



Mandatory Safety Notice – OCEAN

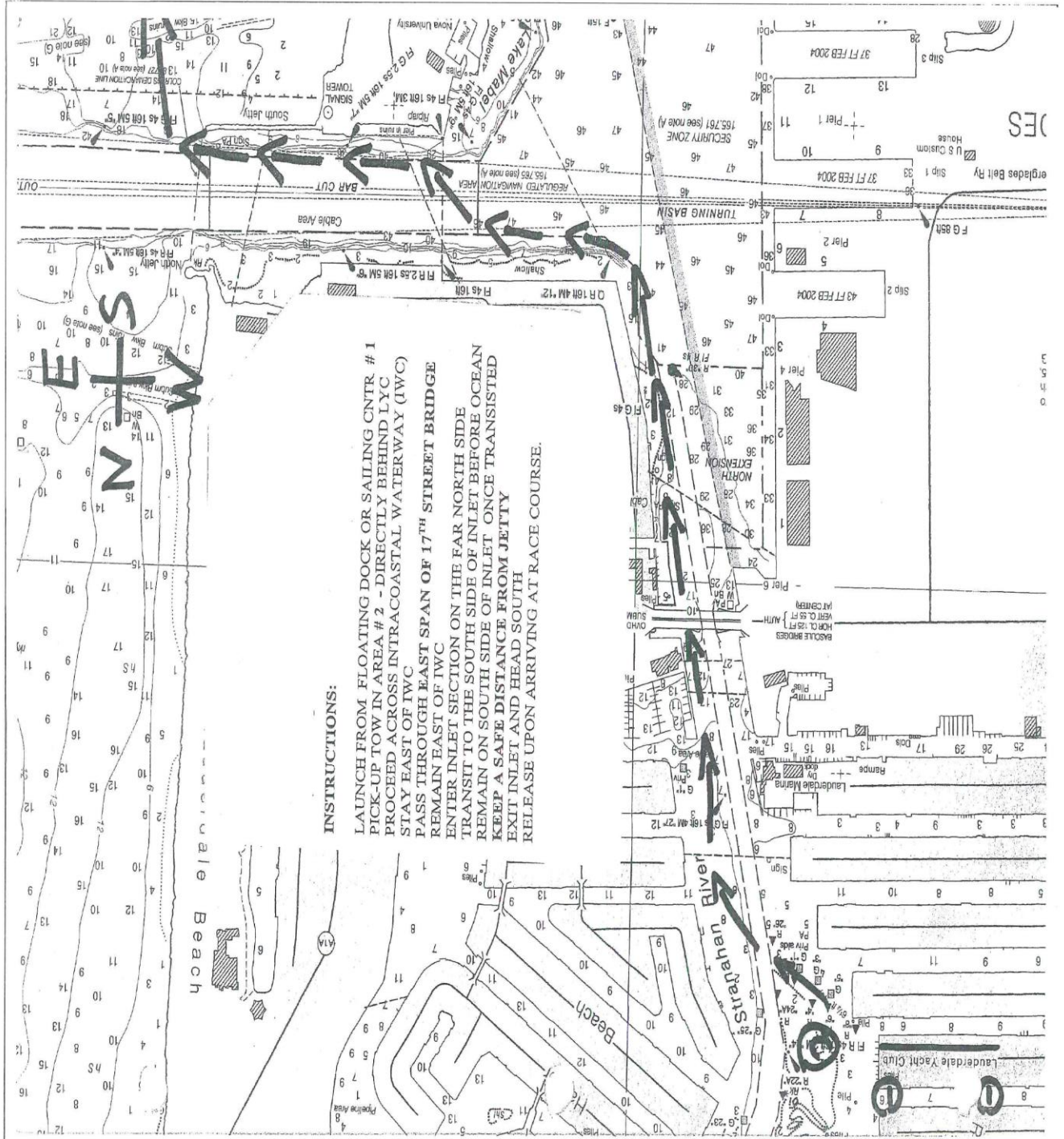
1. Sailing or towing to the Racecourse:
 - a. There is a shoal off of the Club's east docks. Stay near the docks as you sail or tow south toward the bridge
 - b. Once you get to the south end of the docks, you may go out the well-marked LYC access channel to the Intracoastal Waterway channel. The water to the south of the access channel is sufficient for safe sailing.
 - c. Before you get to the bridge, you must cross the Intracoastal and go through the **east side** of the bridge as you head south. Under no circumstances are you to go through the West side of the bridge. It is against Homeland Security rules, and you must not go west of the Intracoastal Waterway Channel on the south side of the Bridge, which is where the cruise ships dock at Port Everglades.
 - d. When you turn east again to head out to the inlet, we recommend that you cross early to the south side of the inlet. It is imperative that you **stay out of the center of the Port Everglades Channel at all times**, except when safely crossing the channel in the absence of ship and boat traffic.
 - e. Once you reach the east end of the jetty, Continue to the first channel marker, take it to starboard and head south toward the Dania Pier. The racecourse is in the area just north of the Pier.
 - f. See attached marked chart.

