



70th Wirth M. Munroe Race to Palm Beach

Friday December 4, 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

This event is a qualifier for the Southern Ocean Racing Conference (SORC) Islands in the Stream Series.

The Organizing Authority is Sailfish Club of Florida, Storm Trysail Club, and Biscayne Bay Yacht Club.

Race Management provided by Sailfish Club of Florida, Storm Trysail Club, and SORC.

The notation “[NP]” in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1. The notation “[DP]” in a *rule* means that the penalty for a breach of the *rule* may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1 RULES

1.1 The race will be governed by:

a) The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing. The following Rules are changed:

- 51 to allow the use of canting keels and water ballast for all boats rated with them.
- 52 to allow the use of power to mechanically move canting keels or water ballast, and for double handed classes to use wind vanes and/or autopilots.

b) US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for “Coastal” races, as modified in NoR 11;

c) The current IMS Rule (measurement) and ORC Rating Systems (ratings) rules and regulations. (<https://orc.org/organization/rules-regulations>);

d) PHRF Regulations as administered by PHRF of Southeast Florida;

e) The MOCRA (Multihull Offshore Cruising and Racing Association) rules, regulations, and ratings;

f) Any applicable offshore One Design class rules, regulations, and ratings;

g) Other than Double Handed entries, the minimum number of crew is 3.

1.2 This regatta is a Sailors for the Sea “Clean Regatta”. All competitors are encouraged to use non-single use water bottles and recycle all appropriate items. Competitors are reminded of Rule 55 which states that competitors “shall not intentionally put trash in the water.”

2 SAFETY

2.1 [NP] For all classes, it is recommended that 75% of those aboard shall have attended a US Sailing Safety at Sea Seminar, in-person or on-line, after May 1, 2021. However at least 30%, but not fewer than two members of the crew, including the person in charge, have attended

an International Offshore Safety at Sea Course with Hands-on Training or a US Sailing sanctioned In-person Offshore Safety at Sea Seminar after May 1, 2021. **If the 30% requirement cannot be met due to a “Safety at Sea with hands-on training” course not being available, the requirement may, at the discretion of the OA, be met by completing the US Sailing “Online Offshore Safety at Sea” course.**

- 2.2 All boats are strongly encouraged to follow the STC Safety Guideline for Rendering Assistance. The Guidelines and information on available Safety At Sea courses are available on the Storm Trysail Club website: (www.stormtrysail.org).
- 2.3 [NP] Attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 Life Saving Equipment: “Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy for the conditions,” including but not limited to the following:
 - a) When reefed;
 - b) When the true wind speed is 25 knots or more;
 - c) When visibility is less than 1 nautical mile;
 - d) At all times when a boat is being sailed Double Handed; and
 - e) By all crew on deck at all other times unless the person in charge has indicated they may be set aside.
- 2.4 All boats must conform to the USSER for “Coastal” races.
- 2.5 Requirements under USSER for “Coastal” races 2.4.4 is hereby amended to allow for suitable synthetic fiber for lifelines.
- 2.6 Requirements under USSER for “Coastal” races 3.1.2, 3.1.4 and 3.2.1 are waived for fully crewed boats. Double Handed entries are subject to these requirements.
- 2.7 Attention is drawn to USSER requirements under 4.3.2.
- 2.8 Attention is also drawn to RRS 1.2, “Life-Saving Equipment and Personal Flotation.”
- 2.9 Requirements under USSER for “Coastal” races 3.8.1 are waived provided that a boat shall have a handheld VHF that complies with 3.8.2 AND a second handheld VHF which need not have DSC/GPS capability.
- 2.10 Requirements under USSER 3.16.2 (EPIRB) are waived.
- 2.11 Requirements under USSER 3.33.1 are waived PROVIDED that a boat carries a heavy weather jib that conforms with the requirements under USSER 3.33.3

3 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY & FEES

- 3.1 Open to mono-hull boats of no less than 26 feet hull length (LH) and multi-hull boats of no less than 24 feet LH.
- 3.2 Racing will be conducted in ORC, PHRF of SE Florida, MOCRA, and various offshore One Design classes. If there are sufficient Double Handed entries received by the entry deadline, the Race Committee may consider adding a Double Handed class. Divisions may be subdivided into classes.
- 3.3 The entry fees are based on hull length which may be rounded downward to nearest whole number. (e.g.: 39.71' = 39'): Entry Fees are LH X \$12.00 per foot.
- 3.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form, paying the entry fee, entering all crew names and email addresses, and executing the Skipper Waiver in https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_registration
- 3.5 Boats competing in the SORC “Islands In The Stream Series” must have a valid ORC rating to be eligible for the overall trophy and have selected and raced the Classic Course as detailed in section 6.1 below.
- 3.6 Upon entering, boats shall indicate Course 1 or Course 2. (See NoR 6)
- 3.7 Completed entries must be received by 1200, November 28, 2026.
- 3.8 No rating changes will be accepted after 1200, November 28, 2026.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 There will be no skippers’ meeting. Competitors are reminded to monitor the Official Notice Board at https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board

- 4.2 First signal for the Classic Course (Miami start) will be 0830 and for the Sprint Course (Fort Lauderdale start) will be at 0900 Friday, December 4th. Class assignments and starting times will be available on the Official Notice Board at www.yachtscoring.com.
- 4.3 Attendance at the Awards Dinner on Friday, December 4th will be by reservation only. Traditional complimentary rum drinks will be served. The Sailfish Club of Florida's seafood buffet will be available from 1800-2100. Reservations must be made in advance with the Sailfish Club of Florida. Long pants and collared shirts are required for gentlemen. Contact Sarah Gay at 561-844-0206 for reservations.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available on or before December 1, 2026, at:
https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_documents

