



2016 INAUGURAL MIAMI TO HAVANA RACE



GENERAL INFORMATION

* Ocean sailing boats from 30' LOA and larger are invited to the inaugural Miami to Havana Race, starting on February 10, 2016.

* A Skippers' Meeting will be held at the Coral Reef Yacht Club, at 1830 on Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

* The Race is scheduled to begin at 1300 hours, on Wednesday, February 10, 2016.

* 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

18:00 Early Entry Deadline

Wednesday, January 20, 2016

18:00 Final entry deadline

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

16:00-18:00 Packet Pickup, Crew

Registration - Coral Reef YC

18:30 Skipper's Meeting

19:00 Pre Race cocktails & no host dinner

Wednesday, February 10, 2016

13:00 First scheduled start - Government Cut

Sunday, February 14, 2016

11:00 Coastal Race along the famed Malecón.

17:00 Post Race Festivities & Awards at the Hemingway International Yacht Club, Marina Hemingway, Cuba

OFFICIAL NOTICE OF RACE AND CONDITIONS OF RACE

1.0 VENUE / CLASSES / AUTHORITY / DATES

1.1 The 2016 Inaugural 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, **One-Design** ocean racing classes, with a minimum of three 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 2016 Miami to Havana Race. The race is managed by SORC as the Race Committee.

1.3 The race is scheduled to start at 1300 hours, February 10, 2016 approximately 1 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 for Rules 61.4, 68, 76.1, and 76.3, the 2016 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 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 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.

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). Boats from other nations should consult their rating office or contact 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.

5.4 **ORC** rated boats with a LOA of 30 feet minimum having submitted a completed entry form and a valid 2015 ORC Club or ORCi Certificate are invited. This class is offered if 3 or more boats enter in this class by the early entry deadline of January 8, 2016. For more information contact your national rating office or visit www.orc.org. USA boats may obtain ORC Club certificates by applying for a certificate online at this link: www.orc.org/clubapplication.

5.5 **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, at 305-297-5627 or email at rickt111@earthlink.net.

5.6 The ratings and preliminary class assignments of all boats entered in the Miami to Havana Race will be posted on the website at www.havanarace.org by February 5, 2016, and on the Official Notice Board located at the Coral Reef Yacht Club not later than 1200 hours on Tuesday, February 9, 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 their current valid certificates on board while racing.

5.8 **Class 40** boats with a minimum crew of two, having submitted a completed entry form, are permitted. This class is offered if 3 or more boats enter in this class by the early entry deadline of January 8, 2016.

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** and **ORC** boats shall be as listed on their current valid certificate, plus one.

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

6.4 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, January 20, 2016. Entries may be completed online via links at 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 January 20, 2016 **for the entry to be deemed complete and received.**

7.3 No entry fee will be refunded after the entry deadline of January 20, 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 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 or deny an award on its findings.

7.6 Each boat is required to obtain and comply with all applicable permits. These include the issued general license allowing transactions (ie allowing travel) associated with athletic events in Cuba (31CFR515.567); and all record keeping of transactions required by 31CFR501.601 and 602. These requirements are administered by the Office of Foreign Asset Control of the Dept of Commerce. Although a general license has been issued allowing transactions for athletic events, it does not allow the temporary importation of a vessel to Cuba. A separate permit (SNAP-R) must be obtained from the Bureau of Industry and

Security (BIS) allowing the vessel to enter Cuba. In addition, a permit must be obtained from the USCG allowing vessels to Cuban territorial waters, and this permit requires that the applicant identify the OFAC license and provide the BIS permit.

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 January 8, 2016 \$ 500.00 US

Entries received after January 8, 2016 \$ 600.00 US

Late Documentation Fee (Late rating certificate or change after Jan. 20, 2016) \$ 100.00 US

9.0 CLASSES AND IDENTIFICATION

9.1 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.havanarace.org, and the Official Notice Board at the Coral Reef Yacht Club by 1700 hours on Tuesday, February 9, 2016.

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 **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 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). 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 Preliminary Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Miami to Havana Race website at www.havanarace.org, on or about January 20, 2016, and final Sailing Instructions will be available at www.havanarace.org before the Skippers' Meeting on February 9, 2016 at the Coral Reef Yacht Club.

14.0 SKIPPERS' MEETING

14.1 A Skippers' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 9th, 2016 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 Perpetual Trophies to be announced.

15.3 All awards will be presented on Sunday evening, February 14, 2016, at the Hemingway International Yacht Club of Cuba.

15.4 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 for the official Notice of Race, Entry Forms, Links to Permit Applications, and other information concerning the race.

17.0 DIRECT INQUIRIES TO

Chris Woolsey - Race Chairman

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Phone - (386) 437-9400

In Miami - Race Headquarters

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

Or

In Havana - Race Headquarters

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Havana, Cuba
(537) 204 1689, 204 6653