

# SORC SAILOR'S CHOICE RACE

## NOTICE OF RACE (SUPPLEMENTAL)



This document, combined with the SORC Master Notice of Race and Series, comprises the Notice of Race for the SORC Sailor's Choice Race.

Numbered sections in this document are supplements to, not replacements for, equivalently numbered sections in the Master NOR.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Southern Ocean Racing Conference (SORC) is the Organizing Authority for the event.
- 1.3 Boats in Doublehanded classes are not eligible for an additional spinnaker beyond those specified on their rating certificates.
- 1.4 For Doublehanded classes only, RRS 52 is changed by adding: "However, the rudder may be adjusted and operated by an autopilot using power that is not provided by the crew."

### 2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 Multihull entries will be accepted with a MOCRA rating
- 2.2 Boats must have a minimum LOA of 27 ft.

### 3 CREW LIMITS

- 3.2 Class 40 boats must have a minimum of two crew.
- 3.3 Crew weight limits for ORC-rated boats may be declared from default values by contacting the national rating office and having a certificate issued with the correct declared crew weight.

### 4 ENTRY

- 4.2 The Entry Deadline is November 6, 2025 The Early Entry Deadline is September 23, 2025.
- 4.4 Ratings and preliminary class assignments for all classes shall be posted by 1800 hrs November 15, and remain posted until 2000 hrs Thursday, November 20, at which time they will stand for the race.
- 4.6 Entries may be completed online at the event's Yachtscoring page accessible through [sorcsailing.org](http://sorcsailing.org).

### 5 ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 The Entry Fee is \$425. The Early Entry Fee is \$325.

### 6 SCHEDULE

Early Entry Deadline	September 23, 2025		
Entry Deadline	November 6		
Sailing Instructions Posted	October 27		
Skippers Meeting	November 20	1900 hrs	Method to be determined
First Warning Signal	November 21	1000 hrs	Start line
Awards Party	November 22	1800 hrs	Lauderdale Yacht Club

### 7 COURSE

- 7.1 The start and finish will be near the Port Everglades Sea Buoy.
- 7.2 Competitors will honor rounding marks near Great Isaac, Ocean Cay, and the Miami Harbor Channel Entrance.

7.3 The course may be sailed clockwise with all rounding marks to starboard, or counter-clockwise with all rounding marks to port.

## **8 SAFETY**

8.1 Two persons on board shall hold a current World Sailing Hands-on Safety At Sea Certificate except for a Double Handed entry; in which case one person is required to hold a current World Sailing Hands-on Safety At Sea Certificate 8.2 In addition to the stated methods of meeting 2.3.1 Stability within the current Monohull SER Ocean U.S. Sailing document, boats may also satisfy their stability requirement for this race by complying with the Following:

Boats shall have at least one of the following, or be a true sister ship of a boat that does:

- a) A minimum ORC Stability Index of 115
- b) A minimum ORR Stability Limit of 115
- c) A minimum RORC SSSN of 28
- d) A minimum IRC STIX of 32
- e) Meet the requirements of ISO 12217-2A

8.3 All boats must conform to the current US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for Ocean Racing with the following changes or additions:

- 8.3.1 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.)
- 8.3.2 An operational AIS Transponder shall be carried and be switched on, such that it is receiving and transmitting throughout the race.
- 8.3.3 Personal AIS beacons are required by all crew while wearing their lifejacket and competitors are strongly encouraged to avail themselves of this invaluable device at all times.
- 8.3.4 SER 3.39 Life Raft is modified to include: the life raft is required to have a canopy, but does not need to have an insulated floor. It shall contain at a minimum a 24 hr. pack (ISO 9650 Pack 2) or the Pack 2 equipment specified in WS Offshore Special Regulations 4.20.2 contained in a grab bag that has inherent floatation. It may be stowed in a valise in an immediately accessible location beside the companionway provided that it does not weigh more than 88lb.
- 8.3.5 Two SOLAS smoke flares shall be carried on board.
- 8.3.6 SER 13.16.1 is modified to include that a boat shall carry a 406MHz EPIRB that is water and manually activated and is registered to the boat. This device shall be equipped with an internal GPS.
- 8.3.7 Engine and Fuel (SER 2.7.1): SER 2.7.1 is amended as follows:  
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.

Subsections 8.3.8 through 8.3.12 apply to Doublehanded classes.

- 8.3.8 The VHF/FM transceiver required by SNOR 8.1.2 shall be switched on and accessible from the cockpit at all times while afloat.
- 8.3.9 Each crew shall carry a Personal AIS MOB locator beacon whilst wearing their lifejacket. A lifejacket which shall be worn at all times. The Personal AIS MOB beacon may be considered to be a substitution for a personal EPIRB beacon.
- 8.3.10 Both crew members shall have attended a half-day, one-day, or two-day U.S. Sailing Safety at Sea Seminar within the last 5 years, including online courses when available, or hold a valid

U.S. Sailing Safety at Sea Certificate, or have attended other courses as accepted by U.S. Sailing or another national authority. One crewmember shall hold a current World Sailing Hands-on Safety At Sea Certificate.

8.3.11 Each boat shall have a permanently mounted magnetic compass independent of the boat's electrical system suitable for steering at sea (this changes SER 3.19.1)

8.3.12 The mainsail shall have reef points capable of reducing at least 20% of the sail's area.

8.3.13 Multihull Division boats are required to carry life rafts as in 8.3.4 above. An immersion (Survival) suit for each person on board, having an inherent reserve buoyancy of at least 15.5 lbs and that otherwise meets SOLAS requirements is also recommended.

8.4 Each boat shall carry non-electronic charts appropriate for the race area.

## **9 AWARDS PARTY**

9.1 The awards party will be held at the Lauderdale Yacht Club on Saturday, November 22, 1800 hrs.

## **10 SCORING AND TIME ALLOWANCES**

10.3 For any PHRF divisions, Time-on-Time scoring will be used. Time allowances will be calculated using the following conversion formula:  $650 / (550 + \text{PHRF Rating})$ .

## **12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

12.1 Sailing Instructions shall be posted by October 27, and available at the Skippers Meeting.

## **13 SKIPPERS MEETING**

13.1 The Skippers Meeting will be held November 19, at 1900 hrs. It may be either in-person at the Lauderdale Yacht Club or online, to be determined.

## **14 PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded in each class for First to Finish and Best Corrected Time. Other prizes may be awarded.

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