6 BERTHING AND ACCOMODATIONS

Dockage in Miami can be reserved as follows:

- 6.1 Biscayne Bay Yacht Club for
boats drawing 6' or less
Space is LIMITED and boats will be accepted on a first-come first-served basis.
FIRST- REGISTRATION PAID basis. Ph. 305-858-6303
Miami Beach Marina Ph. 305-673-6000 <http://www.miamibeachmarina.com/>
- 6.2 Miamarina at Bayside Ph. 305-960-5180
<http://www.miamiandbeaches.com/boating-and-water/miamarina-at-bayside/101546>
- 6.3 Dinner Key Marina Ph. 305-329-4755
<http://www.miamigov.com/marinas/pages/marinas/dinkeymarina.asp>
- 6.4 Dockage at the Sailfish Club is by reservation only on a first-come, first-served basis.
For reservations contact the Dockmaster's office, 561-844-1130

7 COURSES

- 7.1 Course 1 ("The Classic"). The course will be from the Starting Line located approximately 0.5 nm North of Government Cut, Miami, to the Finish Line at Lake Worth Inlet. The Start and Finish will be defined in the SI.
- 7.2 Course 2 ("The Sprint") will be from the Starting Line located approximately 0.5 nm North of Ft. Lauderdale inlet to the Finish Line at Lake Worth inlet. The Start and Finish will be defined in the SI.
- 7.3 [NP] In the event of light air, the Race Committee may, at its own discretion, move the Starting Line North to a new location. Neither the decision to move the starting area nor its location shall be grounds for redress.
- 7.4 The time limit for both Course 1 and Course 2 is: 1800 Friday, December 4, 2026. This changes rule 35.
- 7.4.1 There will be no finish boat on station, therefore all boats shall take their own finish time (GPS) and report same to WMRace@SailfishClub.com
- 7.4.2 Boats competing for the SORC Islands in the Steam Series and finishing after 1800 may take their own finish times and submit same to: Carol Ewing
lightning@cofs.com, 305-785-4777

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

[DP] The Scoring Penalty, rule 44.3, will apply. In the case of a protest involving the rules of Part 2 and OCS, the boat at fault, instead of being disqualified as a result of a hearing, may, at the option of the Protest Committee, have her elapsed time increased by 2%.

9 SCORING

- 9.1 Scoring for all competitors participating in ORC, PHRF of SE Florida and MOCRA classes will be Time-on-Time.

- 9.1.1 [NP] ORC classes, including double-handed, will be scored using a scoring option available on page 2 of current valid USA or CAN ORC. The RC will announce its intended scoring option prior to the first warning signal. Note that the RC may change the selected ORC scoring option to a more suitable scoring option if there has been a material change in conditions during the race. If a change is made it will be announced prior to the first ORC boat finishing.
- 9.1.2 [NP] The decision on the scoring option and scoring parameters used for a race, and any subsequent change thereto, will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee. This includes the length of the course, directions of the legs and the wind details such as strength and direction. These will not be grounds for a request for redress by the boat. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 9.1.3 [NP] PHRF classes, including double-handed, will be scored using time-on-time with the conversion factor $650/(550+PHRF)$ rounded to 4 decimal places.
- 9.2 Scoring for competitors participating in their respective offshore One Design classes will be scored boat-for-boat. Those having a valid rating certificate will also be scored for overall prizes.

10 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

- 10.1 The race committee may make announcements over VHF channel 69.
- 10.2 RRS 41, Outside Help, is changed by adding: (e) Help in the form of information freely available to all boats even if that information is only accessible at a cost. "At a cost" help shall not include private forecast or tactical advice, or information customized for a particular boat or group of boats and/or her/their situation.

11 PRIZES

Class prizes and special awards are as follows:

Best Elapsed Time - Presented by the Sailfish Club of Florida in memory of Charles Schulman.

Navigator of boat with Best Elapsed Time - Presented by the Sailfish Club of Florida in memory of Edward W. Crawford

First Overall Awarded to the boat that has won her class and, in the judgement of the Officers and Race Committee, had the best overall performance.

Sailfish Club Yacht with Best Elapsed Time - Presented by the Sailfish Club of Florida in memory of Richard D. Kreusler.

Sailfish Club Yacht with Best Corrected Time - Presented by the Sailfish Club of Florida in memory of Adrian Van Voast.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. The Skipper/Owner of each boat participating in the Wirth M. Munroe Race To Palm Beach shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his/her boat – both on the water and while ashore. The destruction of property, the breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by any crew member, or any other person associated with the boat, or the failure of any of those persons to comply with any reasonable request of any Race Officer, Regatta Committee member, or their representatives, may result in the disqualification of the boat.

12.2 The Sailfish Club is not responsible or liable for damage or loss to any boat or vessel docked at or using Club facilities and is not responsible or liable for any theft, loss, or other damage to any personal property on or contents of the boats or vessels docked at or using Club facilities. See "General Information D" for more information.

13 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance sufficient to cover liability for loss, damage, personal injury, or death.

14 PHOTOGRAPHERS AND MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors grant the Organizing Authority, and its official sponsors, the unrestricted right and permission to use their name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the yacht they are sailing during the event, to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information. In this respect, competitors' names, and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

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For more information on the SORC Islands in the Stream Series, please visit
<http://www.sorcsailing.org/>

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