



37th ANNUAL

FORT LAUDERDALE TO KEY WEST RACE

January 11 – 13, 2012

GENERAL INFORMATION

R Ocean sailing boats from 25' LOA and larger are invited to the 37th Annual Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race, starting on January 11th, 2012

R A Skippers' Meeting will be held at the Lauderdale Yacht Club, 1725 SE 12th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316 at 1830 on Tuesday, January 10th, 2012. LYC Phone; 954-524-5500

R The Race is scheduled to begin at 1300 hours, on January 11, 2012

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 6, 2012

Final entry deadline.....1800

Tuesday, January 10, 2012

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 11, 2012

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

Friday, January 13, 2012

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)



Hap Fauth's "Bella Mente" 2011 first to finish & 1st overall IRC



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OFFICIAL NOTICE & CONDITIONS OF RACE

1.0 VENUE / CLASSES / AUTHORITY / DATES

1.1 The 2012 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), 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 2012 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 11th, 2012 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 2011 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 26.6.2.2, 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 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.

4.5 Each boat is required to be equipped with a SPOT position transponder, be subscribed to the "Track Progress" option offered by SPOT and provide race committee with the "shared URL" for the purpose of inclusion in the official race tracking program. (www.findmespot.com).

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.

5.2 **IRC** rated boats with a LOA of 30 feet minimum, having submitted a completed entry form, and a valid 2011 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 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.

5.4 **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 MASF at www.masf-multihulls.com.

5.5 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 by January 7, 2012, and on the Official Notice Board located at the Lauderdale Yacht Club not later than 1200 hours on Tuesday, January 10, 2012, and remain posted until 1700 hours the same day, at which time all posted valid ratings will stand for the race.

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

5.7 Mini-650 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 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 6, 2012. Entries may be completed online at www.keywestrace.org, or the Entry Form can be downloaded, completed and mailed with a check made out to SORC to:

The Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race Committee
4710-C, NW 15th Avenue
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33309

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 6, 2012.

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;

Early Entry Fee - Paid on or before December 9, 2011	\$ 350.00 US
Entries paid after December 9, 2011	\$ 450.00 US
Late Documentation Fee (Late rating certificate or change after 1/6/2012)	\$ 100.00 US

9.0 CLASSES AND IDENTIFICATION

9.1 The fleet may be divided into Classes of IRC, PHRF, 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, and the Official Notice Board at the Lauderdale Yacht Club by 1700 hours on Tuesday, January 10^h, 2012.

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.

9.3 Scratch sheets and class pennants will be included in the Skipper's packet distributed prior to the Skippers' Meeting.

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

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

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

10.5 **IRC** division, the boats rating allowance will be applied as a factor of the elapsed time of its race.

11.0 OWNER/SKIPPER RESPONSIBILITY / DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

11.1 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

12.0 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

12.1 Preliminary Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race website at www.keywestrace.org, on or about December 9, 2011, and final Sailing Instructions will be available before the Skippers' Meeting on January 10, 2012 at the Lauderdale Yacht Club.

13.0 SKIPPERS' MEETING

13.1 A Skippers' Meeting will be held on Tuesday, January 10th, 2012 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.

13.2 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.

13.3 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 by the Race Committee, and if such a protest is sustained, the boat may be disqualified or assessed an appropriate time penalty.

14.0 PRIZES

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

14.2 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.

14.3 All awards will be presented in Key West on Friday evening January 13th, 2012 during the awards ceremony at Kelly's Caribbean Bar, Grill & Brewery, 301 Whitehead Street, Key West, FL 33040.

15.0 DIRECT INQUIRIES TO:

Joel Bowie - Race Chairman
E-mail: Chair@keywestrace.org
Phone: 954-525-6022
Fax: 954-862-8991

In Ft. Lauderdale – Race Headquarters

Lauderdale Yacht Club
1725 SE 12th 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; 954-525-6022

16.0 OFFICIAL REGATTA WEBSITE

16.1 The official website for the 2012 Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race is 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.



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