

# 2018 A-Cat Midwinter Championship

January 19-21, 2018

Upper Keys Sailing Club, 100 North Ocean Bay Dr, Key Largo FL

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. RULES

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

### 2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

Current members of any country's A-class Catamaran Association are eligible for entry in the regatta.

### 3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board, which is the bulletin board next to the office door inside the Upper Keys Sailing Club.

### 4. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at the UKSC.

### 6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Competitors' Meeting is scheduled for 9:30 AM on January 19.

6.2 Number of races per day:

Up to 3 races per day may be held unless revised by the Race Committee.

6.3 Scheduled time of the first warning signal:

*Date*

Friday, January 19 11:00am

Saturday, January 20 11:00am

Sunday, January 21 10:00 am

On the last day of the regatta no warning signal for a race will be made after 1200 hours.

### 7. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be a solid red flag.

### 8. RACING AREA (see NOAA Chart 11464)

Buttonwood Sound, on the western side of Key Largo, Florida.

### 9. THE COURSE

Windward-leeward course with offset and gate marks.

### 10. MARKS

Marks for the course will be yellow or orange inflatable marks.

## **11. THE START**

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.

11.2 The starting and finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee boat at the starboard end and the port-end starting mark.

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rule 44.1 is changed by substituting the One-Turn Penalty for the Two-Turns Penalty.

## **12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

12.1 In addition to the requirements of RRS 61.1(a), protesting boats are requested to inform the race committee of their intent to file a protest as soon as possible after finishing.

12.2 Protest forms are available at the UKSC Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

12.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in each class has finished the last race

12.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

## **13. SCORING**

13.1 When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of all scores. When five or more scores have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores excluding its worst excludable score.

13.2 One race must be completed to constitute a series.  
The low point system of Appendix A will apply.

13.3 Scoring will show overall rankings as well as break out foilers and floaters.

## **14. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the first through third place boats for foilers and floaters as well as an overall winner.

## **15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.

## **19. ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS**

Competitors in a UKSC events are prohibited from discharging any refuse overboard, including but not limited to cans, bottles, and plastic. This action is protestable either by any competitor or by the Race Committee.

