

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for 2011

PART I - GENERAL CONDITIONS, ONE DESIGN & CRUISING

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITIES

BBYRA member yacht clubs shall individually serve as the organizing authority and provide race committees and protest committees for their scheduled races. Member clubs are 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

2.1 The races will be governed by the *RULES* as defined in the current "Racing Rules of Sailing".

2.2 All boats shall conform to rule 75.1.

3. ENTRIES

3.1 Boat owners are invited to submit an entry on an official BBYRA entry form, accompanied by the entry fee and when applicable, a valid PHRF Southeast Florida rating certificate. For cruising: \$200.00 for sponsoring club members and \$250.00 for non-members. For one design classes: \$150.00 for sponsoring club members and \$200.00 for non-members. Incomplete entries will be returned.

3.2 Entries submitted after March 31, 2011 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.

3.4 There will be an annual owners and skippers meeting and registration at the first of the year. Notice will be mailed and emailed to skippers of all boats registered with BBYRA during the prior year. All skippers and crew are encouraged to attend.

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS/NOTICES TO COMPETITORS/SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Changes to the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, and notices to competitors will be on the website at www.BBYRA.net no later than noon the day before any such changes will become effective.

4.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flag pole of the club scheduled to conduct the race.

4.3 Where appropriate, an announcement will be made by the race committee on VHF 72 at 1000 hours.

5. OWNERS/SKIPPERS RESPONSIBILITY

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

5.2 The owner and the skipper of a boat shall be responsible for the conduct of the crew, both on the water and while ashore as guests of the host yacht club.

6. SAIL NUMBERS

Sail numbers are required as per 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.

7. 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 check-ins will be accepted during a starting sequence. Boats may also check-in prior to the first warning signal of the day by VHF channel 72.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1 The first warning signal for the first race of the day will be scheduled at 1130 hours.

8.2 Up to three races may be conducted.

9. COMMUNICATION

A boat may utilize a VHF radio for safety purposes or to communicate with the race committee. This changes rule 41. The race committee will monitor channel 72, unless otherwise posted on the signal boat. Failure to hear a broadcast from the race committee shall not be grounds for redress, this changes rule 62.1 (a).

10. SAFETY REGULATIONS/ PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES

10.1 All boats must meet U.S Coast Guard Safety Regulations.

10.2 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.

11. COURSES

11.1 The race committee will post the sequence of starts, the course to be sailed, and the compass bearing to the first mark on the notice board prior to the warning signal. This changes rule 27.1. The posting of the sequence will be accompanied by flag L and one sound signal. The drop of flag L with multiple sound signals indicates a warning signal will soon follow. This changes Race Signals.

11.2 The attached course diagram shows the courses and their 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 that:

- i) When boats are approaching leeward mark 3 to round and there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark; and
- ii) When on the final leg to finish course A. C. D. E. or E2, mark 3 shall be left to Starboard. If a gate is present as mark3, both gate marks shall be left to Starboard.

11.3 The first mark for each class will be identified on the course board with the number and letter combination of 1X, 1Y, or 1Z. For the cruising classes, the distance in nautical miles to the first mark will be posted from the signal boat before the warning signal.

12. MARKS , STARTING LINE, FINISH LINE

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

12.2 The starting and finishing marks will be yellow inflatable marks, except where the final leg is an "upwind" finish the mark will be mark 1X.

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

12.4 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and a yellow port end finishing mark.

12.5 If the race committee intends to start an additional race on the same day, it will display (with no sound) the second substitute for a second race or the third substitute for a third race while boats are finishing. This changes US Sailing prescription 12.3, appendix L.

13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE.

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

14. PROTESTS

14.1 A written protest or request for redress 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 rule 61.3 and 62.2.

14.2 A boat intending to file a protest will notify the race committee of the boat being protested as soon as practicable following her finish. This changes rule 61.3.

15. TIME LIMIT EXPIRED

A boat scored DNF/TLE shall receive a score one point more than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. This changes rules 35,A4.1, and A42.

16. GENERAL RECALL

In the event of a General Recall, the recalled class start will revert to the end of the sequence.

PART II - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: ONE DESIGN

OD1. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be the class insignia unless otherwise posted on the race committee signal boat.

OD2. RACING AREA

One design classes will assemble approximately one half mile south southwest of the entrance to Dinner Key Channel.

OD3. THE START

OD3.1 Races shall be started using rule 26, except that rule 26 is changed to read, "Warning, 3 minutes before starting signal; Preparatory, 2 minutes before starting signal".

OD3.2 A boat starting 3 minutes or later after her starting signal will be scored DNS. This changes rule A4.

OD4. 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 15 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes shall be scored TLE. This changes rule 35, A4.1 and A4.2).

OD5. CREW/WEIGHT LIMITS -

Any existing class crew weight and number of crew limitations will not be in effect for BBYRA regattas.

PART III - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: CRUISING

CR1. RATINGS

CR1.1 If a boat's rating is changed during a series by PHRF Southeast Florida, 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.

CR1.2 If a 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 cruising class. If the owner(s) desires to change class, the boat's registration must be transferred. The boat will lose accrued points for the year.

CR1.3 It is the responsibility of the registered owner(s) to inform the BBYRA secretary of any change in the rating of the yacht no later than 48 hours prior to the day of the race.

