

# 2013 Castaways Ocean Racing Series

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## Notice Of Race

The Castaways Sailing, Inc. invites you to participate in the 2013 Castaways Ocean Racing Series (CORS). The CORS is held one weekend day per month and is open to anyone interested in sailboat racing. There are two series of races: January through June and August through December. The second series includes the two day Castaways Cup Regatta which has its separate NOR and entry fees. We look forward to your participation in what has been a fun time for all.

### Entries:

Applications will be accepted by submitting a Release of Liability Form (attached), a 2013 Handicap Certificate from US-PHRF-SEF for mono-hulls or an MASF certificate for multi-hulls, along with the entrance fee of \$125 for the complete season (not including the Castaways Cup Regatta) or \$75 for any individual series. You may change classes prior to the first race in a Series but not during a series. If a boat changes class during a series the boat will not be scored in either class. Anyone needing assistance applying for a Handicap Certificate contact Richard Dwyer, CSC/P.R.O. All applications are due prior to the start of a series. Make your checks payable to Castaways Sailing Inc. attention CORS, and send your completed application, Handicap Certificate, and checks to: Castaways Sailing Inc., P.O. BOX 30851 Palm Beach Gardens, FL. 33420-0851.

### Rules:

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by U.S. Sailing prescriptions of the 2012-2016 Racing Rules of Sailing. <http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/ISAFRRS20132016Final-%5B13376%5D.pdf>, the prescriptions of US Sailing, the USSA Appeals, and JYRU Interpretations and Class Rules except as modified herein.

## *Notice to Competitors & Notice of Race*

This document constitutes the Notice to Competitors and the Notice of Race. Any major modifications to these instructions will be distributed by e-mail to registered yachts. All yachts intending to race must sail close aboard the committee boat, outboard of the start line prior to the first warning, to receive last minute written or verbal instructions. Broadcasts on VHF Channel 72 are not to be relied on for race instructions. It is the sole responsibility of each skipper to be familiar with the particulars of any race and to check in prior to their race start. Know your FLAG signals.

### *Eligibility:*

The CORS is open to all sailing yachts, not just Club members, “ready for sea” in all aspects. It is the Skippers responsibility to insure suitability of the Yacht for racing, including fuel sufficient for motoring 10 miles. Safety gear and proper preparation cannot be overstated in offshore racing. The Skipper, by his/her application, certifies the vessel has adequate insurance with third party coverage. Also the vessel complies with applicable rules, regulations and is suitable for racing in the near costal ocean environment.

### *Race Committee Participation*

This year each entrant will be required to participate as Race Committee for one race providing the boat and crew to manage a race. You will be assigned a specific date for your Race Committee duties after you identify two months that you cannot be a CSCPRO. All equipment and instructions, along with training for those not familiar with running races, will be provided. If you are not able to perform the duties on your assigned date, **it is the assigned skipper’s responsibility to switch with another skipper. Reimbursement has been increased to \$50.00.** The skipper that is racing in a series and is serving as race committee will be assigned a finish equal to the average of the three best finishes in the series. All Skippers are subject to RC assignments based on previous year’s RC participation.

### *Classes:*

For each race, there will be three fleets; PHRF, JAM (jib and main) and Multi-hull. The PHRF and JAM participants will sail under the US-PHRF handicap system. Multi-hulls will sail under the MASF handicap system. The PHRF fleet will be split into two Classes – PHRF A and PHRF B. Boats with a planning hull or a LOA of 29 feet and under will be in PHRF A. Boats with a LOA of 29.1 feet & longer will be in PHRF B. The boats US-PHFR rating will be based on the manufacturers model number.

## **Skippers Meeting 2013 Kick-Off with 2012 Awards Ceremony:**

A skipper's meeting is planned for Friday, January 11, 2013 at 1900 at La Bamba Mexican restaurant 730 US HWY 1 North Palm Beach FL. 33408. La Bamba will be providing the meeting room at no charge so we encourage you to purchase dinner as a way to thank La Bamba for their hospitality. The purpose of the meeting is to clarify the sailing instructions, verify classes, assign a yacht number for those boats that do not have sail numbers, define race committee assignments for the year, and clarify any issues. Any changes will be to the e-mail address you provide on your completed registration form.

