

COLUMBUS DAY REGATTA 2019

Conquistador Dinner & Dance

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Daily Awards
Presented

at 2620 South Bayshore Drive 1730 hours

Saturday, October 12th

**Open Bar
by Bacardi**

Come join your fellow sailors for some fun after the sun!

Tickets available online, at packet pick-up, at the Skippers Meeting and Dockside on Saturday night

\$20.00 each (\$25.00 at the door)

Limited to 500 reservations

MEANING OF THE COLUMBUS DAY CREST

In 1960 the Columbus Day Cruising Regatta Club flew the 17th Duke of Verangua, Cristobal Colon, direct descendant of Columbus, and his Duchess, from Spain to Miami to witness the annual regatta. While here the Duke gave the committee permission to use the coat of arms of the original Columbus as a club emblem.

After the voyages of discovery, the crown honored Columbus with an appointment as Admiral of the Ocean Seas and gave him his own crest with the top quarters for the Spanish crown and the bottom quarters for Columbus.

In the top left quarter the castle is for the Kingdom of Castile, for Queen Isabella I. The Lion, in the top right quarter, is for the kingdom of Aragon for Ferdinand II. Their marriage unified Spain before Columbus went to them for support of his voyages. The two bottom quarters represent the islands that Columbus discovered and the naval rank bestowed on him by the crown (the five anchors indicate the highest possible naval rank).

The artwork for this year's Columbus Day Regatta, created by Astrid Dalins, brings to life the history and meaning of the Crest that appears each year on the Columbus Day Regatta flags.



2019 Columbus Day Regatta SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

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

2. ENTRIES

The regatta will be open to classes outlined in the NOR and any Amended NOR. Competitors may register by completing the online entry form found at www.columbusdayregatta.net and paying the entry fee, or by contacting the CDR Chairman at 305-582-2937. Entries received after midnight October 7, 2019 will not be accepted. PHRF, One Design and Multihull classes must have the same number of crew on board for both days. Assignment of classes will be at the discretion of the Race Committee. A scratch sheet will be provided in each packet.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Coral Reef Yacht Club near the breezeway by the water fountain. They will also be included in the entry packet, at the Competitor's meeting and online in Regatta Network. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0700 hours Saturday October 12, 2019 on the official notice board.

Cancellation: Should severe weather threaten the safety of the Regatta, announcements will be posted at Coral Reef Yacht Club and 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

A competitor's meeting is scheduled for 1900 hours on Friday October 11, 2019 at Coconut Grove Sailing Club. The regatta shall consist of one race each day with the warning for start of the first class at 0955 hours, Saturday October 12, 2019 and at 1055 hours, Sunday October 13, 2019. Gunkhole 1 class will race Saturday October 12 and Sunday October 13, 2019. ***The Bill Beavers Memorial Class will only race on Saturday October 12, 2019.***

6. CLASS COLOR STREAMERS

Color Streamers in the packet will indicate the class and the order of starting. The starting sequence will be in accordance with RRS 26. While racing, all boats must fly their streamer from the backstay or mainsail leech (attach from one end) during both days of racing. The 2019 Bacardi Columbus Day Regatta Commemorative Flag must be displayed from the starboard shroud both days of racing.

7. RACING AREA

The start and finish for all classes, (except Bill Beavers Memorial Class finish (see note below)) will be approximately 0.5 nautical miles South East of the entrance to Dinner Key Channel. An orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and an adjacent white Bacardi inflatable mark will designate both the start and finish lines. All courses will be posted via course flags on the Race Committee Signal Boat. Please refer to the regatta brochure for description and meaning of course flags.

Bill Beavers Memorial Class will finish on Saturday October 12, 2019 in the vicinity of Mark Y described on the 'Course Signals' page in the brochure. The Bill Beavers Class will not race on Sunday.

8. COURSES and MARKS

The course will be designated by code flags which identify the course to be followed. These courses are found in the brochure. The course, distance and direction to round the marks are described under the section "Course Signals". The Race Committee will fly the Code Flag identifying the course to be sailed before the first warning each day.

Columbus Day marker "B" most likely will not be in place. If not, there shall be an inflatable yellow mark or a RC vessel displaying code flag "M" at the same approximate location. The "C" marker most likely will be in place but, if not, there shall be an inflatable yellow mark or RC vessel displaying code flag "M" at the same approximate location.

9. STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

The starting and finishing lines will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and an adjacent white inflatable white mark displaying a Bacardi logo. The class flag and number identification system is used to finish boats when crossing the finish line. **NUMBERS MUST BE HELD UP CONTINUOUSLY AND VISIBLE TO THE RACE COMMITTEE AS YOU APPROACH, AS YOU CROSS, AND UNTIL YOU ARE WELL CLEAR OF THE FINISH AREA AND/OR ARE ACKNOWLEDGED BY THE RACE COMMITTEE.** Do not tape these numbers inside your ports or put them on sails. The separate finish line for just the Bill Beavers finish will be between an Orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and an adjacent white inflatable mark displaying a Bacardi logo.

10. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for finishing for both days 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

Protests must be emailed to both of following email addresses by 2300 hours Sunday October 13, 2019. MCatalanoLaw@gmail.com and cfl@lanzalaw.com. The Protest Committee will post a notice on Regatta Network by Monday October 14th at noon informing all boats and witnesses involved in protests. The Protest Committee will convene at Coral Reef Yacht Club at 1900 hours on Tuesday October 15, 2019. All participants must be present at 1900 hours.

12. SCORING

The Regatta will be considered as two separate races, except for scoring purposes. The elapsed time for both races will be added together, and the corrected finish computed from the total elapsed time. We will use the time on distance method of scoring.

13. TROPHIES

Trophies awarded to the first three yachts in each class/division. Additional trophies awarded at discretion of the CDR Committee. This year the overall winner of the Gunkhole Class 2 will be awarded the Bill Beavers Award which will be a perpetual award in honor of Bill Beavers. All perpetual trophies will be on permanent display at Coral Reef Yacht Club with the exception of the Bill Beavers Award which will be stored/displayed by Coconut Grove Sailing Club.

AGAIN IN 2019, SATURDAY THE DOCKSIDE DINNER AND DANCE DAILY AWARD (YELLOW FLAG) MAY BE PRESENTED TO THE UNOFFICIAL FIRST PLACE ENTRY, ON DAY ONE IN EACH CLASS. RESULTS ARE CONSIDERED PRELIMINARY – NOT FINAL AND DO NOT TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION PENDING PROTESTS.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from either or both races shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. To notify the Race Committee of withdrawal or failure to finish on either day please call (305) 582-2937 or 786-390-0301 or send an e-mail to: MCatalanoLaw@gmail.com as soon as possible. Notification can also be made using VHF channel 72.

The use of water balloons, funnelators or any other water balloon throwing device or any obscene acts committed in open view will result in a protest by the Race Committee and possible exclusion from participating in any future Columbus Day Regattas. Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water may be disqualified, or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action or both. Remember, this is a fun race. If you see someone in peril, stop and help. We can give you redress if you need it for helping out. Safety is far more important than winning. If you see a beach cat capsized, please have a crew member on your boat watch the people involved and make sure they are ok before you leave the area.

15. COMMUNICATION

The Race Committee will communicate on VHF channel 72. The Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of boats over early but, the failure to make a hail or hear a hail or sound signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

16. 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.