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2025-26 NOTICE OF RACE



This document, combined with each respective event's Supplemental Notice of Race, comprises that event's Notice of Race required by RRS 89.2(a).

Sections added by amendment are indicated **in red text**

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Southern Ocean Racing Conference is the Race Committee for each race, which is organized under the authority of one or more member yacht clubs, including the Coral Reef Yacht Club, the Lauderdale Yacht Club, the Storm Trysail Club, and the Nassau Yacht Club.
- 1.2 Each race will be governed by the rules defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (Rules, RRS) in effect at the start of the race, including the class rules of the respective classes involved.
- 1.4 From sunset to sunrise, Part 2 of the Rules 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 For each event, the terms "Notice of Race" (NOR) and "Sailing Instructions" (SI) required by RRS 89.2(a) and 90.2(a) respectively include the Master and Supplemental versions of those documents, as well as any amendments thereto.
- 1.6 In case of conflict between the NOR and the Sailing Instructions (SIs), the SIs shall prevail. (This changes RRS 63.7.)
- 1.7 A boat may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current rating certificate of area not greater than rated SPA without an increase in rating.
- 1.8 Boats shall carry an AIS Transponder consistent with SER 3.9 and capable of transmitting and receiving throughout the race. Competitors shall use their best efforts to ensure that their AIS Transponder is switched on (i.e. transmitting and receiving) one hour before the warning signal and throughout the race. Competitors shall ensure that the name of the boat is transmitted rather than just the MMSI number.
- 1.9 Advertising shall be per ISAF Regulation 20.
- 1.10 Personal AIS transponders are required for each crewmember.
- 1.11 Provided that her rating certificate indicates that power winches have been declared, a boat is permitted to use power winches when racing. This changes RRS 52.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Each race is open to ocean racing/cruising monohull and multihull boats of the following classes whose owner is a member of his/her national authority and who comply with the requirements of the following classes:
 - 2.1.1 Offshore Racing Congress (ORC), boats with an offshore long distance Time on Time rating factor of 0.880 and higher.

- 2.1.2 Double-handed boats meeting the listed safety requirements.
- 2.1.3 Multihulls **rated by the Multihull Offshore Cruising Association (MOCRA)** of ocean racing/cruising type with enclosed cabins, and permanent accommodations, complying with the requirements of the rating system chosen by each race. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject any entry that does not comply with its definition of an "ocean racing/cruising type" Multihull boat.
- 2.1.4 PHRF - boats rated by PHRF of Southeast Florida with a maximum handicap of 160.
- 2.2 Prior to the Early Entry Deadline, the race committee may create a new class when five or more boats so request, or reassign registered boats to other classes if at least five boats have not registered in a class.
- 2.3 Boats must meet at least one of the following to be eligible:
 - 2.3.1 Has a minimum Stability Index of 103.
 - 2.3.2 Is a true sister ship of a boat in the US Sailing IMS Master File with a Stability Factor of at least 103.
 - 2.3.3 Meets the requirements of ISO 12217-2B.

3 CREW LIMITS

- 3.1 Crew Limits for the following classes are:
 - 3.1.1 ORC: Total crew weight limits are shown on rating certificates, and individual crew weights must be declared during registration. To change the weight limit from the default value, contact the national rating authority for a certificate issued with the declared weight limit.
 - 3.1.2 Offshore One Design Classes: class limit plus one.
 - 3.1.3 PHRF: class limit plus one.
- 3.2 Except for Doublehanded classes, all boats shall carry a minimum crew of 4 (four). Each race may allow lower limits in its Supplemental NOR.
- 3.3 Each boat will comply with any crew weight limit declared in her rating.

