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THE SOUTHERNMOST
Regatta

January 19 to 23, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

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The Southernmost Regatta powered by Sailing Inc. is an international sailing regatta. This event is organized and conducted by Sailing Inc. Fleets will be divided into divisions and/or classes at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

Please direct all correspondence pertaining to the regatta to:

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- Principal Race Officer: Chip Till, chiptill5351@gmail.com, (843) 556-6554

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking the rule. The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the jury, be less than disqualification. This is added to RRS 60.1.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the 2026 ORC Rules, the One Design rules for any One Design class racing, and the current US Sailing Safety and Equipment Requirements (US SER) for nearshore and / or World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Category 5.
- 1.2. The first sentence of RRS 49.2 is deleted and replaced with: "If the class rules do not specify the material or minimum diameter of lifelines, boats shall comply with the corresponding specifications in the OSR. If HMPE lifelines are fitted, they shall have a minimum diameter of 5 mm (3/16") unless otherwise specified by class rules."
- 1.3. [DP] [NP] Class rules regarding crew weight limits shall be amended to allow boats to disclose crew weight in writing with their entry form without weighing in. Total crew weights may be checked during the event to ensure compliance.
- 1.4. [NP] For the J/111 Class only: boats with eight (8) crew or fewer will not be required to weigh in.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on or before January 12, 2026 on the regatta website.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The online official notice board is located at:
<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/50230>
- 3.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on standard marine channels.
- 3.3. The race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.4. [DP] [NP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is open to all One Design keelboats measuring between 19ft and 75ft LOA and ORC monohulls measuring between 19ft and 75ft with an ORC GPH Rating ≤ 660 sec/mi and ≥ 430 sec/mi.
- 4.2. ORC Entries shall have a valid certificate issued on or before Jan 1, 2026. ORC certificates can be applied for or amended with US Sailing at:
www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/orc
- 4.3. Additional classes may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority. One Design classes with less than five (5) boats will start and be scored with the ORC class. One Design classes with five (5) or more boats may start with the ORC class but scored separately.
- 4.4. A completed online entry form and entry fee must be received by December 14, 2025 and entries accepted after this date may be subject to a late fee of \$250.
- 4.5. Boats must register for the event on the regatta website.
- 4.6. To be considered an entry, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all applicable fees.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry application shall be accompanied by an entry fee. The entry fees are based on Length Overall (LOA) which may be rounded down to the nearest lower whole number (e.g. 39.71' = 39'). Entry fees are as follows:
- 5.2. The entry fee for non-J/70 and non-VxOne One Design and ORC racing classes will be \$44 per foot of LOA for entries paid on or before Oct 01, 2025. The entry fee will be \$52 per foot LOA for entries paid after Oct 01, 2025.
- 5.3. The J/70 and VX One entry fee will be \$3,025 which will include launching, trailer storage, dockage and haulout.
- 5.4. An administrative fee of \$275 will be applied to any cancellations prior to Jan 01, 2026 and there will be no refunds after this date.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1. Advertising is permitted, unless class rules do not permit, in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20. Boats that intend to display advertising shall indicate on their entry form. Competitors are requested to respect the brand exclusivity of the organizing authority and the official sponsors of this event.
- 6.2. Boats may be required to display advertising, bow & boom stickers chosen by the Organizing Authority, if provided.

7. SCHEDULE

Saturday Jan 17, 2026

1200 - 1500 Check in & bow/boom sticker pick-up (Galleon Sunset Tiki Bar)

Sunday Jan 18, 2026

1100 - 1500 Check in & bow/boom sticker pick-up (Galleon Sunset Tiki Bar)

1255 Practice start(s) followed by a practice race

1500 - 1700 Welcome reception (Galleon Sunset Tiki Bar)

1700 Skippers meeting (Galleon Sunset Tiki Bar)

Monday Jan 19, 2026 - Friday Jan 23, 2026

0900 & 0930 Daily VHF 69 Radio Announcement

1055 Warning for first race of the day

1400 **For Friday only:** no warning signal made after this time

1700 Daily awards and shore activities (Galleon Sunset Tiki Bar)

Ten (10) total races are scheduled for all classes.

8. VENUE

- 8.1. The primary racing area will be west of the main Key West shipping channel, however the east side of the main shipping channel may be used as an alternate racing area.
- 8.2. There may be two or more racing circles.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The courses to be sailed may be a combination of windward / leeward and distance racecourses.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. RRS Appendix V (Alternative Penalties) shall apply.
- 10.2. Scoring Inquiries and Hearing Requests shall be submitted electronically using the link or QR code detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

11. SCORING

- 11.1. ORC classes will be scored using the appropriate wind mix scoring model options found on a boat's ORC certificate.
- 11.2. Three (3) races are required to be completed in a class to constitute a series for that class.
- 11.3. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 11.4. When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. [DP] [NP] SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 12.1. Support boats shall remain no less than 200 yards from the racecourse from the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signal postponement, or abandonment.
- 12.2. Support boats shall carry a VHF radio tuned to the designated race committee VHF channel for the circle they are nearest to and be ready to assist the race committee when called upon.
- 12.3. Support drivers shall have valid third-party liability insurance or the equivalent and provide proof upon request by the race committee and / or Organizing Authority.

13. RISK STATEMENT

- 13.1. RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. The risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

14. [DP] [NP] INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of USD \$300,000 per incident and shall provide proof of insurance prior to entry.

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:
Daily Awards - 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each class
Overall - 1st, 2nd & 3rd in each class

FURTHER INFORMATION NOT PART OF THE NOR

For the latest regatta information, planning and logistics information and periodic updates, please visit the regatta website. Non-J/70 and VxOne boat owners are responsible for arranging their own dockage. Information regarding marinas and boat launching options can be found on the regatta website. www.thesouthernmostregatta.com

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) requirements regarding road transportation can be found on the FDOT website: www.dot.state.fl.us or contact the FDOT Permit office at (850) 410-5777 and ask for the "Trip Technician".

Any commercial or editorial reference to this event must use the regatta's official name: "*The Southernmost Regatta powered by Sailing Inc.*". Any commercial photography and / or video of the event must be licensed by the Organizing Authority. The use of the event logo is prohibited without the written consent of the Organizing Authority.

Owners, skippers and crew members give absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness and biographical information as well as a representation of their boats in world-wide media for purposes of press information, reporting, promoting, disseminating information and / or advertising.

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Future Major J/70 Event:

It is the intention of the OA to host a major J/70 event with up to (60) boats in the near future. More details to follow as they become available.