



# FORT LAUDERDALE TO KEY WEST RACE

**41<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL**

**January 13 – 15, 2016**



**"Rambler" 2015 first boat to finish**



**"Spookie" 2015 IRC and Committee Trophy Winner**

## GENERAL INFORMATION

**R** Ocean sailing boats from 25' LOA and larger are invited to the 40th Annual Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race, starting on January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016.

**R** A Skippers' Meeting will be held at the Lauderdale Yacht Club, 1725 SE 12<sup>th</sup> Street, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316 at 1830 on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016. LYC Phone; 954-524-5500.

**R** The Race is scheduled to begin at 1300 hours, on January 13, 2016.

**R** 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

### Friday, January 8, 2016

Final entry deadline.....1800

### Tuesday, January 12, 2016

Packet Pickup, Crew Registration at Lauderdale Yacht Club.....1600 – 1800

Skipper's Meeting at LYC..... 1830

Pre Race cocktails & no host dinner at LYC...1900

### Wednesday, January 13, 2016

First scheduled start off Port Everglades.....1300

### Friday, January 15, 2016

Cocktails, Hors d'oeuvres & Awards at Kelly's Caribbean Bar & Grill, Key West, Fl.....1700  
(Awards party tickets are \$30.00 each if paid with your entry form. Tickets purchased in Key West will be \$35.00 each)

# OFFICIAL NOTICE & CONDITIONS OF RACE

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

1.1 The 2016 Invitational Fort Lauderdale to Key West race is a 160-mile coastal 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, One-Design ocean racing classes with minimum 5 or more entries, and ocean racing/cruising Multihull boats.

1.2 The Lauderdale Yacht Club, Storm Trysail Club, and Southern Ocean Racing Conference, Inc. (SORC™) are the Organizing Authority for the 2016 Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race. The race is managed by SORC as the Race Committee.

1.3 The race is scheduled to start at 1300 hours, January 13<sup>th</sup>, 2016 off of the Port Everglades (Fort Lauderdale) inlet and finish in Key West, Florida.

## **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 for Rules 61.4, 68, 76.1, and 76.3, the 2013 IRC Rules, parts 1, 2, & 3, the PHRF of Southeast Florida Rules & Regulations 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 21.6.1(b), 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 Lauderdale Yacht Club, the Storm Trysail Club 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 shall conform to the current International Sailing Federation Special Regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Racing, including the US Sailing Prescriptions for Monohulls (or Multihulls), Category 3 With Life Raft. Life rafts are not required to have a canopy or insulated floor.

4.2 Multihull Division boats are required to carry either life rafts as in 4.1 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. Divers' wet 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.

4.3 All competing boats shall carry the following NOAA charts – Number(s) 11462, 11452 & 11442.

4.4 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 Fort Lauderdale to Key West 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 2015 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).

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5.3 **PHRF** boats with a LOA of 25 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 25 feet minimum having submitted a completed entry form and a valid 2015 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 December 11, 2015. 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 **Multihull** ocean racing/cruising type boats at least 25 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, at 305-297-5627 or email at [rickt111@earthlink.net](mailto:rickt111@earthlink.net).

5.6 The ratings and preliminary class assignments of all boats entered in the Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race will be posted on the website at [www.keywestrace.org](http://www.keywestrace.org) by January 8, 2016, and on the Official Notice Board located at the Lauderdale Yacht Club not later than 1200 hours on Tuesday, January 12, 2016, and remain posted until 1700 hours the same day, at which time all posted valid ratings will stand for the race.

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

5.8 Mini-6.5 or Mini Transat class boats with a minimum crew of two are permitted.

### **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:***

*Up to 9*

*10-13*

*14 and over*

***Allowed crew***

*certificate number plus 1*

*certificate number plus 2*

*certificate number plus 3*

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

6.3 Crew limits for One-Design Classes shall conform to their Class Rules for sanctioned events, plus one.

6.4 All boats except Mini Transat boats, including Multihull boats, shall carry a minimum crew of 4 (four).

### **7.0 ENTRIES**

7.1 The final entry deadline for the Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race shall be Friday, January 8, 2016. Entries may be completed online at [www.keywestrace.org](http://www.keywestrace.org), or the Entry Form can be downloaded, completed and mailed with a check made out to SORC, Inc. to:

The Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race Committee  
C/O The Lauderdale Yacht Club  
1725 S.E. 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316

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 and the prescribed entry fee for each boat must be received by the Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race Committee prior to the final entry deadline.

7.3 No entry fee will be refunded after the entry deadline of January 8, 2016.

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 Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race. Each skipper certifies to have read, understand and agree with the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

7.5 The Race Committee shall have the right to randomly inspect entries for eligibility and equipment requirements at any time prior to the awards presentation.

**8.0 ENTRY FEES**

8.1 Entry fees to participate in the Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race are as follows;

<b>Early Entry Fee</b> - Paid on or before December 11, 2015	<b>\$ 350.00 US</b>
Entries paid after December 11, 2015	\$ 450.00 US
Late Documentation Fee (Late rating certificate or change after Jan 8, 2016)	\$ 100.00 US

**9.0 AWARDS PARTY WRISTBANDS**

9.1 Awards party wristbands can be purchased on line or at the Skippers' Meeting for \$30.00, or in Key West at Race Headquarters or at the Awards Party for \$35.00.