Cancellation due to weather or unforeseen circumstances will be sent to the e-mail addresses on file by 6 p.m. the evening before a race and broadcast on channel 72 at 11:00 a.m. the day of the race. All on the water communications will be broadcast on Channel 72 by the race committee.

## **VHF RADIO COMMUNICATION:**

The use of **channel 72** to announce race information is a courtesy to the competitors and should not be used as a substitute for passing alongside and receiving course directions and last minute verbal instructions. The race committee is usually on station before giving instructions, and racers should wait until the committee boat is ready before asking for instructions.

Race committees need time to record the racers sail numbers, drive the committee boat, set the marks, calculate distances, assess the wind, and get ready for the starting sequence, etc. Competitors should use another channel for ship to ship conversation to eliminate talk over. Prudent use of Channel 72 will help all competitors to receive timely course information over the radio. RC instructions will normally be repeated twice per transmission to help insure accuracy.

## **THE STARTS:**

A. Races will be started in accordance with Part 3 Paragraph 26 of the Racing Rules, with classes scheduled to starting at five minute intervals in the order of PHRF-A, PHRF-B, JAM, and Multi-hull. A combined start is possible depending on the number of participants at Race time and will be announced prior to the Warning signal

B. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat and the starting mark.

C. Yachts whose preparatory signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of all the yachts whose signal has been made. The starting area is defined as a region extending 50 yards from each side and 100 yards behind the starting line. Any boat whose start sequence is greater than 5 minutes away shall attempt to remain 300 yards clear behind and in front of the starting line.

D. When more than one race is announced per event, subsequent starting sequences will commence as soon as possible after the last yacht has finished the previous race.

## **RECALLS:**

A. Individual recalls will be signaled, in accordance with Racing rule Part 3 – 29.1, by flying Code Flag X. VHF Channel 72 or verbal hails may also be used as a courtesy to competitors.

B. General Recalls will be signaled in accordance with racing rule Part 3 – 29.3. When a general recall has been signaled, a new preparatory signal will be made one minute after the lowering of code flag "First Substitute" with one sound signal.

C. When a general recall has been signaled, the starts for succeeding classes will be postponed accordingly.

## **THE FINISH**

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the red finishing mark.

## **TIME LIMIT:**

The limit will be 4.0 hours per race for each class. If no yacht finishes within the time limit the race is abandoned and will be rescheduled. A Yacht finishing within the time limit makes it a race for all Yachts in Class.

## **PROTESTS:**

Written protests must be in the hands of that day's race committee or chairman within 24 hours of the last finishing yacht. Protest hearings will be held as soon as practical at a place and time announced by the protest committee. Protest forms and procedures are available from web site; <http://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/RRS2013-2016-%5B5950%5D.pdf>

## **ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES:**

Yachts breaking a Rule of part 2 may resolve themselves by making 720 degree turn penalty as outlined under Other Requirements of Racing Rule 44. Yachts touching a starting mark or a mark of the course may take a 360 penalty turn under Other Requirements of Racing Rule 44.

## **SCORING:**

Finish positions and times will be recorded for each race in a series and will be used to calculate the individual series awards and the overall winner for the year in each class. The rules of racing Appendix A4.1 “Low Point System” will be utilized in the Castaways Ocean Racing Series with the exception to the scoring of the boat that finishes first in a race. The boat which finishes first will be awarded ½ point. Second place 2 points, Third 3 points and so on.

Each series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If she has two equal worst scores her earliest sailed race shall be excluded. (Appendix A.A2)

**Race Ties** will be handled In Accordance With the Rules of Racing Appendix A.

The awards ceremony will be held at the following years “Skippers Meeting”.

