



47th ANNUAL CONCH CUP CHARITY RACE

October 26th, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

This year's 47th Annual Conch Cup continues its distance-racing tradition. Catamaran and monohull competitors will race Southward down Biscayne Bay, around the "Quick Flash" marker near Dinner Key, across the southern tip of Key Biscayne, and finish Eastward of Bear Cut.

The proceeds from this race will be donated to the [World Happiness Foundation](#), which collaborates with individuals, communities, couples, families, adolescents, and young adults to heal trauma and facilitate Posttraumatic Growth.

1. Organizing Authority

1.1 The Organizing Authority is the Miami Yacht Club Youth Sailing Foundation.

2. Rules

2.1 These Races will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) as adopted by the US Sailing Association except when changed by the sailing instructions.

2.2 The Class rules will be used except that RRS are changed to prohibit a boat from protesting another boat for an alleged breach of a class rule requiring class membership.

2.3 The requirements of RRS, Appendix G, ISAF markings on sails shall not apply

2.4 There are no PHRF crew restrictions on number or weight of crew.

2.5 All boats must have a towline available of at least 20 feet.

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2.6 All competitors sailing on beach cats and open/non-cruising boats must wear a US Coast Guard approved PFD while racing.

2.7 Each boat must be skippered by a person over the age of 18 by Nov 11th, 2022, unless otherwise accompanied by a parent/guardian, or given written approval by a parent/guardian.

2.8 All boats must carry a VHF radio. All race related communications will be conducted on channel 69.

3. Eligibility

3.1. The regatta is open to the following classes:

3.1.1. CRUISING MONOHULL CLASS: Cruising pleasure yachts, as selected by the Committee, will have a rating assigned by the Committee. Spinnakers will not be allowed.

3.1.2. PHRF: Performance Handicap Racing Fleet yachts must provide their assigned rating certificate to the Committee at the time of registration. Spinnakers will be allowed.

3.1.4. MULTIHULL CLASS: Catamarans or Trimarans, 24' or larger, using MASF rating.

3.1.5. BEACH CAT CLASS: Beach Cats, Fast Cats and Spinnaker Cats (16ft or longer), using SCHRS

3.2 There must be a minimum of three boats to constitute a class.

3.3 There are no crew minimums.

3.4 All participants will be separated into either buoy racing class or distance racing class

4. Registration and Fees

4.1 All competitors must complete their online registration and pay the entry fee of \$85 by 2300hrs Tuesday, October 21st 2025 via thecluspot.com.

4.2 The entry fee includes a \$25 donation to the World Happiness Foundation and one drink ticket per participant.

5. Advertising

5.1 Competitor advertising will be restricted to ISAF regulation 20, advertising code.

6. Sailing Instructions

6.1 Sailing Instructions will be made available on theclubspot.com and will be posted on the MYC Official Notice Board by 15:00 on Friday, October 24th, 2025 (prior to the Skippers' meeting).

7. Course

7.1 The Start Line for all classes will be positioned with the Signal Boat at 25°43.966'N 80°11.363'W and the start pin, a yellow tetrahedron, at a reasonable distance away from the Signal Boat, to be determined by the Race Committee.

7.2 Competitors in buoy-racing classes will remain inshore to round buoys set by the Race Committee.

7.3 Competitors in the distance-racing class must round the "Dinner Key Channel Light #1" at 25°42.799'N, 80°12.631'W to port, followed by the "Biscayne Channel Marker 2" at 25°38.834'N, 80°8.069'W to port.

7.4 The Finish Line

- Distance-racing class will finish between a finish boat and the "Bear Cut Day Beacon #2", at 25°43.566'N, 80°8.027'W.
- Buoy-racing classes will finish between a signal boat and a yellow tetrahedron finish pin

8. Parking/Staging

8.1 Paid parking for cars and trailers is available at the public boat ramp next to the Miami Yacht Club, or at the Jungle Island Parking Garage. Please contact Race Committee for more information.

8.2 Non-Member competitors who wish to leave boats/trailers on MYC property must notify the Docks and Waterfront Manager, David Escudero at docks@miamiyachtclub.com and the MYC General Manager. Space is available on a first come, first served basis. Rigged boats can be left on the grass and beach area at the club overnight on Friday, October 24th, but must be removed by 2300hrs Sunday, October 26th.

8.3 Alternatively, beach cat competitors can park on Virginia Key and launch from the West End beach

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parking lot. There are seven long parking spots available, free of charge which can accommodate a trailer and mid-sized tow vehicle. Competitors are advised to park in one of the designated parking spots, and will not be permitted to leave their trailers and cars in the launch area.

9. ADVERTISING

As defined under RRS, Appendix 1 for Category A, unless modified by class rules to Category C. 9.0

10. Schedule of Events

10.1 Tuesday, October 21st 2025

2300hrs - End of registration via thecluspot.com.

10.2 Friday, October 24th, 2025

1900hrs - Skipper's Meeting at MYC (also available via Zoom).

10.3 Sunday, October 26th 2025

1055hrs - First Warning

1730hrs - Awards

11. Prizes

11.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three finishers in each class.

11.2 The top finisher on corrected or elapsed time in the largest class will have their name placed on the Conch Cup Perpetual Trophy.

12. Contacts

12.1 Race Committee Chair – email racecommittee@miamiyachtclub.com or call/SMS Martin Langhoff on +1-617-838-9503