



**7TH ANNUAL
HALLOWEEN HOWLER REGATTA
Coconut Grove Sailing Club - Miami, FL
October 28-29, 2017
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the “The Rules” as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The following prescriptions of the US Sailing National Authority will apply: 34, 40, 60, 61.4, 63.2, 64.3(b), 67, 76.1, 82, and R.
- 1.3 In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race (NoR) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs), these SIs and any amendments to these SIs will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4 Competitors must wear while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing, a properly secured personal floatation device which conforms to US Sailing Prescription Rule 40.
- 1.5 Class rules regarding qualifying events and championships will not apply.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notice to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB), located on the clubhouse ground floor.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs will be posted by 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect. All changes to the SIs shall have the approval of the Race Committee (RC) Chair or the Course Race Officer (CRO).

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the CGSC flag hoist.
- 4.2. When flag AP is signaled ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 90 minutes” in Race Signal AP. This Changes RRS Race Signals.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Ten (10) races are scheduled.
- 5.2. The scheduled time of the Harbor Starts and 1st Warning Signals shall be as follows:

Class:	Saturday, Oct. 29	Sunday, Oct. 30
	Harbor Start / 1 st warning:	Harbor Start / 1st warning:
Opti Green	0930 / 1030	0915 / 1015
Opti RWB	0930 / 1030	0900 / 1000
Laser 4.7/Radial	1000 / 1100	0900 / 1000

- 5.3. On the last day of the Regatta, no warning signal will be made after 1400.

6. CLASS FLAGS and OPTI CLASS STREAMERS

6.1. Class flags will be as follows:

Opti Green fleet	Green flag with Optimist insignia
Opti RWB fleet	White flag with Optimist insignia
Laser 4.7	Red flag with Laser insignia
Laser Radial	White flag with Laser insignia

6.2. Two Opti Green class streamers will be provided by the Organizing Authority (OA). Streamers shall be displayed at the top of the sprit and on the handle of each dolly.

7. RACING AREA

Opti Green fleet	East of Ransom Everglades School
Opti RWB fleet	Southeast of Brennan Channel, Biscayne Bay
Laser 4.7 and Radial	Southeast of Brennan Channel, Biscayne Bay

8. COURSES

8.1. SI Attachment (A) illustrates each class course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

The course length and exact configuration will be based on conditions.

8.2. Boats shall not cross the start/finish line unless they are starting or finishing. Boats which cross the start/finish line when they are not starting or finishing shall be subject to protest which may result in disqualification.

9. MARKS

9.1. SI Attachment (A) illustrates each class course.

9.2. The rounding marks for the Laser and Opti RWB courses will be orange tetrahedrons.

9.3. The rounding marks for the Green fleet course will be orange.

9.4. Change marks used in accordance to RRS 33 will be the original marks.

9.5. For the Windward/Leeward course, an orange ball may be set as an offset to Mark 1 and a leeward gate may replace Mark 2 (leeward).

10. THE START

10.1. At the discretion of the RC the starts may be rolling starts.

10.2. The starting line for all courses will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat on the starboard end and either a yellow mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the port end.

10.3. For races following the first race of each day, a series of short sounds signals may be made approximately 1 minute before the starting sequence begins in order to attract attention.

10.4. A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes Rules A4.1, and A5.

10.5. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

10.6. At the discretion of the RC, the Laser classes may be combined to start as one class.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark (or finish line) to a new position.

11.2. Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the RC boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the RC boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The finish line for Opti Green class will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and a yellow mark at the port end.
- 12.2. The finish line for Opti RWB class will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and an orange mark (mark 2) at the port end.
- 12.3. The finish line for the Laser fleets will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and either a yellow mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the port end.
- 12.4. Code flag "R" displayed by the RC Finish Boat indicates the RC intends to run an additional race. This adds to US Sailing Prescription to Appendix L 5.6.
- 12.5. Upon finishing, a competitor shall immediately sail clear of the finishing area, stay clear of boats that have not finished and remain a minimum of 50 feet from the finishing line.

13. PENALTIES

- 13.1. A boat scored Check-in Failure (CNF), in accordance with Instruction 17.4, shall receive, without a hearing, a 10% Scoring Penalty for the first race completed the day of the infraction calculated as stated in RRR 44.3(c). This changes RRS Appendices A5 and A11.
- 13.2. A boat which fails to comply with SI 17.2 and 17.3 (Safety Check-Out/Check-in) shall receive, without a hearing, a 10% Scoring Penalty for the first race completed the day of the infraction calculated as stated in RRR 44.3(c). This changes RRS Appendices A5 and A11.
- 13.3. A boat with multiple infractions of SI 17.2 and 17.3 may be subject to protest by the RC. The penalty will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may be up to DSQ in the Regatta but not less than stated in SI 13.2. This changes Rule 63.1 and RRS Appendix A5.

