

# General Conditions and Sailing Instructions for 2009

## PART I - GENERAL CONDITIONS, ONE DESIGN & CRUISING

### 1. MANAGEMENT

The races will be managed by the Race Committees of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC), Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC), Coral Reef Yacht Club (CRYC), Key Biscayne Yacht Club (KBYC), and Miami Yacht Club (MYC).

### 2. RULES

The races will be governed by the *RULES* as defined in the current "Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS). All BBYRA races shall be Category C.

### 3. ENTRIES

3.1 Entries must be made and completed on an official BBYRA entry form, accompanied by the entry fee and when applicable, and a valid rating certificate. For Cruising: \$225.00 for sponsoring club members and \$275.00 for non-members. For One Design Classes: \$185.00 for sponsoring club members and \$240.00 for non-members. Owner(s)/skippers who are members of U.S. SAILING may deduct 10% of the applicable registration fee by providing a copy of their current membership card. Incomplete entries will be returned.

3.2 Entries submitted after March 31, 2009 will be charged the above fee on a pro-rata basis plus \$10.00.

3.3 An owner(s)/skipper who is 21 years of age or younger at the time of registration may register a boat in a one design class without an entry fee.

### 4. OWNERS/SKIPPERS RESPONSIBILITY

4.1 The term "skipper" as used in these sailing instructions shall mean the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, who is designated on the entry form as "skipper" and who is in charge of the boat, RRS 46.

4.2 The skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of its crew on the water and while ashore as guests of the host yacht club.

### 5. ANNUAL SKIPPERS MEETING

There will be an annual skippers' meeting and registration at the first of the year. Notice will be mailed and emailed to all previously registered members of BBYRA. All skippers and crew are encouraged to attend.

## 6. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

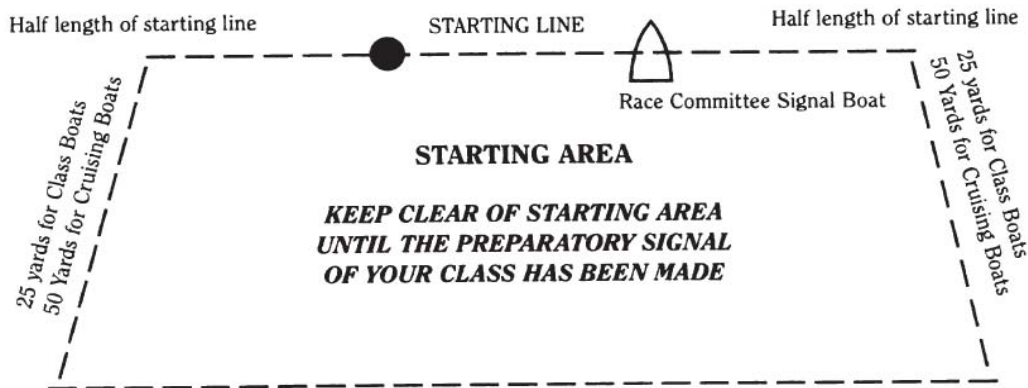
Amendments to the General Conditions and Sailing Instructions shall be in writing, and posted at each member club, and on the website at [www.bbyra.net](http://www.bbyra.net) at least by noon the day before any changes will become effective. The official posting will be the one on the web site. The posting on the club bulletin boards is provided as a courtesy only.

## 7. SAIL NUMBERS

Sail numbers are required as per RRS Appendix G, except that national letters are not mandatory. All BBYRA races require that the mainsail, overlapping headsails, and spinnakers shall bear the number under which the boat is registered. Boats failing to comply may not be scored.

## 8. STARTING AREA

After the first warning signal, boats whose preparatory signal have not been made shall keep clear of the starting area, and of all boats whose preparatory signal have been made. Boats breaking this rule may be subject to disqualification, RRS 22.1 (The starting area is described in the diagram below.)



## 9. WITHDRAWALS

Any boat that does not FINISH a race shall notify the Race Committee at the earliest possible moment. The notification shall be given to the Race Committee, or to the host club when arriving on shore. A BBYRA Championship Scoring Penalty may be assessed, for the failure to abide by this important safety rule by a protest committee.

