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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).

## 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.

<u>Useful Web sites</u>	
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.

## 12 AWARDS

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

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# SAILORS CHOICE RACE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (Supplemental)



This document, combined with the SORC Master Sailing Instructions, comprises the Sailing Instructions for the 2025 Sailors Choice Race. Sections in this document are supplements to, not replacements for, equivalently sections in the Master SIs unless otherwise indicated.

This Supplemental document includes Amendments. Deletions are in ~~strikeout~~, additions are in **bold red**.

## 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & SKIPPERS MEETING

- 2.1 The [Official Notice Board](https://www.sorcsailing.org/sailors-choice-race) will be on the event's Yachtscoring.com web page accessible from <https://www.sorcsailing.org/sailors-choice-race>. No signals will be made ashore.
- 2.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1700 on November 20<sup>th</sup>.
- 2.3 The Skippers Meeting will be held at 1700 hrs on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup> via an online Zoom Meeting. The meeting details will be posted on the Yachtscoring Notice Board with instructions.

## 3 RADIO MONITOR

- 3.1 The designated race channel for the start and finish is VHF 68.

## 4 START

- 4.1 The Starting Line shall be approximately one mile ~~north~~ **south** of the Port Everglades harbor entrance and approximately one half mile offshore, between an inflatable race mark and a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal boat.
- 4.2 The first Warning signal is scheduled to be made at 1100 hours on Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. All ORC entrants will start as one class.

Time of Warning Signal	Class	Flag
11.00	ORC	Green
11.05	Multihull	White

## 6 **COURSE (the previous Section 6 was replaced in its entirety by SI Amendment 2)**

- 6.1 **The course options are defined in these Sailing Instructions.**
- 6.2 **The Race Committee will announce any changes, additions or amendments to the course marks by 1700, November 20, announce it at the Skipper's Meeting, and post it on YS Notice Board on or before that time.**
- 6.3 **The course shall be:**

<b>Start</b>	<b>Approximately one mile south of Port Everglades (see SI 4.1 above)</b>
<b>Miami Sea Buoy</b>	<b>25° 46.099' 80° 4.998'</b>

**“GS” Virtual Mark                      25° 54.000’ N 79° 50.000’ W**

**Hillsboro Sea Buoy “HI”              26° 15.131’ N 80° 04.413’ W**

**Finish (See SI 7.1 below)**

**All rounding marks (not the finish mark) shall be left to port.**

**6.4 When rounding “GS”, each boat shall take a photo of its exact GPS position at the time of rounding and transmit this with the finishing information required in SI 7.2.**

## **7 FINISH**

7.1 A yacht will be finished when passing within 500 feet to the ~~south~~ **east** of Port Everglades Lighted Buoy ~~3~~ **2** and when it bears  $\theta$  **270** deg Mag. This defines the finishing line.

7.2 Each boat shall take a photo of its exact GPS position at the time of finish and send this, **along with the photo required in SI 7.1**, with the boat's name via text message to the Race Committee at 713-898 0900 as soon as reasonably possible after finishing. If known, the names of the boats finishing immediately before or after the finisher should be included.

## **8 TIME LIMIT AND RETIREMENT**

8.1 The time limit for the race is 27 hours from their start time.

8.2 A boat retiring shall contact the Race Committee by calling or texting Tom Lihan at 954-993-4088 as soon as reasonably possible after the decision to retire.

## **9 SCORING**

9.1 For ORC scoring, each boat's VPP values from their ORC certificate valid to December 31, 2025, will be used by ORC to calculate the rating for the forecasted conditions of this race. The race committee for the Sailors Choice Race intends to use the All Purpose Time on Time single number for the predicted average wind strength, and will announce its decision prior to the warning signal.

9.2 For the Multihull division, the boat's appropriate MOCRA rating will be applied as a factor of the elapsed time of its race.

## **12 AWARDS**

12.1 The Reception and Awards Presentation will be held at Lauderdale Yacht Club, 1725 SE 12<sup>th</sup> St., Fort Lauderdale, 33316, located under the Pavillion (outside next to pool) on Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> from 17:30 to 19:30.

12.2 Guests can purchase drinks using LYC's guest card procedure from the front desk. A check-in desk will be located near the Pavillion entry area to assist guests. Complimentary rum and warm hor's d'oeuvres will be served, wine, beer and other liquor may be purchased using guest cards.