2. Other Safety and Courtesy Concerns:
 - a. Honor all Rules of the Road
 - b. When you reach the Atlantic Ocean, heed Diver Down flags. A diver down flag is a flag used on the water to indicate that there is a diver below. It is red with a white stripe from the upper left corner to the lower right corner. Florida Law requires that boaters must make reasonable efforts to stay 300 feet/100 yards away from diver-down flags. Divers also swim from the beach, with small kayaks or without vessels, so please take care to be aware of divers.
 - c. There are a series of white balls anchored north and south approximately 1/2 mile offshore and running from the inlet to the race area. It is suggested that you avoid this area.
 - d. Stay out of the way of the cruise ships, water taxis, commercial fishing boats, and pilot boats.
 - e. All Lasers **shall at all times carry a towline** of at least 25 feet in length and at least 1/4 inch in diameter. The towline shall be securely attached to each boat in order to facilitate towing to and/or from the racing area. When towing, tie the towline to your mast then tie the towline of the boat behind you into the loop of your tow line on the mast. Raise your board to the reaching position, and move back.

3. Environmental Concerns: Anchoring of event vessels on Coral Reefs, Hardbottom or Sea grass is prohibited under Florida Law. Spectator, support and/or coach vessels are prohibited from anchoring anywhere in the vicinity of the event. If you encounter any Manatees, Sea Turtles or Sawfish during your sailing, they deserve special attention, and you must avoid any collision or contact. Please read and observe the local and federal rules governing our Florida Treasures. Additionally, special provisions are in effect for the protection of, including but not limited to Manatee, Sea Turtle & Sawfish, as well as critical habitat, including but not limited to Johnson Sea Grass, Stag horn and Elkhorn Corals.

4. It is **MANDATORY** that all support and spectator boats monitor channel 69 for requests from the Race Committee to assist with fleet safety and to receive information relative to the intentions of the Race Committee. Emergency VHF channel is 16, and the shipping channel is 14.

5. Read your Sailing Instructions. This includes sailors, coaches and any support boats for the sailors.



INSTRUCTIONS:

LAUNCH FROM FLOATING DOCK OR SAILING CNTR. # 1
 PICK-UP TOW IN AREA # 2 - DIRECTLY BEHIND LYC
 PROCEED ACROSS INTRACOASTAL WATERWAY (IWC)
 STAY EAST OF IWC
 PASS THROUGH EAST SPAN OF 17TH STREET BRIDGE
 REMAIN EAST OF IWC
 ENTER INLET SECTION ON THE FAR NORTH SIDE
 TRANSIT TO THE SOUTH SIDE OF INLET BEFORE OCEAN
 REMAIN ON SOUTH SIDE OF INLET ONCE TRANSITED
 KEEP A SAFE DISTANCE FROM JETTY
 EXIT INLET AND HEAD SOUTH
 RELEASE UPON ARRIVING AT RACE COURSE.

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