



# MIAMI TO HAVANA RACE

2<sup>nd</sup> Annual March 14-18, 2017



## GENERAL INFORMATION

\* Ocean sailing boats from 30' LOA and larger are invited to the Second Annual Miami to Havana Race, starting on March 15, 2017.

\* A Skippers' Meeting will be held at the Coral Reef Yacht Club, at 1830 on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

\* The Race is scheduled to begin at 10:00 hours, on Wednesday, March 14, 2017.

\* Participants are advised that special care of the living coral reefs, sea turtles and manatees along the Florida coast is the responsibility of the Skipper and Crew.

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**Wednesday, February 1, 2017**

18:00 Early Entry Deadline

**Wednesday, February 15, 2017**

18:00 Final entry deadline

**Tuesday, March 14, 2017**

16:00-18:00 Packet Pickup, Registration - Coral Reef YC

18:30 Skipper's Meeting

19:00 Pre Race cocktails & dinner

**Wednesday, March 15, 2017**

10:00 First warning signal- Gov't Cut

**Saturday, March 18, 2017**

11:00 Castillo del Morro Race along the famed Malecón.

18:00 Post Race Festivities & Awards at the Hemingway International Yacht Club, Marina Hemingway, Cuba

# **OFFICIAL NOTICE OF RACE & CONDITIONS OF RACE**

## **1.0 VENUE / CLASSES / AUTHORITY / DATES**

1.1 The 2017 Miami to Havana Race is a 210-mile ocean race for ocean racing/cruising monohull and multihull boats. Classes invited to compete include **IRC** rated boats, **PHRF** rated boats (with handicaps 189 sec/mile or less), **ORC** rated boats, with a minimum of five entries, **One-Design** ocean racing classes, with a minimum of five entries, **East Coast Racer Cruiser Association** with a minimum of five entries, and ocean racing/cruising **Multihull** boats.

1.2 The Coral Reef Yacht Club, Hemingway International Yacht Club of Cuba, and SORC are the Organizing Authority for the 2017 Miami to Havana Race. The race is managed by SORC as the Race Committee.

1.3 The race is scheduled to start at 1000 hours, March 15, 2017 approximately 1.5 nm southeast of the Miami harbor entrance (Government Cut) and finish in Havana, Cuba.

## **2.0 RULES**

2.1 The Race will be governed by the Rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (Rules), including only the US SAILING Prescriptions Rules 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1 and Appendix R, the 2017 IRC Rules, parts A, B, & C, the 2017 ORC Rules, the PHRF of Southeast Florida Rules & Regulations as adopted and amended by the SORC Race Committee, the Class Rules and Bylaws of the East Coast Racer Cruiser Association as adopted and amended by the SORC Race Committee, Class Rules for eligible One Design classes, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, including any properly posted amendments to the above.

2.2 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).

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 In accordance with IRC Rule 11.2, 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.

2.5 Advertising shall be per current ISAF Regulation 20.

## **3.0 MANAGEMENT**

3.1 The race is sponsored by the Coral Reef Yacht Club, Hemingway International Yacht Club of Cuba, and SORC and is managed by SORC as the Race Committee. 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.

## **4.0 SAFETY**

4.1 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

4.2 All competing boats shall carry appropriate paper nautical charts covering the race course.

4.3 Each Skipper or Owner shall declare his or her vessel's eligibility and shall affirm that the vessel complies with any and all equipment requirements for this race.

## **5.0 ELIGIBILITY AND RATINGS**

5.1 The Miami to Havana Race invites ocean racing / cruising boats whose owner / charterer is a member of their National Authority. (U.S. Sailing Association for USA boats.) To join the US Sailing Association, call 1-800-877-2451 or visit their website at [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org).

5.2 **IRC** rated boats with a LOA of 30 feet minimum, having submitted a completed entry form, and a valid 2017 IRC Certificate are invited. IRC rating applications for US flagged boats can be obtained through US SAILING (401 644-3154 or [info@us-irc.org](mailto:info@us-irc.org)). Boats from other nations should consult their rating office or contact [www.rorcrating.com](http://www.rorcrating.com).

