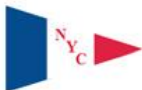


## RACES



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# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



These are the Master Sailing Instructions (Master SIs) for races run by the Southern Ocean Racing Conference in the 2023-2024 season, including the St. Petersburg to Fort

Lauderdale Race, Nassau Cup, and Lauderdale to Key West Race. Each race also has Supplemental Sailing Instructions (Supplemental SIs) that, together with these Master SIs, comprise that event's Sailing Instructions required by RRS 90.2(a).

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 Each Race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 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).
- 1.3 The U.S. Sailing Safety Equipment Regulations will apply as modified by each race's NOR and SIs.
- 1.5 Anchors shall not be stowed on or protruding from the bow area of the boat except only anchors that may be stowed in a bow locker or on deck in chocks, provided that no portion of the anchor or anchor rode extends beyond the edge of the deck.
- 1.6 Except for the rules of RRS Parts 2 and 3, the jury may impose an alternate penalty less than DSQ for breaking a rule, in accordance with RRS 64.2.
- 1.7 Personal AIS transponders are required for each crewmember.

## 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The Official Notice Board and locations of signals ashore will be indicated in each race's Supplemental SIs.

### Useful Web sites

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>
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="https://sites.google.com/site/mocrarating">sites.google.com/site/mocrarating</a>

## 3 RADIO MONITOR

- 3.1 The Race Committee will monitor the designated VHF race channel from one hour prior to the first start until one hour after the last start. All competitors shall then monitor VHF Channel 16 for the duration of the race.
- 3.2 The Race Committee will attempt to monitor the designated VHF channel while boats are finishing.

## 4 START

- 4.1 The starting area, start line, and start times will be described in each race's Supplemental SIs.

- 4.2 Starting signals shall be made in accordance with rule 26, with classes starting at five (5) minute intervals. The Starting signal for each class shall be the Warning signal for the next class.

## 5 RECALLS

- 5.1 If a boat is identified on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal, the race committee will attempt to broadcast the sail number on the starting VHF channel. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 5.2 In the event of a General Recall, the start of the last scheduled class shall be the warning signal for the new start of the recalled class. If more than one General Recall is signaled, each recalled class will restart after the class recalled before it. This changes RRS 29.2.
- 5.3 A boat failing to comply with RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) may not be exonerated by returning to the pre-start side of the line, but instead shall have a penalty of 30 minutes added to her elapsed time. This changes RRS 29.1.

## 6 COURSE

Each course is described in the Supplemental SIs for each race.

## 7 FINISH

- 7.1 The finish line and finishing procedures will be described in each race's Supplemental SIs.

## 8 TIME LIMIT AND RETIREMENT

- 8.1 The time limit for each race will be described in its Supplemental SIs.
- 8.2 A boat retiring from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible. Official race results will not be posted until all boats have been accounted for.

## 9 SCORING

- 9.1 Appendix A, using the "Low Point" scoring system of the rules shall be in effect. Scoring procedures for each class are described in each race's Supplemental SIs.

## 10 TRACKING

Each boat is required to be equipped with a SPOT or Delorme In-Reach position transponder, be subscribed to the "Track Progress" option offered by SPOT or Delorme In-Reach, and provide the Race Committee with the "shared URL or XML" for the purpose of inclusion in the official race tracking program. The unit shall be mounted and operated throughout each race in accordance with the instructions provided. Only the Race Committee may use tracking information described in this section for a protest, and it may not be used as the basis of a request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 and 60.2.

## **11 PROTESTS & PENALTIES**

- 11.1 The Scoring Penalty, Rules 44.3 (a) shall apply. The penalty for accepting a penalty by displaying a yellow flag in accordance with Rule 44.3 (a) shall be one percent (1%) of a boat's elapsed time added to her corrected time. This changes Rule 44.3 (c). A boat taking a scoring penalty shall report it to the Race Committee within the protest time limit.
- 11.2 The protest time limit is two hours after her finishing time for a boat finishing between 0900 and 1700 hrs, or for a boat finishing after 1700 hrs, 0900 hrs the following day.
- 11.3 Protest hearings will be scheduled and posted on the Notice Board upon receipt, and will be held no later than 15 minutes after the Protest Deadline, unless the protest committee posts a change to the hearing schedule by that time on the event site on Yachtscoring.com.
- 11.4 The Protest Committee may assess a scoring penalty of no less than five (5) percent of a boat's elapsed time added to her corrected time, as an alternative to disqualification for an infraction of the Rules of Part 2. This changes Rule 64.1 (a).

## **12 AWARDS**

- 12.1 Awards parties and locations will be described in each race's Supplemental SIs.

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# LAUDERDALE - KEY WEST RACE

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### (Supplemental)



This document, combined with the SORC Master Sailing Instructions, comprises the Sailing Instructions for the Lauderdale to Key West Race. Numbered sections in this document are supplements to, not replacements for, equivalently numbered sections in the Master SIs unless otherwise indicated.

#### 1 RULES

- 1.7 Personal AIS transponders are required for each crewmember.
- 1.8 Each vessel shall have its AIS transponder switched on, transmitting (at least every minute) the boat's MMSI number and current racing name, and receiving, from one hour before its warning signal and throughout the race. Nothing shall be done to inhibit AIS transmissions. Boats unable to meet these requirements shall submit comprehensive details of the reason in writing to the race committee within the protest deadline, and may be subject to protest. The protest committee may apply a penalty of less than disqualification for violation of this section.

