

BISCAYNE BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions
September 1, 2019 – August 31, 2020

PART I – GENERAL CONDITIONS: ONE-DESIGN AND HANDICAP

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

1.1 Biscayne Bay Yacht Racing Association (BBYRA) member clubs shall serve individually as the organizing authority and provide race and protest committees for their regattas.

2. RULES

2.1 The BBYRA CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (SERIES) will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*

2.2 The only US Sailing prescriptions that will apply are listed in the prescriptions to rule 88.2 and V1.

2.3 One-Design and Handicap Classes will conform to their class rules, except as changed by this NOR/SI and Amendments.

2.4 Class rules regarding the number and weight of crew are not in effect for the BBYRA SERIES.

2.5 Boats are requested to carry a VHF radio for emergencies and race committee communications.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES

3.1 A member, club, or organization is invited to enter a BBYRA regatta or the SERIES in accordance with rule 75.

3.2 The minimal age for entry is 18.

3.3 To enter members, clubs, or organizations must submit a completed entry form including the fee. For a Handicap Class entry, a copy of the current ORC certificate will be included, except as permitted by rule 78.2.

3.4 For a late entry, after December 31, 2019, the SERIES fee will be prorated to cover the remaining races of the SERIES. The boat's entry may be canceled at any time, with a prorated fee returned to the entrant.

4. CHANGES TO THE NOR/SI, NOTICES TO COMPETITORS, AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Changes to the BBYRA NOR/SI will be posted on the BBYRA website at www.bbyra.net no later than 12:00 the day prior to when such changes come into effect. Posting on the website shall serve as official notice for any changes by the host race committee.

4.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole of the host club. When Signal **AP** is made ashore, no warning signal shall be made in less than 60 minutes after its removal. This changes RRS RACE SIGNALS.

5. CHECK IN

5.1 On each race day boats will check in with the race committee before a boat's first warning signal of the day by sailing past the stern of the signal vessel until acknowledged by the race committee or checking in by VHF radio. No check in will be taken during a sequence. Boats failing to check in will be considered not competing and will be scored DNC.

6. RESPONSIBILITY

6.1 The owner and person in charge, rule 46, will be responsible for the conduct of the boat's crew while on the water and during post-race prize giving at a host yacht club.

7. SAIL NUMBERS

7.1 Sail numbers are required per Appendix G. Class insignia and national letters are not required. This changes RRS 77.

7.2 Sail numbers will be the same as the numbers with which the boat is entered. After a warning, a boat failing to comply with this instruction will be scored DNC in future regattas until the boat's sail numbers are in compliance with Appendix G.

7.3 Temporary change of sail numbers may be made only with prior acceptance by the race committee.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1 The warning signal for the first race of each day is scheduled for 11:30.

8.2 Three races may be conducted each day with a maximum of five races for two-day regattas.

8.3 Classes may be started sequentially (rolling starts), individually or simultaneously.

9. RADIO COMMUNICATION

9.1 From the first preparatory signal until all racing is completed for the day a boat may only use VHF radio or cell phone for emergencies or communication with the race committee.

9.2 The race committee channel will be posted on the BBYRA website. The race committee may change a channel by posting the change on the signal vessel.

9.3 The race committee may attempt to notify boats by VHF that are identified as OCS. Failure of the race committee to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

10. SAFETY REGULATIONS

10.1 A boat withdrawing from a race or regatta shall inform the race committee as soon as practicable. A boat failing to conform to this rule will be scored DNC for the regatta. This changes RRS A5.

11. COURSES

11.1 The 2019 – 2020 BBYRA COURSES card displays Designated Courses and Designated Marks.

11.2 Designated Courses

11.2.1 Prior to a warning signal the race committee will display the sequence of class starts, the letter of the course to be sailed, the number/letter of the first mark for each class as 1X, 1Y, or

1Z, and the magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles to Marks 1 X, 1Y, and 1Z. Single marks of the course are to be left to port.

11.2.2 For Windward/Leeward courses an inflatable mark may be deployed to weather of Mark 3 as Mark 3A. The race committee will indicate if this mark is deployed by posting "3A" on the course board immediately following "the magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles to Marks 1X, 1Y, and 1Z."

11.2.3 When boats are on a Windward/Leeward course and are on the leg from Mark 1 to finish, if Mark 3 and 3A remain deployed they are not a mark of the course and may be passed on either side.

11.2.4 When boats are sailing a Triangle Course and are on the last leg to finish, Mark 3 is to be left to port.

11.3 Designated Marks

11.3.1 Prior to the warning signal the race committee will display the sequence of starts for the classes and the marks of the course, and if the first mark is an inflatable mark the magnetic bearing and the distance in nautical miles to the mark.

11.3.2 The marks will be displayed with the designated mark in an uppercase letter and the side to be left by an adjacent lowercase letter (leave mark to port- **p**, leave mark to starboard - **s**).

12. MARKS, STARTING LINE, FINISHING LINE

12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at the starboard end and a yellow inflatable mark, or a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel, at the port end.

12.2 From the direction of the last mark the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel at the starboard end and a yellow inflatable mark, or a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel, at the port end.

12.3 For designated courses "WU", "W2U", and "TU" the finishing line will be between a staff with a blue flag on a race committee vessel at the starboard end and Mark 1X at the port end.