4 ENTRY

- 4.1 Boats may enter a race registering on the race web site www.sorcsailing.org.
- 4.2 Entry Deadlines are described in each race's Supplemental NOR.
- 4.3 Each boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 USD or the equivalent.
- 4.4 A boat shall submit her final rating certificate and crew weight list no later than the Entry Deadline. Ratings and preliminary class assignments will be posted on each race's web site and Official Notice Board prior to the Skippers Meeting. **In the event a sail is damaged or destroyed, the Race Committee may approve a written request to replace the sail, and update the rating if necessary, if it posts the request, decision, and new rating on the Official Notice Board prior to the Skippers Meeting**
- 4.5 Requests for crew or sail changes after the Entry Deadline must be approved in writing by the Race Committee.

5 ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 Entry Fees will be described in each race's Supplemental NOR.
- 5.2 Entry Fees are fully refundable until each race's Entry Deadline.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1	<u>Event</u>	<u>Race Date</u>
	Sailors' Choice Race	November 21, 2025
	Fort Lauderdale to Key West Race	January 15, 2026
	Nassau Cup Ocean Race	February 26, 2026

Note: SORC serves as the Race Committee for the Wirth Munroe (Palm Beach) Race on December 5, 2025, and the event is scored as part of the Islands in the Stream series, but this event has a separate OA with separate race documents.

- 6.2 Each race will have a scheduled start time, but the Organizing Authority or Race Committee may postpone the start of the race if it believes the safety or enjoyment of the participants will be significantly improved by doing so. The Race Committee will announce any planned postponement at the Skippers Meeting and send an email to all boats' addresses entered with their registration with the time of the new Warning Signal. No flag shall be used if the postponement is announced the day before the event (this changes RS 27.3). Neither a postponement nor lack of postponement relieves a boat of her responsibility under RRS 3, Decision to Race.

7 COURSES

Courses will be summarized in each race's Supplemental NOR and described in its SIs.

8 SAFETY

- 8.1 Each race's Supplemental NOR contains important safety rules.
- 8.2 Each boat shall have non-electronic charts that encompass the race area.
- 8.3 The Race Committee may inspect any boat for compliance with this section without prior warning before the start or after the finish.
- 8.4 Each boat will certify compliance with safety regulations as a condition of registration.
- 8.5 Each crewmember shall have a personal safety knife, preferably a straight blade or, if folding, able to be opened with one hand, to be attached to or carried on each crew member at all times. The personal safety knife should be readily accessible at all times including while wearing foul weather gear and PFD/safety harness. This requirement is in addition to the requirement of SER 3.32.

9 AWARDS PARTY

Locations and details for awards parties will be described in each race's Supplemental NOR.

10 SCORING AND TIME ALLOWANCES

- 10.1 The Low Point Scoring System as described in Appendix “A” will be used.
- 10.2 The course distance for rating purposes will be described in each race's Supplemental NOR.
- 10.3 For all other classes, a boat's rating allowance will be applied as a factor of the elapsed time of its race.

11 RACE TRACKING DEVICES

- 11.1 In addition to any other device required in each race's Safety Regulations, each boat shall be equipped with an active SPOT or Garmin/InReach position transponder, be subscribed to the “Track Progress” option offered by SPOT or Garmin/InReach, and to provide the Race Committee with the “shared URL” for the purpose of inclusion in the official race tracking program.
- 11.2 The tracking unit shall be mounted and operated throughout the race in accordance with the instructions provided. Only the race committee may protest a boat for an alleged violation of this section.
- 11.3 SPOT or Garmin/InReach tracking data may not be used as evidence in a protest. This changes RRS 63.6(a).

12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 12.1 Sailing Instructions for each race shall be posted no later than one week prior to the start of the race.
- 12.2 Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted to the Official Notice Board.

13 SKIPPERS MEETING

- 13.1 A representative of each boat shall attend the Skippers Meeting for each race, whether in-person or virtual.
- 13.2 Each boat shall be required to complete and submit to the Race Committee at or prior to the Skippers Meeting an accurate crew list, required waiver(s) and equipment declaration form in exchange for their race packet.

14 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows: 1st, 2nd, & 3rd place finishers in each division/class, provided at least five entries per division/class. Additional prizes may be awarded.

