

## RACES



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# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



These are the Master Sailing Instructions (Master SIs) for races run by the Southern Ocean Racing Conference in the 2025-2026 season, including Sailors Choice Race, Lauderdale to Key West Race, and Nassau Cup. Each race also has Supplemental Sailing Instructions (Supplemental SIs) that, together with these Master SIs, comprise that event's Sailing Instructions required by RRS 90.2(a). **Note - Master SI Amendment on January 10 added SI 11.4.**

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 Each Race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 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).
- 1.3 The U.S. Sailing Safety Equipment Regulations will apply as modified by each race's NOR and SIs.
- 1.5 Anchors shall not be stowed on or protruding from the bow area of the boat except only anchors that may be stowed in a bow locker or on deck in chocks, provided that no portion of the anchor or anchor rode extends beyond the edge of the deck.
- 1.6 Personal AIS transponders are required for each crewmember.

## 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The Official Notice Board and locations of signals ashore will be indicated in each race's Supplemental SIs.

### Useful Web sites

SORC Web Site	<a href="http://www.sorcsailing.org">www.sorcsailing.org</a>
U.S. Sailing	<a href="http://www.ussailing.org">www.ussailing.org</a>
ORC Ratings	<a href="http://www.orc.org">www.orc.org</a>
PHRF of SE Florida	<a href="http://www.phrfsef.com">www.phrfsef.com</a>
MOCRA	<a href="http://www.mocra-sailing.org.uk">www.mocra-sailing.org.uk</a>
MOCRA Ratings	<a href="https://sites.google.com/site/mocrarating">sites.google.com/site/mocrarating</a>

## 3 RADIO MONITOR

- 3.1 The Race Committee will monitor the designated VHF race channel from one hour prior to the first start until one hour after the last start. All competitors are required to monitor VHF Channel 16 for the duration of the race.
- 3.2 The Race Committee will attempt to monitor the designated VHF channel while boats are finishing.

## 4 START

- 4.1 The starting area, start line, and start times will be described in each race's Supplemental SIs.
- 4.2 Starting signals shall be made in accordance with rule 26, with classes starting at five (5) minute intervals. The Starting signal for each class shall be the Warning signal for the next class.

**5 RECALLS**

- 5.1 If a boat is identified on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal, the race committee will attempt to broadcast the sail number on the starting VHF channel. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 5.2 In the event of a General Recall, the start of the last scheduled class shall be the warning signal for the new start of the recalled class. If more than one General Recall is signaled, each recalled class will restart after the class recalled before it. This changes RRS 29.2.
- 5.3 A boat starting after the P Flag is lowered 1 minute before their starting signal and the failing to comply with RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) need not return to the pre-start side of the line but shall have a penalty of 30 minutes added to her elapsed time.

**6 COURSE**

Each course is described in the Supplemental SIs for each race.

**7 FINISH**

- 7.1 The finish line and finishing procedures will be described in each race's Supplemental SIs.

**8 TIME LIMIT AND RETIREMENT**

- 8.1 The time limit for each race will be described in its Supplemental SIs.
- 8.2 A boat retiring from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as reasonably possible. Official race results will not be posted until all boats have been accounted for.

**9 SCORING**

- 9.1 Appendix A, using the "Low Point" scoring system of the rules shall be in effect. Scoring procedures for each class are described in each race's Supplemental SI, but the intention is to Score ORC boats under the Weather Routing Scoring "WRS" system.

**10 TRACKING**

Each boat is required to be equipped with a SPOT or Delorme In-Reach position transponder, be subscribed to the "Track Progress" option offered by SPOT or Delorme In-Reach, and provide the Race Committee with the "shared URL or XML" for the purpose of inclusion in the official race tracking program. The unit shall be mounted and operated throughout each race in accordance with the instructions provided. Only the Race Committee may use tracking information described in this section for a protest, and it may not be used as the basis of a request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1 and 60.2.

## 11 PROTESTS & PENALTIES

- 11.1 The Scoring Penalty, Rules 44.3 (a) shall apply. The penalty for accepting a penalty by displaying a yellow flag in accordance with Rule 44.3 (a) shall be one percent (1%) of a boat's elapsed time added to her corrected time. This changes Rule 44.3 (c). A boat taking a scoring penalty shall report it to the Race Committee within the protest time limit.
- 11.2 The protest time limit is two hours after her finishing time for a boat finishing between 0900 and 1700 hrs, or for a boat finishing after 1700 hrs, 0900 hrs the following day.
- 11.3 Protest hearings will be scheduled and posted on the Notice Board upon receipt, and will be held no later than 15 minutes after the Protest Deadline, unless the protest committee posts a change to the hearing schedule by that time on the event site on Yachtscoring.com.
- 11.4 The penalty for breaking a rule shall be at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 11.5 Rule 60.4(a)(2) is changed as follows: (2) if it alleges a breach of a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 and is from a boat that was not involved in, and did not see, the incident, or

## 12 AWARDS

- 12.1 Awards parties and locations will be described in each race's Supplemental SIs.

