2027 ORC NORTH AMERICANS

To include Multihulls (Exhibition Class) and One Design Keel Boat Racing

Fort Lauderdale

November 14th to 20th, 2027

NOTICE OF RACE

The joint Organizing Authorities are the Southern Ocean Racing Conference (SORC) and Storm Trysail Club (STC) (collectively the "OA") with the venue anchored by Lauderdale Yacht Club.

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2 ORC Rules

The latest version of the following rules will apply:

(a) IMS Rule

(b) ORC Rating Systems Rules

(c) ORC Multihull Rating Systems Rules

1.3 One-Design Class Rules

One-Design boats shall race in their One-Design configuration and shall comply with their respective One-Design Class Rules for safety and equipment compliance.

1.4 Safety Equipment Requirements

(a) Monohulls: Monohulls entered in the ORC Championship shall comply with US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Ocean Category with modifications shown in Exhibit A.

(b) Multihulls: Multihulls shall comply with US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Coastal Category with modifications shown in Exhibit B.

(c) Night Racing: From sunset to sunrise, Part 2 of the RRS 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).

1.5 RRS Amendments

Under RRS 87, ORC Rule 206 is changed as follows:

(a) All sails, including storm and heavy weather sails required by the SER, shall have a measurement stamp or sticker with all required measurements clearly readable.

(b) (Discretionary Penalty [“**DP**”]) Each boat shall select sails to be used at the event up to the maximum numbers as defined in ORC Rule 206.1. Selected sails will be marked with the event’s sticker. Only sails marked with the event's sticker may be on board during the event.

(c) [DP] The sticker-bearing sails carried on board may vary from day to day but shall remain the same for each individual race day, including days with multiple races, even in the case of damage to sails. The race day begins when the boat leaves for the race course from its dock or mooring.

(d) Sails damaged during the event may be repaired. Sails beyond repair may be replaced only with the written permission of the Technical Committee.

1.6 Minimum crew weight as defined in ORC Rules 102.3 and 200.1(b) shall apply.

1.7 A breach of RRS 56.2 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1.8 The only US Sailing prescriptions that shall apply are the prescriptions to rules 65.1 and 76.1.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available for each entrant upon completion of registration formalities and will be posted on or before **November 1st, 2027**, on the official YachtScoring event page.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online Official Notice Board (“ONB”) is located on the YachtScoring event page.

3.2 Communication with competitors will be through the ONB. On the water, the Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on a designated VHF radio channel.

3.3 Outside Help Amendment

RRS 41(c) is changed to read as follows: Help in the form of information freely available to all boats and any publicly offered internet or broadcast weather information from sources available to all competitors, whether on a subscription or free basis, is allowable. This shall include navigational, weather, tide, or current information but shall not include any information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any human being not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and its situation.

By way of example and interpretation, downloading charts, weather and/or GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted, but receiving messages or information which is the result of human interpretation as it applies to the boat is not permitted. Competitors may use any means to retrieve the data. Accessing other information during a race will be considered a violation of RRS 41.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 Competitors shall comply with the World Sailing Eligibility Code.

4.2 ORC Championship Eligibility

(a) The event is open to all boats with a valid ORC International certificate with a minimum LOA of 27 feet.

(b) The flotation date on an ORC International Certificate shall not be earlier than **November 14th, 2021**.

(c) To assign an ORC North American Champion title in a class, the number of boats entered in that class shall be no less than eight (8).

4.3 One-Design Keel Boat Classes

One-Design classes must have six (6) or more entries to be designated as class and receive a start.

4.4 Class Designations

Classes shall be designated no later than **November 7th, 2027**, and defined by consideration of CDL.

(a) Classes will have separate starts and separate results.

(b) An overall ORC best-performing monohull shall be designated based upon its competitive performance in the day racing and overall scoring in the Coastal and Offshore races.

4.5 Registration Deadlines

(a) Eligible boats may enter before **November 1st, 2027**, by completing their registration online via YachtScoring.

(b) To be considered officially entered, a boat shall complete all online entry requirements and pay all applicable fees.

(c) Each boat shall submit an online crew list via YachtScoring no later than **November 1st, 2027**. Crew lists shall include all crew members who will be on board at the start of the first race and may be amended up to the start of the first race. After this time, crew changes may be made only upon request and with the written permission of the Technical Committee.

4.6 Onsite Check-In

A representative from each boat must personally check in at the race office no later than **5:00 pm on November 15th, 2027**.

5. FEES

5.1 The entry fee of **$45 per foot** shall be paid with the online entry form on YachtScoring.

5.2 Fee Multiplier Rule

The fee is determined by the hull length only (excluding the length of a bowsprit or prod) and is rounded down to the nearest whole foot. *(For example: a 44' 10" boat shall use 44' as its multiplier).*

5.3 Early Registration Discounts and Late Fees

Prior to November 1, 2026:	$200 discount.
November 2, 2026 – April 1, 2027:	$100 discount.
October 1 – October 31, 2027:	$200 late fee applied.
November 2027:	No entries will be accepted.

