

Force 5 Midwinter Championship February 19th-24th, 2018

Upper Keys Sailing Club

Key Largo, Florida

Sailing Instructions

- **Entries**

Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the organizing authority. Eligibility requirements for the competitors are current membership in the Force 5 Class Association.

- **Rules**

The rules will be governed by **The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020**, the rules of the Force 5 class, except as any of these are changed by these sailing instructions.

- **Notice to competitors**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the UKSC clubhouse.

- **Changes to sailing instructions**

Any changes in the sailing instructions will be detailed at the skipper's meeting preceding the commencement of racing.

- **Signals made ashore**

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole at the shore end of the main dock. When the AP is displayed ashore the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the AP is lowered.

- **Schedule of races**

The schedule will be announced at the skippers' meeting.

- **The course**

The course will be one of the options as shown on the attached diagram and will be determined by the RC on the water. An optimum time of 35-45 minutes/race will be attempted.

- **Marks**

Marks 1, 2, 3 and O will be orange or yellow inflatables.

- **The start**

Races will be started using rule 26. The starting 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. There will be two separate starts, one for standard rig and one for short rig.

- **The finish**

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

- **Penalty system**

Rule 44, two-turn penalty will apply for a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing.

- **Time limit**

The time limit will be 1 1/2 hours. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored did not finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rule 35 and A4 and A5.

- **Protests**

Protests shall be written on forms available at the UKSC office and delivered there within one hour after the time of the last boat's finish. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible. Decisions of the Protest Committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

- **Scoring**

The low point scoring system of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply, modified so that each boat's series score will be the total of the boat's race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of the boat's scores excluding the boat's worst score. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

- **Prizes**

Trophies will be awarded to the top five finishers in the standard rig division and top three finishers in the short rig division. A first place trophy will be awarded in the challenger division. The challenger division is any competitor who has never placed in a North American or Midwinter Championship.