

BISCAYNE BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

September 1, 2016 – August 31, 2017

Part I – General Conditions: One Design and Handicap

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

1.1 Biscayne Bay Yacht Racing Association member clubs shall serve individually as the organizing authority and provide race and protest committees for their regattas.

2. RULES

2.1 The **BBYRA CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES** regattas will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2.2 US Sailing Prescriptions are in effect, except as changed in this *Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions (NOR/SI)* and any subsequent amendments.

2.3 One Design and Handicap classes will conform to their class rules, except as changed in this NOR/SI or amendments. Class rules regarding the number and weight of crew are not in effect for BBYRA races.

3. ENTRIES

3.1 To register for BBYRA a skipper must be 18 years of age or older.

3.2 Boat owners or non-owner skippers are invited to submit an entry to BBYRA including their registration fee and documentation of age if a discount is applicable. Handicap boats must include a valid measurement certificate.

3.3 An owner/skipper less than 21 years of age at the time of registration may register a boat without a registration fee. The skipper/helm of the boat must at all times be less than 22 years of age.

3.4 An owner/skipper of ages 21 to 30 inclusive may at the time of registration receive a 50% reduction of the registration fee. The skipper/helm of the boat must at all times be between ages 21 – 31.

3.5 Owners or borrowed boat or club boat skippers shall submit the sail number the boat will use in the **SERIES**. See also SI 6.

4. CHANGES TO THE NOR/SI, NOTICES TO COMPETITORS, AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Changes to the BBYRA NOR/SI will be posted on the official website at www.BBYRA.net no later than 1200 hours the day before such changes will come into effect. Posting on the official website shall serve as sufficient notice for any changes made by a race committee.

4.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole of the club conducting the regatta.

4.3 When a decision to postpone or abandon a regatta prior to the first warning signal on the day of the event is made *ashore*, in addition to signals ashore an announcement will be made on VHF 72 at 1000.

4.4 When a decision to postpone or abandon a regatta prior to the first warning signal on the day of the event is made *on the water*, in addition to signals afloat an announcement(s) will be made on VHF 72.

5. OWNER'S/SKIPPER'S RESPONSIBILITY

5.1 The owner and/or skipper of a boat shall be responsible for the conduct of the boat's crew while on the water and while ashore at a host yacht club.

6. SAIL NUMBERS

6.1 Sail numbers are required per Appendix G. National letters are not required. Sail numbers shall be the number under which the boat is registered. After a warning by BBYRA email, a boat failing to comply with this instruction will not be scored in subsequent regattas until sail numbers are in compliance.

6.2 *Temporary* change of sail numbers may be permitted only with prior notification and acceptance by the affected race committee. A boat failing to comply with this sailing instruction will not be scored.

7. CHECK IN

7.1 On each race day boats will check in with the race committee before a boat's first warning signal of the day by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the signal boat until acknowledged by the committee OR a boat may check in using VHF channel 72. No check in will be accepted during a starting sequence.

7.2 Boats failing to check in will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1 The warning signal for the first race of each day is scheduled for 1130 hours.

8.2 Up to three races may be conducted each day and a total of five races for two day regattas.

8.3 Classes may be started sequentially (rolling starts), individually, or combined.

9. VHF RADIO COMMUNICATION

9.1 A boat while racing may use VHF radio, cell phone, or similar devices for communication only with the race committee or for emergencies.

9.2 The race committee will use VHF channel 72, unless another channel is posted on the signal boat.

9.3 The race committee may attempt to notify boats OCS by VHF transmission. Failure of the race committee to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 60.1(b).

10. SAFETY REGULATIONS

10.1 By registering their boats with BBYRA, owner/skippers agree to conform to *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including rule 1.2 LIFE SAVING EQUIPMENT AND PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES, the US Sailing Prescription to rule 40 GOVERNMENT SAFETY REGULATIONS, and the US Sailing Prescription to rule 67 DAMAGES.

11. COURSES

11.1 The 2016-2017 BBYRA Course Card displays the marks and the courses to be designated.

11.2 a) **Designated Course.** Prior to the warning signal the race committee will display for each class the sequence of class starts, the letter of the course to be sailed, the combined number/letter of the first mark for each class as 1X, 1Y, or 1Z, and the magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles to 1 X, 1Y, and 1Z.

b) For designated courses marks are to be left to port. When mark 3 is a **gate** boats shall pass through the gate from the direction of the previous mark and may round either mark. For a **triangle**, mark 3 is to be left according to the diagram for that course. When boats are on a **downwind** leg from mark 1 to finish if mark 3 remains deployed it may be passed in any manner.

11.3 **Designated Marks.** Prior to the warning signal the race committee will display for each class the sequence of starts, the marks of the course, and if the first mark is an inflatable mark, the magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles to the mark. The marks will be displayed with the designated mark in an upper case letter, and the side to be left by an adjacent lower case letter; leave mark to port – **p**, leave mark to starboard – **s**.

12. MARKS, STARTING LINE, FINISHING LINE

12.1a) The **starting line** will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end, and a yellow inflatable mark OR a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat at the port end.

b) If flag **U** has been displayed, no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing, but not if the race is restarted or resailed. This changes rule A4.

12.2 For a **downwind finish**, the line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end, and a yellow inflatable mark OR a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat at the port end.