## **RACING AREA:**

This race series is designed to be an “Ocean Race”. Every effort will be made to conduct the race in the open ocean however; there are times when the weather and sea conditions make it prudent to hold the race inside.

**THE OUTSIDE COURSES:** The Outside racing area will be in the Atlantic Ocean, starting North or South of the Lake Worth Inlet. The enclosed map, Attachment (2), provides the location of the marks. The Castaways race committee has established waypoints to create a race course. These co-ordinates, provided in this NOR, are indicated on Attachment (1). It is strongly suggested that each boat have a GPS with these co-ordinates preinstalled.

**THE INSIDE COURSES:** The Inside racing area is on Lake Worth, South of Peanut Island. The Race Committee Boat will not create a race course which utilizes the anchorage field south of Peanut Island. The Race Committee Boat will determine if a race course can be established in the eastern channel and create a course which utilizes the channel as the race course. If it is determined that a race cannot be established utilizing the eastern channel the race will be canceled and a makeup race will be scheduled in the month of December. Weather dictates the racing area and will be announced on event day using Channel 72 no later than one (1) hour prior to the warning signal.

The course will be established using available Gov. Marks and club floating marks.

The course may be shortened at any mark of the course in accordance with Part 3 RULE 32 Shortening or Abandoning after a Start.

## CASTAWAYS OCEAN RACING SERIES 2013 Schedule

Please Note: All races are on Saturday. Also, races start at differing times to provide the boats with tall masts an opportunity to get under the Blue Heron Bridge, so check times for each race.

<u>DATE</u>	<u>RACE START TIME</u>	<u>TIDES</u>
January 19	<b>1230</b>	L 0812 H 1358
February 9	1300	H 0722 L 1330
March 9	<b>1200</b>	H 0635 L 1222
April 27	1300	H 1007 L 1619
May 25	1300	H 0857 L 1511
June 8	1300	H 0845 L 1502
July 6	1300	H 0736 L 1357
August 3	1300	H 0621 L 1248
September 21 September 22	TBA	L 0400 H 1015
October 19	1300	H 0909 L 1517
November 16	1300	H 0706 L1313
December	Open for any makeup race.	

Other racing dates:

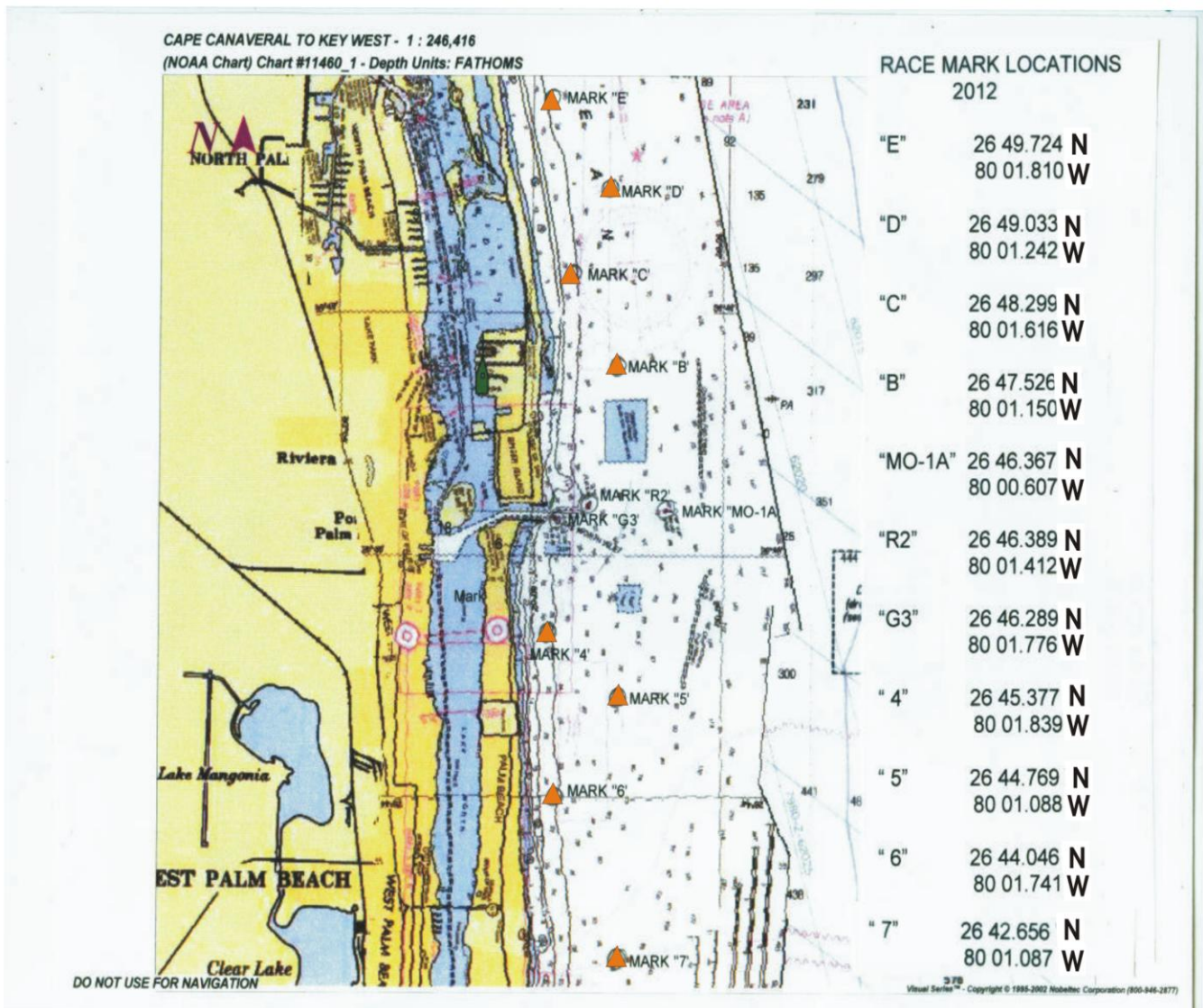
April 12-13 HISC race from Hillsboro to Palm Beach. Castaways is Co-Sponsor

ATTACHMENT (1)

RACE MARK LOCATIONS 2013

“E”	26 49.724 N	
	80 01.810 W	
“D”	26 49.033 N	
	80 01.242 W	
“C”	26 48.299 N	
	80 01.616 W	
“B”	26 47.526 N	
	80 01.150 W	
“MO-1A”	26 46.367 N	AKA / Red & White
	80 00.607 W	
“R2”	26 46.389 N	
	80 01.412 W	
“G3”	26 46.289 N	
	80 01.776 W	
“ 4”	26 45.377 N	
	80 01.839 W	
“ 5”	26 44.769 N	
	80 01.088 W	
“ 6”	26 44.046 N	
	80 01.741 W	
“ 7”	26 42.656 N	
	80 01.087 W	

Attachment (2)



The marks for each race and the GPS coordinates of all non government marks will be announced prior to the warning signal for each race. There may be different courses for different classes.



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## Release of Liability and Entry Form

Yacht Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Sail Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Yacht Type: \_\_\_\_\_ Make: \_\_\_\_\_ Model \_\_\_\_\_ Year Built \_\_\_\_\_

Overall Length: \_\_\_\_\_ Draft: \_\_\_\_\_ Boats PHRF Rating: \_\_\_\_\_

Racing Class: PHRF-A \_\_\_\_\_ PHRF-B \_\_\_\_\_ JAM \_\_\_\_\_ Multi-Hull \_\_\_\_\_

Skipper Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Owners Name if different: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP Code \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone (day) \_\_\_\_\_ (night): \_\_\_\_\_ Cell: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ (This is very important)

I hereby certify that any changes made by US-PHRF-SEF affecting the above named yacht's rating certificate will be forwarded to the Castaways Race Committee Chairman at [rdwyer111@aol.com](mailto:rdwyer111@aol.com) as soon as the yacht owner is notified of the changes

I hereby agree to all sailing instructions for this race which I have read and understood.

