

56th Annual Invitational

WIRTH M. MUNROE
Fort Lauderdale to Palm Beach Yacht Race

NOTICE OF RACE**Friday, December 7, 2012**

The Organizing Authorities (OA) for this event are the Sailfish Club of Florida and Cruising Club of America.

1. GENERAL FORMAT

The Fort Lauderdale to Palm Beach Yacht Race is a category four yacht race for mono and multi-hulled yachts. Specific eligibility and entry requirements are described in paragraph three.

2. RULES

The race will be governed by:

- 2.1** The 2011-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the current IRC Rules, and the current PHRF Regulations as administered by PHRF of Southeast Florida.
- 2.2** The current ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 races. These regulations are available on the ISAF website: www.Sailing.org
- 2.3** The current IRC Regulations Parts A, B, and C. IRC boats equipped and rated with water ballast and/or canting keel may use same. This modifies RRS 51.
- 2.4** IRC rule 22.4 is amended: There is no limitation on crew numbers or weight.
- 2.5** Each yacht shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF channel 72 and a GPS receiver.

3. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 3.1** The Wirth Munroe Race is open to mono and multi-hulled yachts of no less than 24 feet LOA. All participating yachts must be owned or chartered by a member of a recognized yacht club or sailing association.
- 3.2** The minimum crew shall be three (3) persons including the skipper. The maximum number of crew will be determined by the rating and/or class rules (note 2.4 above).
- 3.3** Eligible yachts may enter by registering and paying the entry fee at Yacht Scoring: www.YachtScoring.com or on entry forms received from the Sailfish Club of Florida: www.SailfishClub.com. All entries must be received by noon, Thursday, December 6, 2012.
- 3.4** The entry fee is \$250.00
- 3.5** There will be IRC, PHRF and Multi-Hull divisions. At the discretion of the race committee, divisions may be subdivided into classes.
- 3.6** All entries must be accompanied by a valid IRC or PHRF of Southeast Florida rating certificate.
- 3.7** All entries not submitted online shall be mailed to the Sailfish Club of Florida, 1338 N. Lake Way, Palm Beach, FL 33480. Telephone: (561) 844-0206. Faxed entries will be accepted only with a valid signature for credit card authorization. Fax: 561-844-2899.

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3.8 Crew lists shall be provided to Yacht Scoring or the Sailfish Club of Florida no later than noon, Thursday, December 6, 2012.

3.9 The race committee and the organizing authorities reserve the right to reject any entry.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available at Yacht Scoring: www.YachtScoring.com and from the Sailfish Club of Florida: www.SailfishClub.com.

5. START & FINISH

5.1 The first warning is scheduled for 0955 on Friday, December 7, 2012.

5.2 The starting line will be located approximately 1NM north of Port Everglades Inlet, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.

5.3 The finish line will be at the Lake Worth Inlet between red buoy "2" FR 2.5 sec. and green buoy "3" FG 4 sec. and must be crossed in a northerly direction. The race committee boat will display the burgee of The Sailfish Club of Florida. The committee boat will not be part of the finish line.

6. COURSE

The course will be from the starting line off Ft. Lauderdale to the finish line at Lake Worth Inlet. Handicap distance is 34NM.

7. CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITIES

7.1 The skipper/owner shall be responsible for the conduct of his or her crew and/ or guests. In the event of breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, or failure to comply with the request of any race officer, committee member, or agent of the Sailfish Club of Florida or the Cruising Club of America, the skipper/owner will be held responsible and his/her yacht shall be subject to protest and disqualification.

7.2 As a condition of participating, my crew and I acknowledge the following: That sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury associated with it. We have read RRS 4, Decision to Race, and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.

We further acknowledge and agree that neither the organizing authority nor the race committee, nor their members, will be responsible for (a) any damage to the entered yacht or my other property, or (b) any injury to myself or my crew, including death, sustained as a result of the participation of myself, my crew, and the yacht in this event. I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation in this event, including any claims arising as a result of the negligence of the race organizers, and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law. I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that myself, my crew, and the entered yacht are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law or that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.

8. SCORING

8.1 The IRC class will be scored with the IRC Time Correction Factor using time on time.

8.2 The PHRF class will be scored using time on distance.

9. PRIZES

9.1 Class prizes and special awards will be presented at the Awards Dinner at The Sailfish Club of Florida following the race.

