

2018 Key West Conch Grinder – Notice of Race

January 13, 2018



1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing, and the Kindergarten Code: have fun, play nice, and don't hit anyone or anything. No crew limits will apply, and adding crew members from the streets and bars of Key West on Friday evening is encouraged.

2. Eligibility and Entry

The race is open to all boats participating in the 2018 Lauderdale to Key West Race (LKWR), who will register at the LKWR Awards Party. There is no entry fee. Late entries may be accepted at the Race Committee's discretion, which may be affected by the manner, timing, and tone of the request.

3. Classes

There will be two classes, the "Northbound" class for boats intending to travel north immediately after the start, and the "In-Port" class for those returning to a berth in Key West.

4. Schedule

There will be one race. The warning signal for the Northbound class will be at 1030 Saturday, January 13, and the warning for the In-Port Class will follow five minutes later. A brief awards ceremony will take place downstairs at Turtle Kralls one hour following the finish of the last boat.

5. Sailing Instructions

SIs including course descriptions will be available at the LKWR Awards Party and online by 1700 Friday.

6. Course

The start will be between an inflatable mark and a race committee boat west of Ft. Taylor and the LKWR finish line, in the southern end of the Northwest Channel north of "WR5". The Northbound class will start, proceed south, and finish in a location south of Key West that facilitates their trip north. The In-Port class will finish in the vicinity of the starting line. Specific courses will be announced at the LKWR Awards Party, and utilize marks to be announced east of Kingfish Shoals and south of Key West.

7. Scoring

Each boat will be assigned a PHRF-based rating by the Race Committee based on their Corrected Time in the LKWR. Scratch Sheets will be available at the LKWR Awards Party and online.

8. Communication

Announcements of the course and starting procedure will be made Saturday morning at 1000hrs and 1025hrs on VHF channel 68.

Enjoy Key West!