## 10. VHF RADIO

A boat may utilize a VHF radio for Safety or to communicate with the Race Committee. The Race Committee will monitor channel 72, unless otherwise posted on the Signal Boat. Where applicable this changes class rules, RRS 86.1. Failure to hear a broadcast from the Race Committee shall not be grounds for redress, this changes RRS 60.1 (b).

## 11. PERSONAL FLOATATION DEVICES / SAFETY

BBYRA endorses the U.S. SAILING recommendation, "that sailors wear a personal flotation device while on the water". A yacht may not be protested for failure to comply with this recommendation. BBYRA assumes no liability for any injury that results from a competitor wearing or not wearing a personal flotation device.

## **12. PROTESTS**

12.1 The written protest must be submitted to the Protest Committee within one hour after the Race Committee signal boat docks. The Race Committee will post the docking time on the official notice board at the host club. This changes RRS 61.3.

12.2 A boat intending to file a protest will notify the Race Committee of the boat being protested as soon as possible following her finish. This changes RRS 61.3.

## **13. SCHEDULE OF BBYRA CHAMPIONSHIPS**

There will be a SPRING and FALL Championships for the 2009 season. The SPRING Championship will be January through June and the FALL Championship September through December. There is an Overall Annual Award that combines the results of both series for the best overall performance.

## **14. SCORING**

### **14.1 MONTHLY:**

(a) There will be 12 Cruising and 12 One-Design regattas throughout the year, conditions permitting, 5 of which will be the BBYRA Yacht Clubs' Annual Regattas. Only a boat entered in BBYRA will be scored toward the monthly BBYRA score.

(b) The RRS Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A2, will be used for scoring monthly races except as provided for in SI 14.1(d) and SI 14.2.

(c) When scoring a multi-race regatta the total points will be added for both one design and cruising fleets, without a throw out. See SI 14.2 Scoring Ties.

(d) Points will be awarded for the number of boats ranked as starters for each regatta. This changes RRS A4 and A9.

(e) One design regattas will consist of up to 3 races, or up to 5 races if the regatta is a two-day event. In the event only 1 race is completed, that will constitute a regatta.

(f) Cruising and one design classes must have 2 or more registered boats scored to be considered for points towards seasonal championships.

(g) All regattas will be day regattas.

### **14.2 SCORING TIES:**

(a) One-Design - Ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A8.

(b) Cruising - Ties will be broken in accordance with RRS A8. Where multiple races are sailed in a regatta RRS A8.2 is changed to "if an unbreakable tie still remains for two or more boats the tie will be broken on the sum of their combined corrected times for the regatta. If there is a tie in the combined corrected time the tie will be broken in accordance with RRS A.7.

(c) Championship - Scoring when there is a tie on SEASONAL or ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIPS between two or more boats, the tie will be broken in accordance with RRS A8.

### 14.3 SEASONAL:

(a) To qualify for the SPRING Championship score, a boat must have scored in 5 out of 8 regattas. A regatta is one in which the class fulfilled the requirements 14.1(f). If a boat scores in more than 5 regattas, it will count its best 5 regattas toward its Championship scores. A class must have 5 regattas to qualify a boat in that class for the Spring Championship. In the event that less than 8 regattas are run, a boat's best 4 scores will count toward its spring score.

(b) To qualify for the FALL Championship score, a boat must have scored in 3 out of 4 regattas. A regatta is one in which the class fulfilled the requirements 14.1(f). If a boat scores in more than 3 regattas, it will count its best 3 regattas toward its Championship scores.

(c) Regattas abandoned by a race committee and not rescheduled will reduce the number of regattas required for a seasonal championship score, still allowing for the throw outs in 14.2 (a) and (b).

### 14.4 Annual:

(a) To qualify for the Annual Championship, a boat must have scored in 8 regattas. A regatta is one in which the class fulfilled the requirements of 14.1(f). If a boat scores in more than 8 regattas, it will count its best 8 regattas toward its annual score.

