

**56<sup>th</sup> Annual Invitational****WIRTH M. MUNROE**  
Fort Lauderdale to Palm Beach Yacht Race**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS****Friday, December 7, 2012****1. RULES**

The race will be governed by:

- 1.1** The 2011-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the current IRC Rules, and the current PHRF Regulations as administered by PHRF of Southeast Florida.
- 1.2** The current ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4 races. These regulations are available on the ISAF website: [www.Sailing.org](http://www.Sailing.org).
- 1.3** 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.
- 1.4** Crew: IRC rule 22.4 is amended: There is no limitation on crew numbers or weight.
- 1.5** Equipment: Each yacht shall carry a radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF channel 72 and a GPS receiver.

**2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1** Notices will be posted online at [www.YachtScoring.com](http://www.YachtScoring.com) and [www.SailfishClub.com](http://www.SailfishClub.com).
- 2.2** VHF channel 72 will be used for communication.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 1200, Thursday, December 6, 2012.

**4. 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. 17<sup>th</sup> St., Ft. Lauderdale, FL. (954)-764-3333.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACE, STARTING AREA AND STARTING SEQUENCE**

- 5.1** The first warning is scheduled for 0955, Friday, December 7, 2012.
- 5.2** The starting area will be approximately 1 NM north of Port Everglades Inlet, Ft. Lauderdale, FL.
- 5.3** Class 1- IRC, starts first followed by Class 2- PHRF A, then Class 3- PHRF B and then Class 4- Multihull.

**6. CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags are not required.

**7. THE COURSE**

From the start just north of the Port Everglades Inlet to the finish line at Lake Worth Inlet, Palm Beach. Handicap distance is 34 NM.

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## 8. START

**8.1** Logging in: Prior to the first warning signal each yacht shall pass astern of the committee boat on starboard tack for visual acknowledgement of their presence. A boat not in its starting sequence shall stay clear of the starting area and not interfere with boats preparing to start.

**8.2** Starting Line: Between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and an anchored inflatable buoy. The race committee will display the burgee of the Cruising Club of America and will be monitoring VHF channel 72.

**8.3** Time: GPS time will be used for timing the race. A time check will be broadcast on VHF channel 72 at 0950. The first warning is scheduled for 0955. Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26 at 5 minute intervals. Class 1 start 1000 followed by classes 2, 3, and 4.

## 9. RECALLS

**9.1** Individual recall: Per RRS 29.1.

**9.2** The race committee will endeavor to recall yachts by broadcasting their sail numbers over VHF channel 72.

**9.3** Failure of a yacht to hear its recall notification and the order or timing of such hail will not be grounds for redress.

**9.4** General recall: Per RRS 29.2. When a general recall has been signaled, the starts for the succeeding classes will be postponed accordingly.

## 10. FINISH

The finish line will be at 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.

## 11. FINISHING PROCEDURE

At approximately 10 minutes before finishing, each yacht shall call the race committee on VHF channel 72 and announce their vessel's name and sail number. Please illuminate your sail number if finishing in darkness. Each yacht is responsible for taking their own finish time and reporting this to the onshore race committee. GPS time is to be used for timing purposes. Finish times recorded by the race committee will be considered official. Yachts well behind the fleet shall monitor VHF channel 72 in order to report, if requested, their estimated time to finish. The committee boat may leave the finish area without notice. After finishing, and upon approaching the Sailfish Club dock, call the Dock Master on VHF channel 72 and identify your yacht.

## 12. WITHDRAWALS

A yacht that retires from the race shall notify the race committee by VHF channel 72 or by telephone (561) 844-0206 at the earliest opportunity.

## 13. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for all classes will be 1900, Friday, December 7, 2012. Yachts that have not finished by that time will be scored DNF. This changes Rule 35.

## 14. PROTESTS

**14.1** A yacht intending to protest shall report this to the race committee promptly after finishing.

**14.2** Protest forms are available at the check-in desk at the Sailfish Club.

**14.3** Written protests shall be delivered to the check-in desk no later than 1900, December 7, 2012.

**14.4** A list of protests filed will be posted on the official notice board.

**14.5** A protest committee appointed by the Organizing Authority will decide protests.

**14.6** Protests will be heard at The Sailfish Club of Florida as soon as practicable after the boats involved have finished.

## **15. SCORING**

**15.1** IRC rating allowances will be applied as a factor of the elapsed time.

**15.2** PHRF time allowances will be computed using time on distance.

## **16. CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

**16.1** 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.

**16.2** 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.