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# NASSAU CUP RACE

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## (Supplemental)



This document, combined with the SORC Master Sailing Instructions, comprises the Sailing Instructions for the Nassau Cup Race. Numbered sections in this document are supplements to, not replacements for, equivalently numbered sections in the Master SIs unless otherwise indicated.

Amendments to the SIs have been noted with in **red text**.

### 1 RULES

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Changes to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the official Yachtscoring.com page for the race prior to 1700 on February 22, 2026.

### 3 RADIO MONITOR

- 3.1 The designated VHF Channel for the race will be 71.

### 4 START

- 4.1 The Starting Line will be approximately 1.2 miles northeast of the Miami Harbor entrance, in the vicinity of the following coordinates: N25° 46.35 W80° 06.55. The starting line will be between an inflatable race mark, and a staff on the Race Committee Signal Boat displaying an orange flag.
- 4.3 The first Warning signal is scheduled to be made at **1300 hours on Thursday, February 26th, 2026**.
- 4.4 ORC 1 will start first followed by ORC 2 and 3 together on a rolling five minute, followed by the Multihull Division.
- 4.5 Prior to the start, all boats shall check in with the Race Committee on station by sailing past the stern of the signal boat on starboard tack and hailing their sail number.
- 4.6 Any boat not starting within 10 minutes of her start time will be scored DNS (did not start) unless special permission to start at a later time has been obtained from the Race Committee on the Signal boat prior to the first Warning Signal.

**6 COURSE**

6.1 The course shall be from the Start Line as described in SI 4.1 to the Finish Line at the Northwest entrance to Nassau Harbour, leaving Great Isaac (including Northeast Rock and East Brother), and Great Stirrup to Starboard.

**7 FINISH**

7.1 The Finish Line will be inside the northwest entrance of Nassau Harbour on a line running in a north-south direction (010° / 190° magnetic) between the Paradise Island Lighthouse (FL Ev 5 sec. 66ft 6m.) and the second (2nd) Red channel Buoy (FL R 4 sec) inside the southwest breakwater. Addendum #1 of these Sailing Instructions depicts a sketch chart of the finish line area.

7.2 Approximately 5 miles out from the finish, boats are requested to call the Nassau Yacht Club Race Committee on VHF Channel 71 and provide the committee with the boat name and sail number and estimated finish time.

7.3 Boats should finish in an easterly direction crossing the finish line when the Paradise Island Lighthouse is at a bearing of 010 degrees magnetic leaving the 2nd Red channel buoy inside the southwest breakwater to starboard taking their finish time when crossing the bearing. Immediately after finishing, boats shall announce their sail number and recorded finish time to the Race Committee on VHF channel 71.

7.4 A Race Committee Boat displaying a blue flag may be on station in the vicinity of the 2nd Red channel buoy inside the southwest breakwater at the finish line to record finish times, but will not be a part of the finish line. Finish times taken by the Race Committee on station shall be official.

7.5 If there is no Race Committee present at the finish line when a boat is finishing, it is the responsibility of each boat to record their own finishing time. This should be done by announcing on VHF Channel 71 the boat name, sail number and finish time (GPS Eastern Standard time) when crossing a line bearing 010 degrees magnetic to the Paradise Island Lighthouse, leaving the 2nd Red channel buoy inside the southwest breakwater to starboard. Once ashore, a representative from the boat shall notify the Nassau Yacht Club Race Committee at the Nassau Yacht Club (or by phone to (242) 357-3959) of the boat's finish time. Boats intending to protest shall inform the Race Committee at the same time. (This changes Rule 60.)

7.6 Competitors are reminded that commercial ship traffic has Right of Way in the Nassau Ship Channel at all times.

7.7 Boats finishing at night shall shine a bright light on their sail numbers continuously from within 2 minutes of their finish until 1 minute after their finish and confirm their finish with the Nassau Yacht Club Race Committee on VHF channel 71 immediately after finishing.

**8 TIME LIMIT AND RETIREMENT**

8.1 The time limit for finishing the race will be 1100 hours on Saturday, February 28<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Any boats not finished by this time will be scored "DNF". (This changes RRS 35.)

8.2 A boat retiring from the race for any reason must notify the Nassau Yacht Club Race Committee on VHF Channel 71 or by phone at (242) 357-9077 as soon as possible.

**9 SCORING**

9.1 For the ORC divisions, a boat's calculated Time on Time rating allowance will be applied as a factor of the boat's elapsed time for the race.

**11 PROTESTS & PENALTIES**

11.5 Protest forms will be available at the Nassau Yacht Club. Completed protest forms shall be delivered there no later than the protest time limit.

11.6 Protest hearings will be held at the Nassau Yacht Club.

**12 AWARDS**

12.1 The awards party and trophy presentation will be held at the Nassau Yacht Club on Saturday, February 28th, beginning at 1830 hrs. Dress is Yacht Club Casual.

**13. SKIPPERS MEETING**

The Skipper Meeting will be virtual with Zoom on Wednesday, February 25th, 2026. Details will be sent under separate cover.

For More Information:

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# Addendum 1

## Sketch Chart of Nassau Harbor Finish Line