(b) A class must have 8 regattas to qualify a boat in that class for an Annual Championship.

(c) In the event that only 11 regattas are run, a boat's best 7 scores will count toward its annual score. If 11 or fewer regattas are run, a boat will count its best 6 scores.

## 15. AWARDS

15.1 Monthly: A first, second and third place trophy will be awarded in each class with three or more registered boats scored. The awards presentations for the Cruising fleets will follow racing at the host club, unless otherwise notified. The awards presentations for the One Design fleets will be on another date, those fleets will be notified. In classes with fewer than three boats, only a first place trophy will be awarded.

15.2 Seasonal: A first, second and third place trophy will be awarded in each class with three or more registered boats scored in the regattas as described in 14.1 (f). Awards presentation for the SPRING Championship will be scheduled after completion of the series. Awards presentation for the FALL Championship will be held at the BBYRA Annual Skipper's meeting.

15.3 Annual: A first, second, third, fourth, and fifth place trophy will be awarded in each class with five or more registered boats scored in the regattas as described in 14.3(a) and (b). In the event a class does not meet the requirements set forth in 14.3 (a) and (b), BBYRA reserves the right to award a trophy. The BBYRA Annual Championship Presentation will be held at the Annual Skippers Meeting, Registrations, and Awards Meeting.

## **PART II - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: ONE DESIGN**

### **OD1. CHECK-INS**

On race day each boat shall register by sailing past the stern of the race committee signal boat close aboard on STARBOARD tack, prior to the first warning signal of the first race in which it will be competing. No entries will be accepted during a starting sequence. Boats may also register prior to the first warning signal of the day by VHF channel 72.

### **OD2. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

OD2.1 Racing is scheduled as follows: the warning signal for the first start of the day will be at 1130 hours. Subsequent races will follow as soon as practical.

OD2.3 The Race Committee may combine fleets or change the starting Sequence by notice on the course board

### **OD3. CLASS FLAGS**

Class flags will be the class insignia unless otherwise posted on the Race Committee boat.

### **OD4. RACING AREA**

One Design Classes will assemble approximately one half mile South Southwest of the entrance to Dinner Key Channel.

### **OD5. COURSES**

OD5.1 The course layout diagram shows the courses and course designations, including the approximate angle between legs and the order in which marks are to be rounded. All marks are to be left to port, except when a gate is employed. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

OD5.2 No later than the first warning signal, the Race Committee will display the course to be sailed, and the compass bearing to the first mark. This changes RRS 27.1.

OD5.3 The first mark for each class will be identified on the course board with the number and letter combination of 1X, 1Y, and/or 1Z. The course board will specify the weather mark(s) for each fleet when more than one first mark is set in the racing area.

### **OD6. MARKS**

OD6.1 Marks 1X, 1Y, 1Z, 2, 2L, 3 and 3L will be inflatable marks.

OD6.2 The starting and finishing marks will be yellow inflatable marks, except where the final leg is an "upwind" finish the mark will be 1X. The Race Committee may use marks with other colors by making a notation on the course board.

### **OD7. THE START**

OD7.1 Races will be started using RRS 26. RRS 26 is amended to read, "Warning, 3 minutes before starting signal; Preparatory, 2 minutes before starting signal".

OD7.2 A Race Committee may notify a class of its intent to start the class by VHF radio communication. The Race Committee will attempt to complete three races, weather conditions permitting.

OD7.3 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the starting mark.

OD7.4 A boat starting later than 2 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.

**OD8. THE FINISH**

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

**OD9. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for the first boat in each class to sail the course and finish shall be 90 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

**OD10. CREW/WEIGHT LIMITS -**

Where applicable, class crew weight and numbers limitations will not be in effect for BBYRA, RRS 86.1

## PART III - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: CRUISING

### CR1. RATINGS

CR1.1 If a boat's rating is changed during a series by S.E. FL. PHRF (including it's local handicapping board), BBYRA will accept the new rating as the boat's valid rating. If the new rating of a boat falls within the limits of a different class, the boat will continue to race in the original class for the year with the new rating without losing accrued points. It is the responsibility of the owner/skipper to notify BBYRA.