5.4 The OA is not responsible for any costs incurred by the non-acceptance of a boat's registration.

5.5 Dockage is not included in the entry fee and is the sole responsibility of the competitor. Dockage options and information can be found on YachtScoring during registration.

6. CORINTHIAN DIVISION AND FEMALE DIVISION

6.1 Corinthian Division

For the Corinthian Division and Trophy, the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code (Regulation 22) shall apply, and all crew shall hold a valid Group 1 categorization. A boat entered in the Corinthian Division shall also be entered automatically in the Open Division and shall be eligible for prizes and trophies in both divisions.

6.2 Female Division

For the Female Division, a boat shall have 50% or more female competitors on board.

6.3 Roster Deadlines

The closing date for the receipt of valid Corinthian and Female entries shall be **October 14th, 2027**. Each entry shall include a complete crew list showing the World Sailing Sailor ID and the categorization group for each crew member. All crew shall hold a valid categorization prior to this date that does not expire until after the final day of the event. Late or incomplete entries cannot be considered for these divisions.

6.4 Post-Deadline Crew Substitutions

Should an accepted Corinthian entry need to change a crew member after the October 14th closing date, the name of the new crew member—including a valid World Sailing Sailor ID—must be submitted to the Organizing Authority for approval. All crew lists will be posted on the official notice board and/or website as soon as possible after the registration deadline.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

7.1 Racing Schedule

Day	Date	Activity / Race Type
Sunday	November 14	Registration and measurement
Monday	November 15	Registration and measurement
Tuesday	November 16	Inshore Race Day 1 – Windward/Leeward racing
Wednesday	November 17	Inshore Race Day 2 – Windward/Leeward racing

Day	Date	Activity / Race Type
Thursday	November 18	Coastal Race and One Design Windward/Leeward racing
Friday	November 19	Offshore Race *(1st Race of the SORC Islands in the Stream Series)* and One Design Windward/Leeward racing
Saturday	November 20	Conclusion of Offshore race

(a) The offshore race will be approximately 20 – 24 hours for the slowest boat.

(b) The coastal race will be approximately 10–12 hours for the slowest boat.

(c) Inshore races will be approximately 1 to 1.5 hours.

(d) This schedule may be amended depending on weather and wind conditions.

7.2 Social Schedule

Day	Date	Time	Activity
Monday	November 15	5:30 pm	Skipper and Tactician Reception
Tuesday	November 16	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Drinks Party and Day Prizes
Wednesday	November 17	5:00 pm – 7:00 pm	Drinks Party and Day Prizes
Thursday	November 18	6:00 pm	Reception and Dinner
Saturday	November 20	6:00 pm	Awards Ceremony

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

8.1 Each boat shall have a valid 2027 ORC International certificate issued up to and including November 1st, 2027. This changes RRS 78.2. Certificates shall list any and all sails to be carried on board whilst racing.

8.2 No changes shall be made to ORC International certificates after November 1st, 2027, unless prescribed and approved by the Technical Committee in correcting an error found before or during the pre-race equipment inspection and before the start of the first race.

8.3 Inspection Slots

Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from **09:00 on November 14th, 2027, until 15:00 on November 15th, 2027**. Booking of time slots for inspections will be available through an online system beginning on November 1, 2027 *(subject to adjustment due to location or requirements for vessels to be at designated locations).*

8.4 Weigh-In

Competitors shall be weighed prior to racing on either November 14th or 15th. Permitted crew replacements shall be weighed before racing on their respective day of substitution.

8.5 Rules compliance checks will be conducted throughout the championship before or after each race, with an emphasis on boats well-placed in the progressive scoring.

8.6 A boat shall not start the first race until she successfully passes the pre-race equipment inspection and completes Registration.

9. VENUE

9.1 The shore venue for the event will include Lauderdale Yacht Club and/or Pier Sixty-Six.

9.2 The offshore racing area will be in the waters of the Florida Straits.

9.3 The inshore racing area will be in the waters either north or south of the Port Everglades entrance.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 Shortened Penalties

US Sailing prescription Appendix V, Rule V1 shall apply:

"The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'"

10.2 The intention is to appoint an International Jury as provided in RRS 70.5.

11. SCORING

11.1 ORC Championship Scoring

(a) Scheduled Races: Eight (8) races are scheduled comprising six (6) inshore races, one (1) Coastal Race, and one (1) Offshore Race. Inshore races will be windward/leeward courses. If unusual or extreme local conditions make a windward/leeward course impossible, the Organizing Authority, in agreement with the ORC Representative, may permit a substitute course.

(b) Race Weighting: The Coastal Race shall be weighted 1.5x and the Offshore Race 2.0x to emphasize the offshore nature of this event.

