

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 2024-2025 season, including the Sailors Choice Race, Nassau Cup Race, 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	www.sorcsailing.org
U.S. Sailing	www.ussailing.org
ORC Ratings	www.orc.org
PHRF of SE Florida	www.phrfsef.com
MOCRA	www.mocra-sailing.org.uk
MOCRA Ratings	sites.google.com/site/mocrarating

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 are required to 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 starting after the P Flag is lowered 1 minute before their starting signal and the failing to comply with RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) need not return to the pre-start side of the line but shall have a penalty of 30 minutes added to her elapsed time.

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

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, but the intention is to Score ORC boats under the Weather Routing Scoring "WRS" system.

10 TRACKING

Each boat is required to be equipped with a SPOT, Garmin inReach or Delorme inReach 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

- 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

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

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SAILORS CHOICE RACE

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

(Supplemental)



This document, combined with the SORC Master Sailing Instructions, comprises the Sailing Instructions for the 2024 Sailors Choice Race. Sections in this document are supplements to, not replacements for, equivalently sections in the Master SIs unless otherwise indicated. To the extent that any conflicts exists between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & SKIPPERS MEETING

- 2.1 The [Official Notice Board](https://www.sorcsailing.org/sailors-choice-race) will be on the event's Yachtscore.com web page accessible from <https://www.sorcsailing.org/sailors-choice-race>. No signals will be made ashore.
- 2.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1700 on November 20th.
- 2.3 The Skippers Meeting will be held at 1800 hrs on November 20th via an online Zoom Meeting. The meeting details are as follows:

Topic: 2024 SORC Sailors Choice Skippers Meeting Time: Nov 20, 2024 06:00 PM Eastern Time

Join Zoom Meeting <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83124193377> Meeting ID: 831 2419 3377

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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 mile north 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.
- 4.2 The first Warning signal is scheduled to be made at 1100 hours on Thursday, November 21st.

Time of Warning Signal	Class	Flag
11.00	ORC -1	Green
11.05	ORC -2	Yellow
11.10	Multihull	White

6 COURSE

- 6.1 The course options are defined in the Notice of Race. They are the clockwise standard “Course”, counter clockwise “Reverse Course” and “Up and Down Course” with a designated North or South first order of marks. The Multihull Class may sail the same, or a different course designation than the ORC Fleet.

Competitors shall at all times pass to the west of Cat Cay, Gun Cay, Picquet Rocks, South Bimini, North Bimini, Moselle Bank and Hens & Chickens Rocks. This supplements the race courses defined in the event’s Supplemental NOR contained in both Sections 7.1.1. and 7.1.2.

- 6.2 Race Committee will announce the chosen course at 10.00 hrs. via VHF on CH 68 and will also post it on YS Notice Board on or before that time.

- 6.2 In the event that a mark of the course is missing competitors shall round beyond the Latitude and Longitude position of the missing mark. These are as follows:

Miami Sea Buoy	25° 46.099’	80° 4.998’
Ocean Cay mark	25° 24.911’	79° 13.963’
Lake Worth Lighted Buoy LW	26° 46.360’	80° 0.603’
Great Isaac will not be missing		
Port Everglades Lighted Buoy 3	26° 5.545’	80° 5.417’

- 6.3 **IMPORTANT - A STRAIGHT LINE BETWEEN MARKS DOES NOT NECESSARILY REPRESENT NAVIGABLE WATER. It is the Competitors responsibility to navigate safely. Charts of the Bahamas including Navionics, C-MAP and US Government charts should be checked.**

7 FINISH

- 7.1 A yacht will be finished when passing within 500 feet to the south of Port Everglades Lighted Buoy 3 and when it bears 0 deg Mag. This defines the finishing line.
- 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 713-898 0900 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 52 hours from their start time.
- 8.2 A boat retiring shall contact the Race Committee by calling 713-898-0900 as soon as reasonably possible after the decision to retire.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 ORC scoring will use the WRS System. The RC may also post a Time Allowance sheet based upon this rating to the Official Notice Board before 10 am on Thursday November 21st. Use of this Time Allowance sheet is for guidance only and does not replace the official results.

For ORC scoring, each boat's VPP values from their ORC certificate valid to December 31, 2024, will be used by ORC to calculate the rating for the forecasted conditions of this race.

- 9.2 For the Multihull division, the boat's appropriate MOCRA rating will be applied as a factor of the elapsed time of its race.

12 AWARDS

- 12.1 The Reception and Awards Presentation will be held at Lauderdale Yacht Club, 1725 SE 12th St., Fort Lauderdale, 33316 located under the marquee on November 23rd from 17:30 to 19:30.
- 12.2 Wristbands will be required for entry to the awards presentation. Wristbands can be purchased in advance on Yacht Scoring or on location for the Awards Party for \$40 each.