12.4 If the race committee intends to start another race, it will display flag **R** with no sound signal while boats are finishing. If no other races will be started, flag **H** will be displayed with no sound signal.

12.5 If the course board is changed before a starting sequence the race committee will display flag **L** with a sound signal prior to the next warning signal.

13. GENERAL RECALL

13.1 For sequential starts, a recalled class will revert to the end of the sequence. This changes RRS 29.2.

14. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE:

14.1 Changes will be made in accordance with rule 33.

14.2 Changed inflatable marks of the course will not be yellow except for a changed finishing mark.

15. PENALTIES AND PROTESTS

15.1 A boat intending to file a protest or a request for redress regarding an incident in the racing area will inform the race committee of intent either orally, by VHF radio or by cell phone as soon as practicable following the boat's finish of that race. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

15.2 In order to file a protest or request for redress, by 18:00 on the day following the incident a protest must be submitted by Email to the race officer or the club race chairman. The protest committee and parties to the protest will convene at the host club at 19:00 hours on the Thursday following the event, or at such other time and place agreed upon by all parties.

15.3 DO NOT SEND RACE PROTESTS OR REQUESTS FOR REDRESS TO BBYRA.

PART II: ONE-DESIGN CLASSES

OD1. CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS

OD1.1 Three or more one-design boats entered in BBYRA will qualify as a class for prizes.

OD1.2 Class flags will be the class insignia on a white background.

OD1.3 If BBYRA has constituted a class for a boat she will be registered in that class, however, in the absence of a BBYRA one-design class a boat which is maintained in compliance with H1.2 and has a valid ORC certificate or requests an assigned rating may register in a Handicap Class.

OD2. RACING AREA

OD2.1 Boats will assemble approximately one-half mile southwest of the east entrance to Dinner Key Channel.

OD3. THE START

OD3.1 The warning signal will be made 3 minutes before the starting signal, the preparatory signal 2 minutes before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26.

OD3.2 A boat starting 3 minutes or later after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

OD4. TIME LIMITS

OD4.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class to sail a Designated Course and finish will be 75 minutes.

OD4.2 A boat failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat to finish in her class will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35.

PART III: SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - HANDICAP CLASSES

H1. RATING SYSTEMS

H1.1 BBYRA will establish ORC 1, ORC 2 and Assigned Rating (ARC) Classes.

H1.2 For eligibility in a BBYRA ORC Class a boat shall not be “dry sailed” at any time during the SERIES.

H1.3 Boats with a rating changed during the SERIES shall sail with the new rating effective the date of the change. Accumulated points for the SERIES will remain unchanged. A boat that is modified creating a rating change shall lose accumulated points.

H1.4 The *Time on Time* scoring option shall be used for Handicap Classes.

H2. CLASS PENNANTS

H2.1 Boats will display their class pennant on a backstay or starboard shroud:

Class 1 ORC - Dark Blue and White

Class 2 ORC - Orange and White

Class 3 ARC - Green and White

H3. RACING AREA

H3.1 Boats will assemble approximately one mile south of the east entrance to Dinner Key Channel.

H4. THE START

H4.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26. A boat starting 5 minutes or later following her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

H5. TIME LIMITS

H5.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class to sail the course and finish will be 90 minutes for Designated Courses and 4 hours for Designated Marks.

H5.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes for Designated Courses and 60 minutes for Designated Marks of the first boat to finish in her class will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A5.

H6. HANDICAP SCORING

H6.1 ORC Designated Courses that do not include Mark 2 shall be scored “Windward/Leeward”. Designated Courses that include Mark 2 and Designated Marks shall be scored “Long Distance”.

H6.2 The ORC “*Triple Number*” shall be MEDIUM, unless for the last vessel to finish in each class the average wind velocity has been below 8 knots the triple number shall be LOW or if the average wind velocity has been above 16 knots the triple number shall be HIGH for that class.

PART IV: SERIES, SCORING, AND PRIZES

S1. SERIES

S1.1 The yacht clubs of BBYRA may schedule up to a total of 10 regattas for the SERIES.

S1.2 A minimum of two BBYRA registered boats in a class must receive finishing points in a race in order to acquire points for the SERIES. This changes rule 98.3(a).

S1.3 A boat's BBYRA SERIES score will consist of the boat's best six regattas. The number of regattas will be reduced by one for a class in a regatta or for a regatta that is abandoned and not re-sailed.

S2. SCORING

S2.1 The Low Point System, rule A4.1, will be apply with no score excluded in a regatta.

S2.2 The last part of the first sentence of rule A4.2 is changed to read, "...one more than the number of boats participating in her class in the regatta".

S2.3 A boat loses SERIES accumulated points if the owner and/or entrant is changed.

S2.4 Rules A2.2 and A9 are not applicable in the SERIES.

S3. TIES

S3.1 Ties will be broken in accordance with rules A7 and A8.

S4. PRIZES

S4.1 Annual prizes for BBYRA entered boats for the CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES will be: First and second place prizes will be awarded to classes with up to 4 boats; first, second and third place prizes for classes with 5 or more boats. Prizes for the CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES will be awarded at the BBYRA Annual Meeting.

S4.2 Club annual regatta prizes will be awarded at the club's discretion.

S4.3 For other BBYRA regattas there will be no prizes or scheduled events after racing, however, points will be awarded participating boats for the SERIES.

PART V: WEBSITE and CONTACT

WEBSITE: www.bbyra.net

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