

Conch Republic Cup

April 27-May 5, 2019

Conch Republic Cup, Organizing Authority

Presented by

Hemingway International Yacht Club of Cuba and Geslin Sails

Hosted by Key West Community Sailing Center

Key West Yacht Club and

Hemingway International Yacht Club

Key West, FL & Havana, Cuba

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 2.2 Advertising is permitted, unless class rules do not permit, in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20. Boats that intend to display advertising shall so indicate on their entry form. Competitors are requested to respect the brand exclusivity of the official sponsors of this event. Their participation enhances the event for all competitors.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all ocean capable boats with a length overall of at least 26ft for monohulls and 24ft for multihulls. The organizing authorities recommend that all participating vessels comply with WORLD SAILING OFFSHORE SPECIAL REGULATIONS category 3.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing and sending the Official Registration Form found online at www.Conchrepubliccup.org to Karen@conchrepubliccup.org or by mail to: Conch Republic Cup, 1107 Key Plaza #327, Key West, FL 33040. Registration is not considered complete until registration form and fees are received by Organizing Authority. Entry Fee due at time of application.
- 3.3 Captain and crew are all required to sign a waiver and release of liability when registering.
- 3.4 Each boat is required to obtain a permit through USCG CG-3300 Application for Permit to Enter Cuban Territorial Seas.
https://www.atlanticarea.uscg.mil/Portals/7/Seventh_District/Cuban_permi

[tCG3300.pdf?ver=2018-06-12-113734-117](https://www.conchrepubliccup.org/tCG3300.pdf?ver=2018-06-12-113734-117) Forms take at least two weeks to process.

- 3.5 Approved permit must be received by Organizing Authority two weeks prior to skipper's meeting on April 27th. Any late forms or changes to the form after that time may result in the inability to race due to permit not being received back from the Coast Guard in time. Approved CG-3300 permit may be emailed to: info@conchrepubliccup.org
- 3.6 It is also required by US Customs that all vessels over 30ft apply and pay for a annual border crossing decal that allows vessels to cross into US territory by water at: <https://dtops.cbp.dhs.gov/>
- 3.7 CRC participants will need current passport with at least 6 months remaining until expiration from the time they intend to leave Cuba. Passport should have at least 2 blank pages.
- 3.8 For detailed instructions on filling out the required forms and links to the forms, please go to www.conchrepubliccup.org/participants/
- 3.9 The number of boats eligible to enter may be restricted so register early.

4 FEES

- 4.1 All Fees are as follows and due at time of registration:
Early Vessel Entry Fee = \$650 if received by 3/1/19
Regular Vessel Entry Fee = \$750
Late Vessel Entry Fee = \$1000 if received after 4/1/19
- 4.2 Awards Party Entry Fee = \$25 per person
- 4.3 No refunds will be issued after 4/10/19. An Administrative Fee of \$250 will be applied to all participant withdrawals regardless of when withdrawal is made.

5 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

- **Friday March 1**
 - Early Entry Deadline
- **Monday April 1**
 - Entry Deadline
- **Saturday April 27 Schooner Wharf Bar and Grill**
 - 4-6pm Registration/Package Pick Up
 - 6pm Skipper's Meeting CRC
 - 7pm Skipper's Meeting Wrecker's Race
 - cocktails and hors d'oeuvres
- **Sunday April 28-1pm**
 - 1pm Race Starts with Wrecker's Race to Sand Key Lighthouse
 - CRC2019 Competitors continue to Havana
- **Monday April 29**
 - Arrive Hemingway International Yacht Club (HIYC)
- **Tuesday April 30**

- Awards Party (HIYC) Time TBD
- **Saturday May 4**
 - Nautical Parade in the Bay of Havana followed by Torreón de la Chorrera Regatta to Celebrate the 500th Anniversary of Havana Time TBD
 - Awards Party for Torreón de la Chorrera Regatta at HIYC TDB

6 MEASUREMENTS

Each boat shall produce a valid Southeast Florida PHRF certificate. SEF PHRF will not issue a certificate after 3 weeks prior to an event.