5.3 **PHRF** boats with a LOA of 30 feet minimum and rating 189 sec/mi. or less, having submitted a completed entry form and a current valid PHRF Certificate obtained from PHRF of Southeast Florida are invited. To obtain a rating from PHRF of SE Florida, contact PHRF of Southeast Florida at [www.phrfsef.com](http://www.phrfsef.com).

5.4 **ORC** rated boats with a LOA of 30 feet minimum having submitted a completed entry form and a valid 2017 ORC Club or ORCi Certificate are invited. This class is offered if 5 or more boats enter in this class by the early entry deadline of February 1, 2017. For more information contact your national rating office or visit [www.orc.org](http://www.orc.org). USA boats may obtain ORC Club certificates by applying for a certificate online at this link: [www.orc.org/clubapplication](http://www.orc.org/clubapplication).

5.5 **East Coast Racer Cruiser Association (ECRCA)** valid member boats, with a LOA of 30 feet minimum having submitted a completed entry form and a valid 2017 ORC Club or ORCi Certificate are invited. Performance Cruiser, Cruiser and Non-Spinnaker classes will be offered if 5 or more boats enter in this class by the early entry deadline of February 1, 2017. For more information contact ECRCA Administrator Jay Tyson (813-220-1584 or [jwtj29@gmail.com](mailto:jwtj29@gmail.com)).

5.6 **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 MASF/PHRF Certificate obtained from MASF are invited. 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. To obtain a rating from MASF, contact Rick Tobin, (305-297-5627 or email at [rict111@earthlink.net](mailto:rict111@earthlink.net)).

5.7 **Class 40** boats with a minimum crew of two, having submitted a completed entry form, are permitted. This class is offered if 5 or more boats enter in this class by the early entry deadline of February 1, 2017.

5.8 Boats are required to have their current valid certificates on board while racing.

5.9 The ratings and preliminary class assignments of all boats entered in the Miami to Havana Race will be posted on the race website at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) by March 1, 2017, and on the Official Notice Board located at the Coral Reef Yacht Club not later than 1600 hours on Tuesday, March 14, 2017, and remain posted until 1900 hours the same day, at which time all posted valid ratings will stand for the race.

## **6.0 CREW LIMITS**

6.1 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

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

6.3 Crew weight limits for **ORC** rated boats (including **ECRCA**) are increased by 10%.

6.4 Crew limits for **One-Design** boats shall conform to their class rules, plus one.

6.5 All boats, including **Multihull** boats, shall carry a minimum crew of 4 (four), except for **Class 40** boats, which shall carry a minimum of 2 (two) crew.

## **7.0 ENTRIES**

7.1 The final entry deadline for the Miami to Havana Race shall be, Wednesday, February 15, 2017. Entries may be completed online via links at [www.havanarace.org](http://www.havanarace.org), or the Entry Form can be downloaded, completed and mailed with a check made out to SORC, Inc. to:

The Miami to Havana Race Committee  
C/O The Coral Reef Yacht Club  
2484 S. Bayshore Drive  
Coconut Grove, FL 33133

7.2 A completed Entry Form, a signed Owner Waiver form or the electronic acceptance of same on the Race website, a copy of the boat's current Official Rating Certificate, copies of applicable permits, listed in paragraph 7.6, and the prescribed entry fee for each boat must be received by the Miami to Havana Race Committee prior to the final entry deadline of February 15, 2017 **for the entry to be deemed complete and received.**

7.3 No entry fee will be refunded after the entry deadline of February 15, 2017

7.4 In consideration of acceptance of his entry, each owner / skipper agrees to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and by all the other rules that govern the Miami to Havana Race. Each skipper certifies to have read, understand and agree with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

7.5 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 prior to the start for any violation of NOR 4.0 or 5.0, and may protest any yacht for a possible violation of any rule after the start.

7.6 Each boat is required to obtain and comply with all applicable permits. A permit must be obtained from the USCG allowing your vessel to enter Cuban territorial waters.