12.3 For an **upwind finish** in designated courses the line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee boat at the starboard end and 1 X at the port end.

12.4 If the race committee intends to start another race, it will display flag **R** with no sound signal while boats are finishing. If no other races will be started, flag **H** will be displayed.

13. GENERAL RECALL:

13.1 For sequential starts, a recalled class will revert to the end of the sequence. This changes rule 29. 2.

14. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE:

14.1 Changed inflatable marks of the course may be different in shape or color, but shall not be yellow.

15. PROTESTS AND PENALTIES

15.1 a) In order to file a valid protest, by 1900 hours the day following the date of the alleged incident, a written protest or written request for redress must be submitted by email to the chairperson of the race committee (or the alternate person) of the club hosting the event. The email addresses will be posted on the BBRYA official web site. Alternatively a written protest may be delivered personally to the race committee chairperson or host club within the allotted time. DO NOT send protests to BBYRA.

b) The protest committee and parties will convene at the host club at 1900 hours on the Thursday following the event, or at such other time and place agreed to by the parties.

c) Sailing instruction 15.1a) and 15.1b) may be changed for a club annual regatta by posting the changes on the official BBYRA web site in accordance with S.I.4.1.

15.2 A boat may take a 'One Turn Penalty' when she may have broken a rule of Part 2, however, when she has broken a rule of Part 2 while in the *Zone* around a mark, the penalty shall be a 'Two Turns Penalty'. This changes rule 44.1.

Part II - Sailing Instructions: One Design Classes

OD1. CLASS FLAGS

OD1.1 Class flags will be the class insignia.

OD2. RACING AREA

OD2.1 One design classes will assemble approximately one half mile south southwest of the entrance to Dinner Key Channel.

OD3. THE START

OD3.1 The warning signal will be made 3 minutes before the starting signal, and the preparatory signal 2 minutes before the starting signal. This changes rule 26.

OD3.2 A boat starting 3 minutes after her starting signal or later will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

OD4. TIME LIMITS

OD4.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class to sail a designated course and finish will be 75 minutes. This changes rule 35.

OD4.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat to finish in her class will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rule 35, A4, and A5.

Part III: Sailing Instructions: Handicap Classes

H1. RATING SYSTEM

H1.1 a) The boat measurement system will be the **OFFSHORE RACING CONGRESS RULE**. The scoring will be calculated by Time on Time.

b) The principal race officer will make the decision for each race for the course(s) to be sailed and wind conditions (light, medium, heavy). These decisions are not subject to redress. Rule 60.1(b).

H1.2 The Handicap fleet may be divided into classes at the discretion of BBYRA.

H2. Class Pennants

Class 1 - Dark blue and white

Class 2 - Orange and white

Class 3 - Dark green

H3. RACING AREA

H4.1 Boats will assemble approximately one mile south southwest of the entrance to Dinner Key Channel.

H4. THE START

H4.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26, with the warning signal 5 minutes before the starting signal.

H4.2 A boat starting 5 minutes or later following her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

H5. TIME LIMITS

H5.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class to sail the course and finish will be 90 minutes for Designated Courses, and 4 hours for Designated Marks. This changes rule 35.

H5.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes for designated courses and 60 minutes for designated marks of the first boat to finish in her class will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes rule 35, A4, and A5.

Part IV: Series, Scoring, and Prizes

S1. SERIES

S1.1 The yacht clubs of BBYRA may schedule up to a total of 12 regattas.

S1.2 A minimum of two BBYRA registered boats in a class must receive points in a race in order to receive **SERIES** scoring points.

S2. SCORING

S2.1 The Low Point System, rule A4, will be used. No score will be excluded in a regatta.

S2.2 The first sentence of rule A4.2 is deleted and replaced by: A boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired or was disqualified shall receive points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats in her class receiving finishing points for that race.

S2.3 The race committee will abandon a class in a regatta if only one boat from that class comes to the starting area for the first race, unless the race committee decides there are acceptable extenuating circumstances.

S3. TIES

S3.1 One Design Regattas - Ties will be broken in accordance with rule A8.

S3.2 Handicap Regattas - Ties will be broken in accordance with rule A8. Where more than one race is scored in a regatta rule A8 is changed; "if an unbreakable tie 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 times between two boats the tie will be broken in accordance with rule A8.2."

S4. PRIZES

S4.1 For club annual regattas there will be first through third place prizes for each class to be given by the club at an awards ceremony following the completion of racing. For other BBYRA regattas there will be no awards ceremony or individual prizes, however, points will be awarded towards the **SERIES**.

S4.2 A **SERIES** score will consist of a boat's best eight regattas. The number of regattas for the **SERIES** score will be reduced by one for a regatta, or for a class in a regatta, that is abandoned.

S4.3 **BBYRA CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES**. There will be first through third place prizes for classes with less than ten registered boats, and first through fifth place for classes with ten or more registered boats. These prizes will be awarded at the BBYRA Annual Meeting.

PART V: General Information

G5.1 The Biscayne Bay Yacht Racing Association 2016-2017 Annual Meeting will be at Biscayne Bay Yacht Club Saturday the 10th of September, 2016, from 1500-1800.
BBYRA members and crew are invited.

G5.2 For further information see the BBYRA website at www.BBYRA.net.