(c) Minimum to Constitute a Series: At least three (3) inshore races and at least one (1) coastal or offshore race must be completed to constitute a series.

(d) Discards (Exclusions): A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores minus her worst score, subject to the following:

- Coastal and Offshore race scores shall **never** be excluded.
- When four (4) or fewer inshore races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with no discards.
- When five (5) or more inshore races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst individual inshore race score.

11.2 Multihull Scoring

Multihull scoring shall follow the exact same format and rules described for the ORC Championship in Section 11.1 above.

11.3 One-Design Scoring

(a) Four (4) completed races shall constitute a series.

(b) When five (5) or fewer races have been completed, a boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores with no discards.

(c) 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 individual score.

11.4 Rating Systems Applied

(a) Inshore: Inshore race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by Polar Curve Scoring (PCS) with Constructed Course calculations.

(b) Coastal and Offshore: The intent is for Coastal and Offshore Race results to be determined by corrected times calculated by the single-fleet Time-on-Time (ToT) via the Weather Routing System Predicted Elapsed Time (PET) provided by the ORC prior to the start. The list of ratings will be published no later than 2 hours before the start. If deemed necessary by the OA, a more appropriate alternative ORC single-number rating as shown on each boat's ORCi Certificate may be used.

(c) Appeal Limits: The application of WRS or PCS ratings shall not be subject to protest or redress by a boat, except for a calculation or scoring error pursuant to RRS 90.3(c).

11.5 RRS 90.3(e) shall apply.

12. SUPPORT BOATS

Coach boats and other support persons must register with the Organizing Authority prior to the first day of racing. Coach or support boats shall prominently display an identifying flag issued by the Organizing Authority at all times while they are on the water.

13. NAUTICAL CHARTS

Competitors shall carry on board at least three (3) independently powered electronic devices that include updated electronic charts of the racing area between Cape Canaveral and Key West, including Ocean Cay, Bimini, Little Isaac, and West End in the Bahamas.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

14.1 Deadline: All boats shall be launched no later than **12:00 pm on Monday, November 15th, 2027**.

14.2 Haul Restrictions: Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except for the express purpose of repairing damage, and only after receiving written permission from the Technical Committee. While hauled, the cleaning and polishing of the hull below the waterline is strictly prohibited.

14.3 Appendages shall not be removed from any boat during the series.

15. MEDIA RIGHTS & ADVERTISING

15.1 Media Waiver: Competitors, owners, and their guests grant absolute right and permission, at no cost, to the Organizing Authority, SORC, Storm Trysail Club, and any official regatta sponsors to use any photography or video footage taken of persons and boats during the event. This media may be published or broadcast via any platform for editorial, press, or advertising purposes.

15.2 Mandatory Sponsor Advertising: Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority according to the World Sailing Advertising Code. This may include:

- Bow numbers containing advertisements, placed as far forward as possible on both sides of the hull.
- Advertisements to be displayed on both sides of the foremost 20% of the mainsail boom.

- A sponsor's flag that must be flown on the backstay throughout the entire event.

15.3 Liability Forms: As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper, and individual participating crew member shall submit an online liability waiver and media release form prior to racing. The waiver form link will be available on YachtScoring.

15.4 Tracking Devices: The Organizing Authority may require the installation of on-board video cameras and/or position tracking devices at no cost to the competitors. The operation of these devices will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

16. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: *"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone."*

By participating in this event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These 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 an 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.

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. The Organizing Authority, US Sailing, ORC, sponsors, affiliated companies, and any other party involved in the organization of the event will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the event. Each boat owner or their representative explicitly accepts these terms by signing the entry form.

17. COMPETITOR DRONES

17.1 Training Days: Teams or their representatives shall not fly drones over the shore facilities or over the race area during training days without complying with local and federal legislation and obtaining prior written approval from the Organizing Authority.

17.2 Race Days: No team or team representative shall fly a drone under any circumstances during active race days.

17.3 Approval granted to fly drones is at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority and may impose strict limitations on flight times and locations. The risk and legal responsibility for operating any drone remains entirely with the person flying the device.

17.4 Official Drones: The Organizing Authority, its representatives, and official media partners reserve the right to fly drones over the shore facilities and racing areas during both training and racing days.

18. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to:

- The top three overall boats in each designated class.
- The top Corinthian boat in each class.
- The top Female boat in each class.
- The overall ORC Fleet best-performing boat, awarded at the sole discretion of the OA.
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19. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be adequately insured with current, valid third-party liability insurance appropriate for the value of the boat and the type of racing being conducted, which must meet all requirements of their docking location. The **minimum coverage shall be $500,000**. It is the absolute responsibility of the owner(s) to hold adequate insurance cover for Tort Liability and Third-Party Insurance (Property and Persons).

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

- **Regatta Official Website:** https://stormtrysail.org/regattas/orcnas2027/
- **SORC Deputy Chairman and Event Chairman:**

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