

# BISCAYNE BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

## Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

September 1, 2017 – August 31, 2018

### 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** The 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 a boat for BBYRA a skipper shall 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 class boats must include a valid measurement certificate, or request a BBYRA assigned rating.

**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** Owner/skippers shall submit the sail number the boat will use in the SERIES. (See also **SI 6.1** )

#### 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](http://www.bbyra.net) no later than 12:00 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 10:00.

**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 the boat's 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 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.

## **8. 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 only for communication 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 at a start by VHF radio. 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 a boat with BBYRA, owners/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 2017-2018 BBYRA Course Card displays the *Designated Courses* and the *Designated Marks*.

**11.2 *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 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.

**11.3** 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**

**12.1** 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.

**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 mark 1X 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.

**12.5** When changing the course board before the next starting sequence the race committee will post flag L with a sound signal prior to the next warning signal.

**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. PENALTIES AND PROTESTS**

**15.1** 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.

**15.2** A boat intending to file a protest or a request for redress regarding an incident in the racing area will inform the race committee of intent either orally or by VHF radio as soon as practicable following the boat's finish of that race. This changes Rules 61.3 and 62.2.

**15.3 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 BBYRA official web site.

**b)** Alternatively a written protest may be delivered personally to the race committee chairperson or host club within the allotted time. **DO NOT** send protests or requests for redress to BBYRA.

**c)** Sailing instruction 15.3a) and 15.3b) may be changed for a club annual regatta by posting the changes on the official BBYRA web site in accordance with Sailing instruction 4.1.

**15.4** 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 involved.

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

**OD1. CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS**

**OD1.1** Four or more BBYRA registered boats will constitute a separate class for club and annual trophies.

**OD1.2** 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.

**OD4.2** A boat 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 SYSTEMS**

**H1.1** There will be ORC, SE PHRF, and BBYRA Assigned Rating classes. Boats may request a BBYRA Assigned Rating.

**H1.2** To be eligible for a BBYRA Handicap Class a boat shall:

- Not be dry stored during the Championship Series.

**H1.3** BBYRA Assigned Rating Class boats shall comply with the above and:

- No spinnakers, staysails, or other headsails under 3 oz. are permitted.
- Spinnaker/Whisker poles are permitted when attached to the mainmast and may no longer than the foretriangle 'J' measurement.

**H1.4** Boats with a rating changed by a rating authority during the championship series shall sail with the new rating effective the date of the change. Accumulated points for the Championship Series will remain unchanged. A boat that requests a class change or is modified shall lose all accumulated points.

**H1.5** *Time On Time* scoring option shall be used for all handicap fleets.

### **H2. CLASS PENNANTS**

**H2.1** Boats will display their class pennant on a backstay or starboard shroud.

Class 1 ORC - Dark blue and white

Class 2 PHRF - Orange and white

Class 3 ARC - 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*.

**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.

### **H6. ORC SCORING**

**H6.1** *Designated Courses* shall be scored 'Windward/Leeward'.

*Designated Marks* shall be scored 'Long Distance'.

**H6.2** The ORC 'Triple Number' shall be MEDIUM, unless for the last vessel to finish in each class the average wind velocity has been below 8 knots the triple number shall be LOW or if the average wind velocity has been above 16 knots the triple number shall be HIGH for that class.

### **H7. PHRF AND BBYRA ARC SCORING**

**H7.1** For the PHRF and BBYRA ARC Classes, time allowances will be calculated using the following conversion formula:  $650 / (550 + \text{PHRF or ARC Rating}) = \text{TOT Rating}$ .

Example; if a boat rates 120sec. mi. PHRF Time on Distance, its Time on Time rating will be  $650/(550+120) = .97015$  TOT Rating.

## **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** Rule 98.3(a) is changed. A minimum of two BBYRA registered boats in a class must receive non-penalty points in a race in order to receive CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES scoring points.

### **S2. SCORING**

**S2.1** The Low Point System, rule A4, as changed in this NOR/SI will be used. No score will be excluded in a regatta.

**S2.2** The first sentence of rule A4.2.1 is replaced by: A boat's score for each regatta shall be the total of her race scores, however, a boat that came to the starting area but did not start, did not finish, retired, or was disqualified shall receive penalty points two more than the number of boats in the class that received non-penalty finishing points for that race. Appendix A9 is deleted.

### **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 with four or more BBYRA registered boats, to be awarded by the club at an awards ceremony following the completion of racing. For other BBYRA scheduled regattas there will be no awards ceremony or individual prizes, however, points will be accumulated for the BBYRA Championship Series.

**S4.2** A BBYRA Championship Series score will consist of a boat's best eight regattas. The number of regattas for this score will be reduced by one for a regatta, or for a class in a regatta, that is abandoned and not resailed.

**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 prizes for classes with ten or more registered boats. These prizes will be awarded at the BBYRA Annual Meeting.

FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION VISIT THE BBYRA WEBSITE AT [www.bbyra.net](http://www.bbyra.net).