**10.0 CLASSES AND IDENTIFICATION**

10.1 The fleet may be divided into Classes of IRC, PHRF, ORC, One-Design, 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.keywestrace.org](http://www.keywestrace.org), and the Official Notice Board at the Lauderdale Yacht Club by 1700 hours on Tuesday, January 12, 2016.

10.2 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.

**11.0 SCORING AND TIME ALLOWANCES**

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

11.2 The course distance for the race is established at 160 nautical miles for scoring purposes.

11.3 **PHRF** Time Allowances shall be calculated using PHRF handicaps and the rated course distance.

11.4 **MASF PHRF** Time Allowances shall be calculated using MASF handicaps and the rated course distance.

11.5 **IRC & ORC** divisions, the boats rating allowance will be applied as a factor of the elapsed time of its race.

**12.0 RACE TRACKING DEVICES**

12.1 Each boat is required to be equipped with an active 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](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.

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

**13.0 OWNER/SKIPPER RESPONSIBILITY / DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

13.1 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, Lauderdale Yacht Club and the Storm Trysail Club, 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

**14.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

14.1 Preliminary Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race website at [www.keywestrace.org](http://www.keywestrace.org), on or about December 11, 2015, and final Sailing Instructions will be available at [www.Keywestrace.org](http://www.Keywestrace.org) before the Skippers' Meeting on January 12, 2016 at the Lauderdale Yacht Club.

**15.0 SKIPPERS' MEETING**

15.1 A Skippers' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2016 at 1830 hours at the Lauderdale Yacht Club. It is required that a representative of each boat entered attend the Skippers' Meeting to submit crew lists, pick up handicap sheets, the appropriate class flag, and the race packet.

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

15.3 Each Skipper or Owner shall indicate the intended location of his or her boat while in Key West. Boats failing to comply may be protested only by the Race Committee, and if such a protest is sustained, the boat may be disqualified or assessed an appropriate time penalty.

**16.0 PRIZES**

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

16.2 **Perpetual Trophies include:**

**Committee’s Trophy** – Presented to the Skipper of the Best Overall Performance boat.

**Bolero Trophy** – Presented to the Skipper of the First PHRF Boat to Finish.

**East Martello Trophy** – Presented to the Skipper of the First PHRF Boat (Corrected) to Finish.

**Northrup & Johnson Trophy** – Presented to the Navigator of the First PHRF Boat (Corrected) to Finish.

**Appleton Trophy** – Presented to the Skipper of the First IRC Boat to Finish.

**Meyers / Rodstrom Memorial Trophy** – Presented to the Skipper of the First IRC Boat (Corrected) to Finish.

**Edward A. Powers Memorial Trophy** – Presented to the Navigator of the First IRC Boat (Corrected) to Finish.

**Rudy Choy Trophy** – Presented to the Skipper of the First Multihull Boat to Finish.

**Douglas Merrill Memorial Trophy** – Presented to the Skipper of the First Multihull Boat (Corrected) to Finish.

**Teddy Hall Memorial** – Presented to the Skipper of the boat with Best Performance by a STC Member.

**Lauderdale Yacht Club Perpetual Trophy** - Presented to the Skipper of the boat with Best Performance by a LYC Member.

**Hillsboro Inlet Trophy** - Presented to the Skipper of the boat with the Best Performance by a Hillsboro Inlet Sailing Club Member.

**Gulfstream Sailing Club Trophy** - Presented to the Skipper of the boat with the Best Performance by a Gulfstream Sailing Club Member.

**Dowager Trophy** – Presented to the Skipper of the boat with the Best Performance By A Boat Over 25 Years Old.

**William Cargill Trophy** – May be presented to a competitor exhibiting Outstanding Seamanship during the event.

16.3 All awards will be presented in Key West on Friday evening January 15<sup>th</sup>, 2016 during the awards ceremony at Kelly’s Caribbean Bar, Grill & Brewery, 301 Whitehead Street, Key West, FL 33040.

**17.0 DIRECT INQUIRIES TO:**

Chip Sabadash- Race Chairman  
E-mail: [Chair@keywestrace.org](mailto:Chair@keywestrace.org)  
Phone: 954-881-3094

**In Ft. Lauderdale – Race Headquarters**

Lauderdale Yacht Club  
1725 SE 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316  
LYC Club Phone; 954-524-5500

OR

**In Key West – Race Headquarters**

Turtle Kraals Restaurant Bar  
Key West, FL  
R/C Phone; 954-881-3094

**18.0 OFFICIAL REGATTA WEBSITE**

18.1 The official website for the Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race is [www.keywestrace.org](http://www.keywestrace.org). This Notice of Race, Entry Form, Crew Waiver, Sailing Instructions, Entry List, Addendums, Notices, and final results will be posted on the website.

