCES

- 13.1 For the **IRC** division, the boats rating allowance will be applied as a factor of the elapsed time of its race.
- 13.2 For **PHRF** division, the boats PHRF rating times the course length of 176 nm. will be its time allowance.
- 13.3 For **Multihull** division, the boats MASF/PHRF rating times the course length of 176 nm. will be its time allowance.

14.0 EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION

- 14.1 All competing boats shall carry the appropriate nautical charts covering the race course.
- 14.2 All boats must conform to the current International Sailing Federation Special Regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Racing **Category 2** with the following changes or additions:
- ◆ **Engine and Fuel (OSR 3.28):** OSR 3.28 is amended to permit, as an alternative to the inboard engine required by 3.28.1, an outboard engine which may be carried on the transom or securely stowed below decks in such a way that it is available for immediate deployment. The requirements of 3.28.3 apply, except that a sealed and approved portable container may be carried above the working deck or in a vented locker such that there is no possibility of leakage into the bilges or interior of the yacht.
 - ◆ Sufficient fuel to provide range under power of at least 75 miles.
 - ◆ Operative VHF/FM transceiver with Channels 9, 16, 68, 71 and 72. (DSC and GMDSS equipped VHF radios are encouraged.)
 - ◆ AIS Transponder recommended, but not required.
 - ◆ Life raft need not have a canopy or insulated floor.
- 14.3 Multihull Division boats are required to carry either life rafts as in 14.2 above, or an Immersion (Survival) suit for each person on board, having an inherent reserve buoyancy of at least 15.5 lbs and that otherwise meets SOLAS requirements. Diverswet suits or dry suits do not comply with this requirement. It is strongly recommended that Multihull boats also carry life rafts in accordance with ISAF OSR as an additional safety measure.
- 14.4 The Race Committee has the right to inspect any boat 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.

15.0 RACE TRACKING DEVICES:

- 15.1 Each boat is required to be equipped with a SPOT position transponder, be subscribed to the "Track Progress" option offered by SPOT, and provide the Race Committee with the "shared URL" for the purpose of inclusion in the official race tracking program. (www.findmespot.com).

16.0 CHANGES / ADDITIONS

- 16.1 Changes or addendums to this Notice of Race or to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the official bulletin board at Coral Reef Yacht Club and/or the Nassau Yacht Club official bulletin board. Code Flag "L" will be displayed from the Coral Reef Yacht Club and/or Nassau Yacht Club flagpoles if an amendment or notice has been posted.
- 16.2 No notice or amendment(s) affecting the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions will be posted later than 2000 hours on the day prior to the race.

17.0 PRIZES

- 17.1 Prizes will be given as follows:
1st, 2nd, & 3rd place finishers in each class, provided at least five entries per class.
- 17.2 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded as follows:
- 17.2.1 The Coral Harbour Yacht Club Trophy for the first monohull boat to finish.
 - 17.2.2 The Nassau Cup will be awarded to first place corrected time in the IRC division.
 - 17.2.3 The Arthur Bosworth Trophy will be awarded to first place corrected time in the PHRF division.
 - 17.2.4 The Half Hull Perpetual will be awarded to the best performance by a Bahamian boat.
- 17.3 Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

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18.0 RACE WEBSITE

18.1 Access the official race website at www.nassaucuprace.org for the official Notice of Race, entry forms, and other information concerning the race.

19.0 DIRECT INQUIRIES TO:

Carol Ewing - Race Chairman
E-mail: Chair@nassaucuprace.org
Phone: 305-785-4777

In Miami – Race Headquarters

Coral Reef Yacht Club
2484 S. Bayshore Drive
Coconut Grove, FL 33133
Phone: 305-858-1733

OR

In Nassau – Race Headquarters

Nassau Yacht Club
East Bay Street
Nassau, Bahamas
Phone: 242-393-5132