## **8.0 ENTRY FEES**

8.1 Entry fees to participate in the Miami to Havana Race are as follows;

**Early Entry Fee** - Received on or before February 1, 2017 \$ 500.00 US

Entries received after February 1, 2017 \$ 600.00 US

Late Documentation Fee (Late rating certificate or permit change after Feb. 15, 2017) \$ 100.00 US.

## **9.0 CLASSES AND IDENTIFICATION**

9.1 The fleet may be divided into Classes of **IRC, PHRF, ORC, One-Design, ECRCA**, and **Multihull** boats, with further Class divisions depending on the number of entries. Class divisions and starting times will be posted on the website at [www.havanarace.org](http://www.havanarace.org), and the Official Notice Board at the Coral Reef Yacht Club by 1600 hours on Tuesday, March 14, 2017.

9.2 For class identification, a colored class pennant will be issued to each competing boat. The class pennant shall be prominently displayed near the stern of the boat.

## **10.0 SCORING AND TIME ALLOWANCES**

10.1 The Low Point Scoring System as described in Appendix "A" – Scoring of the Rules will apply.

10.2 For the **IRC** division, the boat's rating allowance will be applied as a factor of the elapsed time of its race.

10.3 For the **PHRF** division, the boat's PHRF rating will be converted to a time on time correction factor (TCF) using the following formula:  $TCF=600/(550+PHRF)$ . A boat's corrected time will be her elapsed time multiplied by her TCF.

10.4. For the **ORC** division, the boat's rating allowance will be applied as a factor of the elapsed time of its race.

10.5 For the **ECRCA** division, the boat's ORC Offshore Performance Line rating allowance will be applied.

10.6 For the **MULTIHULL** division, the boat's MASF PHRF rating will be converted to a time on time correction factor (TCF) using the following formula:  $TCF=600/(550+PHRF)$ . A boat's corrected time will be her elapsed time multiplied by her TCF.

## **11.0 RACE TRACKING DEVICES**

11.1 Each boat is required to be equipped with an active SPOT or Delorme position transponder, be subscribed to the “Track Progress” option offered by SPOT or Delorme, and provide the Race Committee with the “shared URL” for the purpose of inclusion in the official race tracking program, ([www.findmespot.com](http://www.findmespot.com)). The 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.

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

## **12.0 OWNER/SKIPPER RESPONSIBILITY / DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

12.1 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 race organizers (SORC, Race Committee, Protest Committee, Coral Reef Yacht Club, Hemingway International Yacht Club of Cuba, 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.

## **13.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

13.1 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Miami to Havana Race website at [www.havanarace.org](http://www.havanarace.org), on or about March 1, 2017, and will be available at [www.havanarace.org](http://www.havanarace.org) and before the Skippers’ Meeting on March 14, 2017 at the Coral Reef Yacht Club.

## **14.0 SKIPPERS' MEETING**

14.1 A Skippers' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, March 14, 2017 at 1830 hours at the Coral Reef Yacht Club. It is required that a representative of each boat entered attend the Skippers' Meeting to submit crew lists and copies of permits, pick up handicap sheets, the appropriate class flag, and the race packet.

14.2 Each boat shall be required to complete and submit to the Race Committee copies of the boat’s permits for travel to Cuba, an accurate crew list, waiver and equipment declaration form in exchange for their race packet.

## **15.0 PRIZES**

15.1 First, second, and third place trophies will be awarded the winners in each Class.

15.2 First Monohull to Finish, First Multihull to Finish, and the Dennis “Buck” Gillette Trophy, for Best Overall Performance.

15.3 All awards will be presented on Saturday evening, March 18, 2017, at the Hemingway International Yacht Club of Cuba.

15.4 The Trebuchet Trophy will be awarded to the vessel breaking the course record elapsed time.

15.5 Additional awards may be presented at the discretion of the Race Committee.

## **16.0 RACE WEBSITE**

16.1 Access the official race website at [www.havanarace.org](http://www.havanarace.org) for the official Notice of Race, Entry Forms, Links to Permit Applications, and other information concerning the race.

## **17.0 DIRECT INQUIRIES TO**

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### **In Miami - Race Headquarters**

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Coconut Grove, FL 33133  
(305) 858-1733

Or

### **In Havana - Race Headquarters**

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