I hereby warrant that my yacht will be certified, equipped and handled in accordance with those instructions; and that she will have all required equipment aboard. I understand that I am solely responsible for the safety of my yacht and her crew and that it is my sole responsibility whether to start or to continue the race.

The skipper/owner shall be responsible for the conduct of his or her crew and/ or guests. In the event of breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, or failure to comply with the request of any race officer, committee member, or agent of the Castaways Sailing Club, Inc. the skipper/owner will be held responsible and his/her yacht shall be subject to protest and disqualification.

As a condition of participating, my crew and I acknowledge the following: That sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury associated with it. We have read 2013-2016 "The Racing Rules of Sailing Part 1, 4" Decision to Race, and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.

We further acknowledge and agree that neither the organizing authority, nor the race committee, nor their members, will be responsible for (a) any damage to the entered yacht or my other property, or (b) any injury to myself or my crew, including death, sustained as a result of the participation of myself, my crew, and the yacht in this event. I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation in this event, including any claims arising as a result of the negligence of the race organizers, and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law. I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that myself, my crew, and the entered yacht are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law or that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.

The undersigned, individually and for the entire yacht crew, specifically release and forever discharge the Castaways Sailing Club, Inc., its members, officers and directors and all persons connected directly or indirectly with the operation of the race from any liability for liable, slander, loss, damage, negligence, harm, injury or death suffered by any of us which may occur during or as a result of participation in the race.

I grant Castaways Sailing, Inc. or its agent the unconditional and perpetual right to publish and broadcast the names and images of the skipper, crew and yacht prior to, during and after any of the races in these series.

Which TWO months will you NOT be able to perform the duties of RACE COMMITTEE BOAT. Please read NOR paragraph Race Committee Participation. Reimbursement will be \$50.00

Month 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Month 2 \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Skipper

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
Owner (if different from the skipper)

## Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) Castaways Sailing Club Race Scoring & Rating

The intent of this MOU is to provide a standardized method of scoring and rating boats participating in the Castaways Ocean Racing Series (CORS) and the Castaways Cup which is sponsored by the Castaways Sailing Club. This MOU will remain in effect until changed by the Castaways Race Committee and only applies to these two Castaways races.

**Scoring:** The rules of racing Appendix A4.1 “Low Point System” will be utilized in the Castaways Ocean Racing Series (CORS) and the Castaways Cup which is sponsored by the Castaways Sailing Club, with the exception to the scoring of the boat that finishes first in a race. The boat which finishes first will be awarded ½ point. Second place 2 points, Third 3 points and so on.

Each series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. If she has two equal worst scores her earliest sailed race shall be excluded. (Appendix A.A2). This does not apply to the Castaways Cup.

**Race Ties** will be handled In Accordance With the Rules of Racing Appendix A.

**PHRF Ratings:** Any boat entering the Castaways Ocean Racing Series (CORS) or the Castaways Cup which is sponsored by the Castaways Sailing Club will submit a valid and up to date PHRF rating provided by US-PHRF-SEF. As an option a boat can apply for a Castaways Club rating, which will be provided by the Race Committee, but subsequently the Skipper of the boat must supply a valid PHRF rating to be scored.

Boats entered in any Castaways PHRF fleet race series will have their rating adjusted, if necessary, to remove any cruising credit from the US-PHRF-SEF rating. This adjustment is only for Castaways Ocean Racing Series (CORS) and the Castaways Cup which is sponsored by the Castaways Sailing Club.

JAM Ratings will not be adjusted.

MULTI HULL boats will acquire a rating from MASF. A MASF rating will not be adjusted. If a Multi Hull boat without a MASF rating wishes to enter a the Castaways Ocean Racing Series or the Castaways Cup without a MASF rating the race committee will make an effort to provide a rating for the boat with input from other Multi Hull boats in the race or race series. This Club rating cannot be protested by the recipient.