

## Appendix D:

### 1. GENERAL COMMUNICATION PROCEDURES

1.1. The Organizing Authority (AO) will use Central Daylight Time (CDT) during the conduct of the race for all communication time requirements.

1.2. A boat shall monitor VHF Channel 69 for any announcements made by the AO at least 60 minutes prior to starting on race day until she has started properly.

1.3. A boat shall maintain a radio watch on VHF Channel 16 while racing.

1.4. To facilitate communications between the RC and the competitors when they are offshore, the

Mobile Yacht Club (MYC) has established an Offshore Communications Team (OCT) that can be contacted via satellite telephone (SAT phone) at 251.209.8104 or single sideband radio (SSB) at 8294.0 MHz upper sideband simplex at scheduled times.

1.5. Communication between racing boats that do not contain information giving an advantage to any competitor is permitted. Re-transmission of the contents of public weather forecasts is encouraged if requested by another boat. Note that for boats that have HAM radios, Waterway Net 7.268 MHz LSB, reports Gulf safety and weather information around 0745 EST. Two HAM radio stations W4PYC or W0PBP (representing the AO) will be monitoring Waterway Net from 0800-0830. Furthermore, Maritime Mobile Service Net operates on 14.300 MHz USB from 1200- 2100 EST and provides weather information hourly on the half hour augmenting communications both with net stations and relays, and often with phone patches. For more information see [www.mmsn.org](http://www.mmsn.org).

### 2. COMMUNICATION AND TRACKING CHECK-IN PROCEDURES PRIOR TO RACE START

2.1. Each boat shall establish two-way voice communication with the OCT prior to the competitors meeting using either SAT phone or SSB at one of the following scheduled times:

- November 4, 1800-1900 CDT
- November 5, 1630-1730 CDT

2.2. During check-in, tracking communication using Kattack will be verified as possible.

### 3. COMMUNICATION CHECK-IN DURING THE RACE

3.1. The OTC will monitor Kattack tracking for each boat and if the boats track is lost, the OTC will attempt to contact the boat via SAT phone or SSB as applicable. If contact is not established via

SAT phone or SSB, the OTC will attempt to contact any other boat to relay a messages via VHF radio to the boat with an inoperable tracking device.

3.2. For any boat that has an inoperable tracking device, the boat shall contact the OTC daily 0800-

0900 CDT via SAT phone or SSB as applicable during the race to report their position and status.

3.3. Each boat is required to maintain a calling schedule and log. Throughout the race, each boat will attempt to check-in daily at 1100 CDT with other boats via VHF radio by calling on VHF Channel 16 and switching to VHF Channel 69 to exchange location information (LAT/LON) and status. If a boat is unable to contact any other boat, she should transmit her name, location, and status blind, then sign out.

3.4. Each boat is required to notify the OTC for any of the following non-emergency reasons:

- Divert to assist another boat
- Retire from the race
- Damage to the boat which may affect arrival time at Key West
- Request for assistance upon arrival at Key West

3.5. For emergency, safety, or medical situations, normal at-sea procedures should be executed as required and contact with the USCG, other nearby vessels, or others should be established.

Once the situation has been resolved, the boat should notify the OTC about the situation and current status.

