

2015 Columbus Day Regatta

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. ENTRIES

Races will be held for classes outlined in the NOR and any Amended NOR. Competitors may register by completing the online entry form found at www.columbusdayregatta.net and paying the entry fee, or by contacting the CDR Chairman at 305-956-9040. Entries received after Tuesday October 6, 2015 will not be accepted.

PHRF, One Design and Multihull classes must have the same number of crew on board for both days. Assignment of classes will be at the discretion of the Race Committee. A scratch sheet will be provided in each packet.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Coral Reef Yacht Club in the breezeway by the water fountain. They will also be included in the entry packet and at the Competitor's meeting. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0800 hours Saturday October 11, 2015 on the official notice board.

Cancellation: Should severe weather threaten the safety of the Regatta, announcements will be posted at Coral Reef Yacht Club or announced on VHF channel 72. Entry fees will not be refunded should the regatta be abandoned for weather or any other reason.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the lawn at Coral Reef Yacht Club. If a postponement (AP flag) is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the AP is lowered.

5. SCHEDULE

A competitor's meeting is scheduled for 1900 hours on Friday October 9, 2015 at Coconut Grove Sailing Club. The regatta shall consist of one race each day with the warning for the start of the first class at 0955 hours, Saturday October 10, 2015 and at 0955 hours, Sunday October 11, 2015.

6. CLASS COLOR STREAMERS

Color Streamers in packet will indicate the class and the order of starting. The starting sequence will be in accordance with RRS 26. While racing, all yachts must fly their streamer from the backstay or mainsail leech (attach from one end) during both days of racing. The 2015 Bacardi Columbus Day Regatta Commemorative Flag must be displayed from the starboard shroud both days of racing.

7. RACING AREA

The start and finish for all classes will be approximately 0.5 nautical miles South East of the entrance to Dinner Key Channel. An orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a Red Bacardi inflatable mark will designate both the start and finish lines.

All courses will be posted via course flags on the Race Committee Signal Boat. Please refer to the regatta brochure for description and meaning of course flags.

8. COURSES and MARKS

The course will be designated by code flags which identify the course to be followed. These courses are found in the brochure. The course, distance and direction to round the marks are described under the section "Course Signals". The Race Committee will fly the Code Flag identifying the course to be sailed before the first warning each day.

9. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

The starting and finishing lines will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and a red inflatable Bacardi mark. The class flag and number identification system is used to finish boats when crossing the finish line. **NUMBERS MUST BE HELD UP CONTINUOUSLY AS YOU APPROACH, AS YOU CROSS, AND UNTIL YOU ARE WELL CLEAR OF THE FINISH AREA AND/OR ARE ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE RACE COMMITTEE.** Do not tape these numbers inside your ports or put them on sails.

10. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for finishing for both days is 1700 hours. Boats not finishing by 1700 hours will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35. (Whether or not the Committee Boat is on station, it is a good idea to note your finish time and the names/numbers of boats around you.)

11. PROTESTS

Notification of intent to protest must be made to the Race Committee by sailing past the finish to the area designated on the Committee Boat for this purpose. Protests must be delivered in writing to the front desk at Coral Reef Yacht Club to the attention of the Columbus Day Regatta Protest Chairman by 1900 hours Sunday October 11, 2015. The Protest Committee will convene at Coral Reef Yacht Club at 1900 hours on Tuesday October 13, 2015.

12. SCORING

The Regatta will be considered as two separate races, except for scoring purposes. The elapsed time for both races will be added together and the corrected finish computed from the total elapsed time.

13. TROPHIES

Trophies awarded to the first three yachts in each class/division. Additional trophies awarded at discretion of the CDR Committee. All perpetual trophies on permanent display at Coral Reef Yacht Club.

AGAIN IN 2015, SATURDAY DOCKSIDE DINNER AND DANCE DAILY AWARD (YELLOW FLAG) TO UNOFFICIAL 1ST ON DAY ONE IN EACH CLASS

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

To notify the Race Committee of withdrawal or failure to finish on either day please call (305) 582-2937 or send an e-mail to: cancel@columbusdayregatta.net as soon as possible. Notification can also be made using VHF channel 72.

The use of water balloons, funnelators or any other water balloon throwing device or any obscene acts committed in open view will result in a protest by the Race Committee and possible exclusion from participating in any future Columbus Day Regattas. Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water may be disqualified, or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action or both.