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1. The time limit for each race will be 60 minutes for the first boat in a class to finish.
- 14.2. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes for Opti RWB and Laser courses, or within 20 minutes for Opti Green course, after the first boat in a race sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTEST AND REDRESS REQUESTS

- 15.1. Protest and redress request forms are available at the Protest Desk, located on the 1st floor.
- 15.2. In addition to the requirements in RRS 61, boats intending to protest an incident occurring on the race area shall, immediately after finishing, notify the RC Finish Boat of her intention to protest, including the sail number of the boat(s) being protested. This changes RRS 61.
- 15.3. Protests must be delivered in writing to the Protest Desk within the Protest Time Limit which will be one hour after the RC Finish Boat docks.
- 15.4. Hearings will be held, upstairs, as soon as possible after racing each day in the Jury Room.
- 15.5. Redress requests must be made within 60 minutes after the RC Finish Boat docks, or within 60 minutes of the incident, whichever is later. This change RRS 62.2.
- 15.6. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress shall be delivered:
 - a) Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - b) No later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.This changes RRS 62.2.
- 15.7. Breaches of Instructions 1.4, 14, and/or 17 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes Rule 60.1(a). If not specified in the SIs violation of the aforementioned instructions may result in any penalty that the Jury deems appropriate up to and including DSQ.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. One race constitutes a Regatta.

- 16.2. When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.3. When six (6) to nine (9) races have been completed, a boat's series will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 16.4. When ten (10) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. Boats not competing in a day's racing shall inform the Safety Desk no later than 1000 on Saturday, Oct. 29 and no later than 0900 on Sunday, Oct.30.
- 17.2. Before launching every day, competitors shall physically sign-out at the Safety Desk, thus indicating their departure to the race course. Failure to follow Safety Check-out procedure will result in the sailor being penalized under SI 13.2 and 13.3.
- 17.3. Immediately upon returning to shore, but not later than 30 minutes after the appropriate fleet's RC Finish Boat docks, competitors shall physically sign-in at the Safety Desk. Failure to follow Safety Check-in procedure will result in the sailor being penalized under SI 13.2 and 13.3.
- 17.4. Prior to the first warning signal of a boat's first race of the day, each boat shall check-in with RC by sailing on the starboard tack past the stern of the RC Signal Boat and hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the RC. Any boat failing to check-in shall be scored CNF on her first race of the day the infraction occurs, SI 13.1. This changes RRS Appendix A5.
- 17.5. A competitor retiring from a race shall notify a RC boat before leaving the course, or if that is impossible, to notify the Safety Desk immediately upon return to shore.
- 17.6. In addition to the requirements of Rule 40 and its US Sailing Prescription, a condition of entry and participation in this regatta is the wearing of US Coast Guard approved lifejacket or for international sailors only, a lifejacket approved by their country's corresponding authority, properly secured at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while removing or adding clothing. Failure to wear a proper lifejacket will result in a penalty up to and including disqualification at the discretion of the RC.
- 17.7. Each competitor shall have a whistle attached to their lifejacket at all times on the water. Its use is reserved to emergency purposes only.
- 17.8. Each boat shall have a secure loop in the end of its bow line.

18. COACH BOAT & SUPPORT BOAT (PARENT & SPECTATOR)

- 18.1. All coach and support (parent & spectator) boats must register at the Regatta Desk during registration check-in hours (see NoR 7) to receive a boat ID flag, provided by the OA. A cash-only deposit of \$20⁰⁰ is required and will be refunded when the flag is returned to the Regatta Desk no later than 1 hour after the Signal Boat returns to the dock on Sunday afternoon.

18.2. Boat ID flags are as follow:

Coach	Blue flag with assigned number
Support	Red or Yellow with assigned number

- 18.3. All registered boats are considered support boats.
- 18.4. Support boats may observe and not coach (see 18.5 for exceptions), staying 100 yards outside areas where boats are about to race or racing from the time of the warning signal until all boats have finished or retired or the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Should the Protest Committee receive a report of a violation of this Instruction or any behavior deemed to be improper, it may call a hearing to investigate the incident. It may report the infraction to their club authority and expel them from the premises of Coconut Grove Sailing Club after a hearing by the Jury.
- 18.5. Green fleet coach boats, with adequate ID flag, will be allowed to coach the bottom half of the Opti Green fleet.

18.6. Certain coach boats may be designated as support boats by the CRO and given permission to enter the racing area for the purposes of support operations only.

19. RADIO COMMUNICATION

19.1. No competitor shall carry onboard any communication device such VHF or cell phones.

19.2. Coach and support boats shall carry functional VHF radios or cell phones for communications with the RC and OA.

19.3. Coaches and support boats shall monitor the class designated VHF radio posted on the ONB. The RC may make announcements for information and safety purposes at any time. The VHF radio channels may be changed at any time at the discretion of the RC.

20. TRASH DISPOSAL

Refuse may be given to any support RC boat between races.

21. PRIZES

21.1. Prizes will be awarded as follows:

Opti Green	Top 10 places
Opti RWB	Top 5 places
Laser	Top 3 places

21.2. In the Laser 4.7 and Laser Radial classes, should fewer than three (3) competitors enter in any class, that classes may be combined, and the results scored based on the Portsmouth Yardstick Handicapping System.

21.3. A decision to combine divisions will be posted on the ONB.

21.4. Additional awards may be provided at the discretion of the OA.

22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Regatta.

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ATTACHMENT (A)