CR2. CLASS FLAGS

Class pennants will be as follows:

CLASS	RATING	PENNANTS
PHRF1	0-99	Light Blue and White
PHRF2	100-135	Dark Green
PHRF3	136 & UP	Dark Blue and White
PHRF4		Lime Green

Currently registered BBYRA boats may **APPLY TO** join PHRF4 fleet by application to and approval of the BBYRA Board.

Characteristics governing selection to this fleet may include but are not limited to:

- Boat must be "wet" sailed.
- Boat must have inboard power.
- Boat must have installed, functioning marine head.
- Boat must have overlapping head sails.
- Boat must have only symmetric spinnakers with a mast mounted spinnaker pole used with the symmetric spinnaker.

CR3. RACING AREA

Cruising classes will assemble approximately 2 miles south southwest of the entrance to Dinner Key Channel.

CR4. COURSES/DESIGNATED MARKS

CR4.1 In addition to the designated courses, the cruising fleet will have as an option designated marks.

CR4.2 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 marks will be left to port, and/or lower case "s" for starboard and "p" for port.

(b) The following government marks may be used and appear on NOAA chart 11465:

B - Fl Y 4s 12ft 3M "B" (Biscayne National Park Boundary)

C - Fl Y 4s 12ft 3M "C" (Biscayne National Park Boundary)

V - Q R 16ft 3M "2" (Red quick flash north of Dinner Key Channel)

(c) In addition, the following inflatable race committee marks may be used:

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

L - Inflatable leeward mark.

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)".

CR5. THE START

Races shall be started using rule 26, with the warning signal 5 minutes before the starting signal.

CR6. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for the first boat in each class to finish shall be 90 minutes for designated course races, and 3 hours for designated marks races. A boat failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat in her class to finish a designated course race or 30 minutes for a designated marks race shall be scored TLE. This changes rule 35, A4.1 and A4.2.

CR7. CREW/WEIGHT LIMITS -

Any existing PHRF crew weight and number of crew limitations will not be in effect for BBYRA regattas.

PART IV –CHAMPIONSHIPS, SCORING AND AWARDS

S1. SCHEDULE OF BBYRA CHAMPIONSHIPS

S1.1 There will be SPRING and FALL seasonal championships. The SPRING Championship will consist of races initially scheduled during January through June and the FALL Championship will consist of races initially scheduled September through December.

S1.2 The BBYRA OVERALL championship combines the results of both seasonal series.

S2. SCORING

S2.1 MONTHLY:

(a) There will be 12 cruising and 12 one design regattas scheduled throughout the year, five of which will be the BBYRA Member Yacht Clubs' Annual Regattas. Only a boat registered with BBYRA will be scored in BBYRA races.

(b) The RRS Low Point Scoring System, rule A2, will be used for scoring monthly races except as changed by these sailing instructions.

(c) When scoring a multi-race regatta for one design or cruising fleets, the total points will be added, without a discard. This changes rule A2.

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

(e) 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 one race is completed, that will constitute a regatta.

(f) Cruising or one design classes must have two or more registered boats receiving points for competing in a race for that race to be considered for a championship.

S2.2 TIES:

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

(b) Cruising - Ties will be broken in accordance with rule A8. Where multiple races are sailed in a regatta rule 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 rule A8.2."

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

S3. SEASONAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

S3.1 To qualify for the SPRING Championship score, a boat must have been awarded points in five out of eight regattas. A regatta is one in which the class fulfilled the requirements SI S1(f) above. If a boat scores points in more than five regattas, it will count its best five regattas toward its championship scores. In the event that less than eight regattas are sailed, a boat's best four scores will count toward its spring score.

S3.2 To qualify for the FALL championship score, a boat must have received points in three out of four regattas. A regatta is one in which the class fulfilled the requirements SI S 2.1(f). If a boat scores points in more than three regattas, it will count its best three regattas toward its championship scores. In the event that less than four regattas are run, a boat's best two scores will count toward its fall score.

S3.3 A regatta abandoned by a race committee and not rescheduled will reduce the number of regattas required for a seasonal championship score by one, still allowing for a discard.

S4. ANNUAL CHAMPIONSHIP:

S4.1 To qualify for the ANNUAL championship, a boat must have received points in eight regattas. If a boat scores in more than eight regattas, it will count its best eight regattas toward its annual score.

S4.2 In the event that only 11 regattas are run, a boat's best seven scores will count toward its annual score. If 11 or fewer regattas are run, a boat will count its best six scores.

S4.3 A regatta abandoned by a race committee and not rescheduled will reduce the number of regattas required for a annual championship score by one, still allowing for a discard.

S5. AWARDS

S5.1 MONTHLY: A first, second and third place trophy will be awarded in each class with three or more registered boats awarded points in the same race. In classes with fewer than three boats, only a first place trophy will be awarded. 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 a specific date, of which those fleets will be notified in advance.

S5.2 SEASONAL: A first, second and third place trophy will be awarded in each class with three or more registered boats awarded points in the regattas as described in SI S4. 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.

S5.3 ANNUAL:

(a) A first, second, third, fourth, and fifth place trophy will be awarded in each class with five or more registered boats awarded points in the regattas as described in SI S4. The BBYRA Annual Championship presentation will be held at the annual registration and awards meeting.

(b) In the event a class does not meet the requirements set forth in SI S3 or S4, BBYRA reserves the right to award trophies.