



## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### **2017 Bacardi CDR IRMA Hurricane Regatta**

#### **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 (ARC Racing, ARC Cruising non-spinnakers, Gunkhole, and Beach Cats), and any Amended NOR. Competitors may register by completing the online entry form found at [www.columbusdayregatta.net](http://www.columbusdayregatta.net) and paying the entry fee, or by contacting the CDR Chairman at 305-582-2937. Entries received after Tuesday October 3, 2017 will not be accepted.

Assignment of classes will be at the discretion of the Race Committee.

#### **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. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0800 hours Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017 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**

The regatta shall consist of one race with the warning of all classes at 0955 hours, Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

#### **6. STARTING SEQUENCE**

The starting sequence will be in accordance with RRS 26.

#### **7. RACING AREA**

The start and finish for ARC racing, ARC non-spinnaker, Beach Cats, and Gunkhole (Gunkhole will finish at Mark 'C') will be about 0.5 nm south of the entrance to the Rickenbacker bridge in Biscayne Bay. An orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a Red Bacardi inflatable mark will designate both the start and finish lines for ARC and Beach Cats.

#### **8. COURSES and MARKS**

The course to be sailed will be as follows: start near Rickenbacker Bridge, between two dropped inflatable Red Bacardi Buoys with the Signal Boat in the middle. Heading towards Mark 'C' leaving it to starboard and returning to the starting line. Gunkhole boats will finish by Mark 'C'.

## **9. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES**

The starting lines will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat anchored between two red inflatable Bacardi marks. ARC and Gunkhole will start on eastern side of the Signal Boat, and the Beach Cats will start on the western side of the Signal Boat.

The finish line for ARC and Beach Cats will be between an orange flag and a red inflatable Bacardi mark near the southern entrance of the Rickenbacker Bridge. The finish line for the Gunkhole will be between an orange flag and a red inflatable Bacardi mark at approximately .2 nm from Mark 'C'.

## **10. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for finishing 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 Saturday October 7, 2017. The Protest Committee will convene at Coral Reef Yacht Club at 1900 hours on Tuesday October 10, 2017.

## **12. SCORING**

The scoring system will be as follows: Time on Distance.

## **13. TROPHIES**

Trophies awarded to the first three yachts in each class/division. Additional trophies awarded at discretion of the CDR Committee.

## **14. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

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

## **15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.