15 OUTSIDE ASSISTANCE

While racing, boats may not receive weather, current, or navigational information except from published sources available to all competitors. Subscription services, password protected or restricted access web pages, as well as phone conversations and text messages that contain any such information are not allowed. Accessing other information during the race will be considered a violation of RRS 41.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event, including skippers and crew, are participating entirely at their own risk. (See Rule 3, Decision to Race). The Organizing Authority and Race Committee, sponsors, or any other organization or official will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.

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2026 NASSAU CUP NOTICE OF RACE (SUPPLEMENTAL)

This document, combined with the SORC Master Notice of Race, comprises the Notice of Race for the Nassau Cup Ocean Race. Numbered sections in this document are supplements to, not replacements for, equivalently numbered sections in the Master NOR.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Nassau Yacht Club, under the jurisdiction of the Bahamas Sailing Association (BSA), is the Organizing Authority for the Nassau Cup Ocean Race. The race is managed by the Southern Ocean Racing Conference (SORC).
- 1.2 Only U.S. Sailing Prescriptions to RRS 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), and 76.1 apply.
- 1.10 Personal AIS transponders are required for each crewmember.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.3 Boats must have a minimum LOA of 27 feet.

4 ENTRY

- 4.2 The Entry Deadline is 1800 hours Friday, February 20, 2026. The Early Entry Deadline is 1800 hours February 12, 2026.
- 4.6 Entries may be completed online by going to www.sorcsailing.org.

5 ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fee is \$575. Boats entering by the Early Entry Deadline may pay a discounted entry fee of \$475.

6 SCHEDULE

Early Entry Deadline	February 12, 2026	1800 hrs
Entry Deadline	February 20, 2026	1800 hrs
Preliminary Class Assignments posted	February 12, 2026	1200 hrs
Class Assignments final	February 20, 2026	1700 hrs
Skippers Meeting	February 25, 2026	TBA
First Warning Signal	February 26, 2026	1300 hrs

7 COURSE

- 7.1 The course shall be from the Start Line northeast of the Miami Harbor entrance (Government Cut), to the Finish Line at the northwest entrance of Nassau Harbour, leaving Great Isaac (including Northeast Rock and East Brother), and Great Stirrup to Starboard.

8 SAFETY

- 8.1 All boats must conform to the current US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Ocean Racing with the following changes or additions:
- 8.1.1 Engine and Fuel (SER 2.7.1): SER 2.7.1 is amended as follows:
 - 8.1.2 A boat shall have a mechanical propulsion system that is quickly available and capable of driving the boat at a minimum speed in knots equivalent to the square root of LWL in feet (1.81 times the square root of the waterline in meters) with sufficient fuel to provide range under power for 75 miles.
 - 8.1.3 Operative VHF/FM transceiver with Channels 9, 16, 68, 71 and 72. (DSC and GMDSS equipped and MMSI registered VHF radios are required per SER 3.8.1 and 3.8.2.)
 - 8.1.4 Ship's AIS Transponder required, consistent with SER 3.9.
 - 8.1.5 Life raft need not have a canopy or insulated floor

9 AWARDS PARTY

- 9.1 The Awards Party is scheduled for 1800 hrs, Saturday, February 28, 2026, at the Nassau Yacht Club.

12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 12.1 Changes or addenda to this Notice of Race or to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the official Yachtscoring.com page for the race.
- 12.2 Any amendment to the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 2000 hours on the day prior to the race.

13 SKIPPERS MEETING

- 13.1 The Skippers Meeting is to be announced..

14 PRIZES

14.2 Perpetual Trophies will be awarded as follows:

The Coral Harbour Yacht Club Trophy for the first monohull boat to finish.

The Nassau Cup will be awarded to first place corrected time in the largest division.

The Arthur Bosworth Trophy will be awarded to first place corrected time in the ORC division.

The 'Half Hull' Perpetual will be awarded to the best performance by a Bahamian boat.

For More Information:

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