CR1.2 If the rating change is based on alterations to the vessel, the boat shall transfer her registration and lose all accrued points. A cruising boat may be registered in only one class. If the owner (s)/skipper desires to change classes, they must transfer the boat's registration. The boat will lose accrued points for the year.

CR1.3 It is the responsibility of the registered owner(s)/skipper to inform the BBYRA secretary of any changes in the rating of the yacht no later than 48 hours prior to the day of the race. Failure to do so may result in disqualification for that day's race.

### CR2. CHECK-INS

On race day each boat shall register by sailing past the stern of the Race Committee Signal Boat close aboard on STARBOARD tack, prior to the first warning signal of the first race in which it will be competing. No entries will be accepted during a starting sequence. Boats may also register prior to the first warning signal of the day by VHF channel 72.

### CR3 SCHEDULE OF RACES

CR3.1 Racing is scheduled as follows: the warning signal for the first start of the day will be at 1130 hours. Subsequent races will follow as soon as practical.

CR3.2 The race committee may combine fleets or change the starting sequence by notice on the course board.

### CR4. CLASS PENNANTS

Class pennants will be as follows:

CLASS	RATING SYSTEM	* PENNANTS
PHRF1	0-99	Light. Blue and White
PHRF2	100-135	Dark Green
PHRF3	136 & UP	Dark Blue and White

### CR5. RACING AREA

Classes shall assemble approximately 2 miles South Southwest of the entrance to Dinner Key Channel.

### CR6. COURSES

#### CR6.1 Letter System

(a) No later than the first warning signal, the Race Committee will display the course to be sailed, and the compass bearing to the first mark. This changes RRS 27.1.

(b) The course layout diagram shows the courses and course designations, including the approximate angle between legs and the order in which marks are to be rounded. All marks are to be left to port except; when a gate is employed. When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate.

(c) The first mark for each class will be identified on the course board with the number and letter combination of 1X, 1Y, and/or 1Z. The course board will specify the weather mark(s) for each fleet when more than one weather mark is set in the racing area.

(d) Course distances will be calculated by the Race Committee employing GPS coordinates.

#### **CR6.2 DESIGNATED MARKS**

(a) In the event the Race Committee should decide to define the course by a sequence of mark letters, the course will be indicated by; Green letter marks will be left to starboard and Red letter mark will be left to port, and/or lower case "s" for starboard and "p" for port.

(b) The following marks may be used and appear on NOAA chart 11465, with the exception of G, L, and W:

B - Fl ylw 4 sec 12' 3M B Biscayne National Park Boundary Marker

C - Fl ylw 4 sec 12' 3M C Biscayne National Park Boundary Marker

G - Inflatable race committee mark approximately one mile east of Snapper Creek Canal.

L - Inflatable leeward mark. V - Qk Fl R 12' 3M "2" North of Dinner Key Channel

W(1) - Inflatable weather mark, compass bearing will be posted on the race committee boat.

W(2) - Inflatable weather mark same compass bearing as W(1) but at a greater distance than "W(1)".

An inflatable start/finish mark will be yellow.

#### **CR7. THE START**

CR7.1 The Starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and the port end starting mark.

CR7.2 Races will be according to RRS 26 with the first warning signal 5 minutes before the starting signal.

CR7.3 The Race Committee will indicate a second or third race of the day will follow by displaying numeral pennant 2 or 3, or posting 2 or 3 on a course board with flag Lima, at the finish line before the first boat has finished.

#### **CR8. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and a nearby finishing mark. If made, an audible signal means, "a boat has crossed the finish line".

#### **CR9. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for the first boat in each class to finish shall be 3 hours and 30 minutes. A boat failing to finish within 30 minutes of the first boat in their class to finish shall be scored DNF.

#### **CR10. CREW/WEIGHT LIMITS -**

Where applicable, class crew weight and numbers limitations will not be in effect for BBYRA, RRS 86.1.

# 2009 Course Layout Diagram