<http://phrfsef.com/>

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on or before Apr 1, 2019, at the CRC website.

8 VENUE

- 8.1 Wrecker's Race will start to the West of the main ship channel and South of Tank Island (Appendix B) and end at Sand Key Light.
- 8.2 Key West to Havana Race will have a simultaneously start time with the Wrecker's Race and end just outside Hemingway Marina (Appendix E).
- 8.3 Nautical Parade and Torreón de la Chorrera Regatta will be held North of Malecon and Havana Harbor Entrance (Appendix C).

9 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be as follows:

Race 1: Wrecker's Race -Sprint from Key West to Sand Key Light.

Race 2: Distance Race from Key West to Havana, Cuba.

Race 3: Buoy race in Havana of 2-4 miles around a combination of fixed marks and/or dropped marks.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 10.2 Each boat's series score shall be the total of her 3 race scores. This changes RRS A2.

11 REQUIRED EQUIPMENT AND SAFETY INSPECTION

- 11.1 All US Coast Guard safety equipment shall be required, and each boat shall be subject to inspection. Current pre-inspection certificates and stickers will be accepted and are encouraged. It is further recommended that each skipper review World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Category 3 races and prepare his boat with safety measures appropriate for offshore sailing. A link to these regulations is: <http://www.sailing.org/specialregs>

- 11.2 All boats are required to be equipped either a SPOT or Delorme position transponder and provide the shared URL information to organizing authority so it can be tracked on the official tracking website Kattack provides. The unit shall be the responsibility of the skipper to operate throughout the entire race series.

12 BERTHING

- 12.1 Key West – Skipper is responsible to make their own reservations with any of the marinas in the Key West or Stock Island. For more info go to: <http://conchrepubliccup.org/accommodations-dockage-keywest-cuba/>
- 12.2 CUBA – Organizing authority is responsible to make all reservations at Marina Hemmingway in Havana. Cost of Dockage and entry VISAs are responsibility of skipper/crew.

13 RACE WEBSITE

- 13.1 Access the official race website is at www.conchrepubliccup.org to the Notice of Race, Registration Form, Links to Government Websites, Permitting, and other required logistics.

14 RADIO COMMUNICATION

During the entire event, the race committee shall use International VHF channel 68 for communicating with the competitors. Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 Trophies will be given to the top three finishers in each division for each race.
- 15.2 The Conch Republic Cup Trophy will be presented for the best score overall for all 3 races.

16 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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.

17 INSURANCE

Conch Republic Cup is not requiring vessel insurance to participate in the race week. Conch Republic Cup is also not accepting any liability for any participant or their equipment. All participants will be signing a release of liability waiver prior to racing.

18 CLEAN REGATTA

We are proud to announce that we have joined the race to restore ocean health with Sailors for the Sea's Clean Regattas program. Protecting our local waters is very important to this regatta and we ask for your help in this effort. The ocean, lakes and rivers of our planet are in crisis with plastic pollution, oil spills, and marine debris threatening marine wildlife and human health. To learn more about this initiative visit www.sailorsforthesea.org

We ask for your help on the following items:

- Ensuring recycling and trash is separated properly before disposing of waste
- Switch your team over to reusable water bottles
- Place an oil absorbent pad in your bilge
- Ensure that your head is secured and observe the no discharge rule

19 TELEVISION AND PHOTOGRAPHER'S RIGHTS

Competitors give absolute right and permission for any photographs or video footage taken of themselves or their competing boat to be published in any media whatsoever; for either editorial or advertising purposes, or to be used in press information.

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact karen@conchrepubliccup.org .

Amendment #1

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- 6 Each boat shall produce a valid Southeast Florida PHRF certificate. Multihulls are exempt from this rule and will be race as a one design fleet.

- 15.2 The Conch Republic Cup Trophy will be presented for the best score overall for all 3 races. Multihulls will not be scored for the Conch Republic Cup Overall Trophy.