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & SKIPPERS MEETING

- 2.1 The [Official Notice Board](#) will be on the event's Yachtscoring.com web page accessible from [www.keywestrace.org](http://www.keywestrace.org). No signals will be made ashore.
- 2.2 The Race Headquarters will be The Waterfront Brewery located at 201 William St, Key West. It will be open on Friday from 1130 to 1600, and on Saturday from 1130 am to 1400 pm.
- 2.3 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1700 on February 21.
- 2.4 The Skippers Meeting will be held at 1800 hrs on February 21 at the Lauderdale Yacht Club. Check-in to finalize registration begins at 1700 hrs.

#### 3 RADIO MONITOR

- 3.1 The designated race channel for the start and finish is VHF 68.

#### 4 START

- 4.1 The Starting Line shall be approximately one half mile south of the Port Everglades harbor entrance and approximately one mile offshore, between an inflatable race mark and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal boat.

- 4.3 The first Warning signal is scheduled to be made at 1000 hours on Thursday, February 22.
- 4.4 Class Signals and start times will be announced in an addendum to the Sailing Instructions prior to the Skippers Meeting.
- 4.5 Routine movement of an autonomous mark that may be used for the starting pin will not be grounds for redress, including if returning to station after having been pushed away by a competitor. Rule 31 still applies.

**6 COURSE**

6.1 The course shall be from the starting line, south to the Miami Sea Buoy (“RW Mo (A) Whistle”) leaving it to starboard; then to the Key West Sea Buoy (“RW Mo(A)”) located south of Key West, leaving the following marks and a continuous line connecting them to starboard. The continuous line is not always indicative of the boundary of safe water for navigation, and does not include the course from the Key West Sea Buoy to the Finish:

1. Fowey Rocks Light	8. Davis Reef “14”	15. Looe Key “24”
2. Triumph Reef point, no mark N25° 28.600 & W80° 06.600	9. Crocker Reef point, no mark N24° 54.490 & W80° 31.480	16. American Shoal Light
3. Pacific Reef Light	10. Alligator Reef Light	17. Pelican Shoal, no mark N 24° 30.246 & W 81° 35.817
4. Carysfort Reef Light	11. Tennessee Reef Light	18. Eastern Sambo point, no mark N24° 29.350 & W81° 40.000
5. The Elbow “6”	12. Coffins Patch point, no mark N24° 40.500 & W80° 57.400	19. Stock Island “32”
6. Molasses Reef “10”	13. Sombrero Key Light	20. Key West Entrance Buoy “KW”
7. Conch Reef point, no mark N24° 57.000 & W80° 27.400	14. Big Pine Shoal “22”	

Several lights may have different characteristics from what older charts show,  
and one is due to be discontinued.

6.2 Competitors shall consult the Local Notice to Mariners ([link here](#)) for the latest updates on the status of the marks. The charted position of any missing mark shall be observed as that mark.

## 7 FINISH

- 7.1 The finish line shall be between marks "Gr 21, day mark" and "Gr 23, Fl Gr 4s" west of Mallory Square in Key West.
- 7.2 Each boat shall take a photo of its exact GPS position at the time of finish and send this with the boat's name via text message to the Race Committee at 954-695-7168 as soon as reasonably possible after finishing. If known, the names of the boats finishing immediately before or after the finisher should be included.

## 8 TIME LIMIT AND RETIREMENT

- 8.1 The time limit for the race is 48 hours.
- 8.2 A boat retiring shall contact the Race Committee by calling 954-881-3094 as soon as reasonably possible after the decision to retire.

## 9 SCORING

- 9.1 *[Amend 2]* ORC scoring will use either Time-on-Time simple scoring ratings or Time-on-Time ratings based on an appropriate custom course model. The RC may also post a Time Allowance sheet based on these ratings on the Official Notice Board before the start of the race. Use of this Time Allowance sheet is for guidance only and does not replace the official results. For ORC scoring, each boat's ORC certificate valid as of December 31, 2023, will be used for scoring purposes. Any boat that did not have a certificate at this time may use one generated by ORC using the 2023 formula.
- 9.2 PHRF Time Allowances shall be calculated using the 2023 PHRF of Southeast Florida handicap rating and the rated course distance. The rated course distance is 160 nm.
- 9.3 For the Multihull division, the boat's appropriate MOCRA rating will be applied as a factor of the elapsed time of its race.
- 9.4 For the Racer/Cruiser division, the rating shall be calculated using the boat's appropriate ORR-EZ rating applied as a factor of the elapsed time of the race.

## 11 PROTESTS

- 11.1 Protests may be submitted online through the event's Yachtscoring web page accessed through [www.keywestrace.org](http://www.keywestrace.org). Alternatively, completed forms can be e-mailed to [bobmeagher3@gmail.com](mailto:bobmeagher3@gmail.com) or delivered to the Race Headquarters during operating hours, where blank forms will also be available.
- 11.2 The protest time limit is two hours after her finishing time for a boat finishing between 0900 and 1600 hrs, or for a boat finishing after 1600 hrs, 1000 hrs the following day.
- 11.3 Protest hearings will be scheduled and posted on the [Official Notice Board](#) upon receipt, but no later than 1215 hrs. on Saturday, February 24, unless the protest committee posts a change to the hearing schedule on the [Official Notice Board](#) by that time.
- 11.4 The Protest Committee may impose a penalty of no less than five percent of a boat's elapsed time for violation of the "continuous line" provision of SI 6.1 when the breach was short in duration and did not threaten the safety of the vessel or marine environment.

**12 AWARDS**

- 12.1 The Awards Presentation will be held at the Southernmost Beach Resort, 1319 Duval Street, Key West, 33040 (305-296-6577), on February 24 from 1630 to 1830.
- 12.2 Wristbands will be required for entry to the party & awards presentation. Wristbands can be purchased at the Skipper's Meeting in Ft. Lauderdale for \$50.00 each or purchased in Key West at the Race Headquarters or at the entrance to the Awards Party for \$65.00 each.

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