9.2 Special awards:

First Yacht to Finish- *Presented by the Sailfish Club of Florida in memory of Charles Schulman.*

Navigator of First Yacht to Finish- *Presented by the Sailfish Club of Florida in memory of Edward W. Crawford*

First Overall- *Corrected time winner of PHRF division presented by the Cruising Club of America.*

First Sailfish Club Yacht to Finish- *Presented by the Sailfish Club of Florida in memory of Richard D. Kreuzler.*

First Sailfish Club Yacht on Corrected Time- *Presented by the Sailfish Club of Florida in memory of Adrian Van Voast.*

First Cruising Club of America Yacht on Corrected Time- *Presented by the Cruising Club of America.*

10. PROTESTS

A protest committee appointed by the Organizing Authority will decide protests. Protests will be heard at The Sailfish Club of Florida as soon as practicable after the boats involved have finished.

11. CHANGES TO THE RACE

All changes to the Notice of Race will be posted online at www.YachtScoring.com and www.SailfishClub.com no later than 1200, Thursday, December 6, 2012.

12. SKIPPER'S MEETING

A Skipper's Meeting will be held at 6 P.M. on Thursday, December 6, 2012 at Chuck's Steakhouse, 1207 S.E. 17th St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL. (954)-764-3333.

13. EVENTS

Awards Dinner, Friday, December 7, 2012. Traditional complimentary rum drinks and beer keg served to finishing race participants. Participation gifts to be distributed at this time. Renowned Sailfish Club's Seafood Buffet will be available from 1800-2100 to participants and guests for \$65.00 including tax and gratuity. Music and dancing from 1700-2300. Dress Code: Long pants and collared shirts are suggested for gentlemen.

14. DIRECTIONS

LAND DIRECTIONS TO THE SAILFISH CLUB OF FLORIDA

From Florida Turnpike: Exit West Palm Beach. Turn left at the exit onto Okeechobee Boulevard (Route 704). Travel east on Okeechobee Boulevard for 4.0 miles to the I-95 junction. Continue east on Okeechobee Boulevard and follow directions from I-95 below.

From I-95: Exit 52A, Okeechobee Boulevard East in West Palm Beach. Proceed east on Okeechobee Boulevard for 1.7 miles to Flagler Drive which parallels the edge of the ICW. At this junction, proceed straight across the bridge, over the waterway into Palm Beach. Upon crossing, you will be traveling east on Royal Palm Way in Palm Beach to the second traffic signal. At the second light, turn left (north) onto South County Road (A1A). Approximately .9 miles north you will have passed the Breakers Hotel on the right and come to the Palm Beach Post Office on the right. Note your mileage. Do not follow A1A, but continue north on North County Road which flows into North Ocean Boulevard which twice winds to the right to border the ocean. Near the end of the second ocean run, turn left at 3.5 miles from the Post Office (or the 11th left after you come to the second ocean run) onto Seagate Road and travel west to N. Lake Way. Seagate Road will run directly into the Sailfish Club entrance.

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

Information desk and boat check-in will be maintained by the race committee near the dockside entrance to the Sailfish Club Friday afternoon and evening until all yachts have arrived and finished the race.

Dockage is by reservation only and is on a first-come, first-serve basis. Anchoring out is necessary when dock space is unavailable. Launch boats will be available to transport all crew members to shore. Showers and facilities are available at the Sailfish Club to the left of the dock master's office.

VHF channel 72 will be used for communication.

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The use of cellular phones (including BlackBerrys and PDAs) is prohibited on the Sailfish Club of Florida's property.

For questions or additional information contact:

THE SAILFISH CLUB OF FLORIDA

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Palm Beach, FL 33480

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16. Committees

16.1 Sailfish Club Race Committee

Co-Chairman: Paul Gingras

Co-Chairman: Matthew Fifield

Robb Allan

Katy Amling

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Larry Cole

Bradford Gary

Sally Gingras

Timothy M. Givens

David Vietor

Sam Warriner

16.2 Florida Station of the Cruising Club of America Race Committee

Race Chairman: Steve James

Rear Commodore: Donald "Krip" Krippendorf

Peter Bowker

Carl DeHart, Jr.

Buck Gillette

Peter Grimm, Sr.

Karen James

Dick Jayson

Charles Munroe