
2019 Force 5 Midwinter Championship Race Week
February 18-23, 2019
Upper Keys Sailing Club-Key Largo, FL

NOTICE OF RACE

RULES

The entire regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, 2017-2020.

All national (US Sailing) prescriptions will apply.

The Force 5 class rules will apply, except as modified by the NOR or SI.

Racing rule(s) Appendix A, will be changed as discussed in paragraph 7.1 below. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rule(s) when permitted to do so.

The Midwinter Championship will be open to Standard Force 5 rigs and the "short rig." Skippers choosing at registration to sail the short rig must sail with the short rig for the entire championship and will be eligible for separate awards. Skippers registered as sailing with standard rigs during the championship will be scored with the standard rigs even if they choose to use the short rig for some or all races.

ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The regatta is open to all boats of the Force 5 class and all skippers must be a member of the Force 5 class and pay the class membership fee prior to competing.

Eligible boats may enter by registering in Regatta Networks or by registering on site. <http://www.regattanetwork.com/html/calendar.php#> Registration forms will be available at the Club. Late registration is available all regatta days but, is closed 1 hour before the first warning each day.

2.3 All competitors must have a US Coast Guard approved PFD on board and may be required to wear it while on the water. See Force 5 rules, Article VIII.

Access to the UKSC grounds will not be available to competitors until Monday, Feb. 18th due to regatta activities preceding the Force 5 Midwinters

FEES

Required fees are as follows:

\$125.00 -US Sailing Members (if paid by 1/31/19)

\$135.00 – Non-US Sailing Members (if paid by 1/31/19)

(There is no separate registration fee for the Double Handed Championship or the Nest Key Race)

\$145.00 For all who register and pay on or after 2/1/19.

Registration includes, breakfast 2 days, lunch 3 days, 1 dinner ticket, happy hours, competitor shirt and awards.

In regatta networks, you can register and pay on line or print your form and pay when you arrive at the regatta. Please register and pay in advance.

SCHEDULE

2/18/19 Monday

Club Open for practice

2/19/19 Tuesday

Nest Key Race and Kacie's Rum Rendezvous

This is a fun race. Details will be handed out at the Club 09:00

10:00 First Warning for Nest Key Race

2/20/19 Wednesday

Force 5 Double Handed Championship

10:00 – 11:00 Registration Open for Double Handed Championship only

12:00 noon Skipper's Meeting at the Clubhouse

13:00 First Warning for first race (3 races planned)

17:00 – 19:00 Jetty Party

2/21/19 Thursday

Force 5 Midwinter Championship (day 1)

10:00- 1200 noon – Registration for Midwinter Championship

11:00 -12:00 noon – Lunch at Clubhouse

1200 noon – Skipper's Meeting

13:00 First Warning

16:30 Happy Hour

17:30-18:30 Force 5 Class Meeting

2/22/19 Friday

Force 5 Midwinter Championship (day 2)

08:30 -9:30 Continental Breakfast

10:30 First Warning

2/23/19 Saturday

Force 5 Midwinter Championship (day 3)

8:00 – 9:00 Continental Breakfast

9: 45 First Warning

No race will start after 11: 45

Awards as soon as possible after the last race

Number of races: One race will constitute a championship. There is no maximum number of races.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available after Monday 2/18/19 at noon in the UKSC Clubhouse and may be posted on Regatta Network.

THE COURSES

The diagrams attached show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Other details will be included in the sailing instructions.

SCORING

The scoring system is as follows: Appendix A, low point scoring system. Appendix A is modified so that when 6 or more races are completed in a midwinter championship series, a boat's series score will be the total of the boat's scores excluding the boat's worst score.

1 race is required to be completed to constitute a championship series.

RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

Trophies will be awarded to the top 5 finishers in the standard rig division and top 3 in short rig division. Additionally, a first place will be awarded in the "challenger" division. The challenger division is any competitor who has never placed and received a trophy in a North American or Midwinter Championship.

Trophies for the double handed and Nest Key race will be explained at the skipper's meeting.

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.

FURTHER INFORMATION

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Established in 1973, the Upper Keys Sailing Club (UKSC) has a marvellous feel of old Florida. Docks, boat ramps and beach provide a beautiful view of Buttonwood Bay. This is a perfect spot for Force 5 sailing, watching beautiful sunsets and enjoying the warm and sunny Florida Keys. The UKSC is located at mile marker (MM) 99 or about 99 miles north of Key West and about one-hour drive south from Miami.

For Hotel information: www.Floridakeys.org/accommodations.htm