

**(This SI completely supersedes the original SI)**  
**2020 Columbus Day Regatta-Miami, Florida**  
**AMENDED 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. Entries received after noon October 7, 2020 will not be accepted. PHRF, and assignment of classes will be at the discretion of the Race Committee. A scratch sheet will be available on Regatta Network for this regatta. The Columbus Day Regatta web site will refer you to Regatta Network for this regatta. Please refer to both web sites for all official information.

**3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on Regatta Network for this regatta. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on or before 0700 hours Saturday October 10, 2020 on Regatta Network.

**Cancellation:** Should severe weather threaten the safety of the Regatta, announcements will be announced on VHF channel 71 and we will attempt to contact all boats by email or phone call.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE - None**

**5. SCHEDULE**

A competitor's meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020 at 1830 hours via zoom. **The Zoom Code is: 798 769 4906.** No passcode is required. The regatta shall consist of one race only on Saturday October 10, 2020. There will be just one start for all classes and the warning signal will be at 1000 hours.

**6. FINISH CARD AND FINISH INSTRUCTIONS**

This year, we ask you to look up your boat/bow number on the scratch sheet and make your own finish sign. There will be NO packet pick up as in years past. Please make it at least 12" x 12". We ask that you hold up the sign before finishing and keep it up until well after you finish. When a boat is finishing, they **should** hold up their boat/bow number and **shall** call their boat/bow number to the race committee on VHF Channel 71 or if near, by hail. Failure to notify the race committee via VHF or by acknowledged hails may result in the boat not being scored.

**7. RACING AREA AND STARTING SEQUENCE**

The start will be approximately 0.4 nautical miles south of the Rickenbacker Causeway in Miami in the vicinity of Marker 69. An orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and an adjacent white inflatable marks will designate the starting lines. The signal boat will be in the center of the starting line displaying a large blue RC flag in

addition to the single orange flag. There shall be two white inflatable marks, one to the east and the other to the west of the signal boat. The white marks may have a Bacardi logo on them. All **multihulls** will start between the **west** white mark and the orange flag on the signal boat. All **monohulls** will start between the **east** white mark and the orange flag on the signal boat. All course(s) will be posted on a white board on the Signal Boat. Any boat that starts more than 15 minutes after the start time will be scored DNC.

**Bill Beavers Memorial Class will start and go directly to the finish on Saturday October 10, 2020 in the vicinity of Mark “C.”**

A Red Rectangular Flag with Bacardi Logo in the center shall be the class flag for all classes.

- 1000 Warning: Raised –Class Flag
- 1001 Prep flag Raised
- 1004 Prep flag lowered
- 1005 Start CYRC – Class Flag lowered

## **8. COURSES AND MARKS**

The course will be designated by notes on the white course board on the signal boat which identify the course to be followed. If there are no instructions other than a large number 1, 2 or 3 on the signal boat white board, then the course listed is for all classes. The course board may identify different classes to sail different courses. In any event, except the Bill Beavers class, who sail directly to their finish, all classes return to finish approximately where they starting line was located.

**Course 1:** Start, sail to the featherbed marker, round it to port and return to the finish.

**Course 2:** Start, sail to marker “C,” round it to port and return to the finish.

**Course 3:** Start, sail to an inflatable yellow tomato shaped mark approximately 3.0 miles south (180 degrees) from the start, round it to port and return to the finish.

**Marker “C”** is the same “C” that BBYRA uses: C- Fl Y 4s 12ft 3M “C” (Biscayne National Park Boundary)

Marker is in the vicinity of: N25-36.090/W80-13.080

**Featherbed maker** is: “Featherbed Bank East Light” government marker “#2” (25°32.308’N 80°12.821’W)

There is no requirement to honor any other marks of any kind, other than at the start and at the finish and any assigned turning marker. Several areas on the course are extremely shallow and impassable by keelboats. Each competitor is responsible for finding water deep enough for his/her boat. Do not damage environmentally sensitive areas in the Biscayne National Park. We have been told but, cannot verify that if you don’t swing real wide away from the Featherbed marker, you should not run aground. The organizing authority and all involved cannot recommend that any vessel, regardless of size, not honor all relevant government day markers. It is up to the individual competitors to obtain current approved navigational reference tools, charts and chart plotters, to verify day marker positions. Marks

may be missing or damaged so, it is the competitor's obligation to refer to current notice to marines provided by the United States Coast Guard for all information available to the competitors.

## **9. FINISHING LINES**

The single finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and an adjacent white inflatable white mark that may be displaying a Bacardi logo. The signal boat shall be kept to port when finishing so that means you should expect the inflatable mark on the east side and the signal boat on the west side of the finish line.

The separate finish line for just the Bill Beavers finish will be between an Orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and an adjacent yellow tomato shaped inflatable mark all just west of marker "C." Marker "C" is not a finish mark for Bill Beavers class.

## **10. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for finishing 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 11, 2020. [MCatalanoLaw@gmail.com](mailto:MCatalanoLaw@gmail.com) and [cfl@lantalaw.com](mailto:cfl@lantalaw.com). The Protest Committee will post a notice on Regatta Network by Monday October 12<sup>th</sup> at noon informing all boats and witnesses involved in protests as to the times and procedures for any protest hearing. The Protest Committee will be done via zoom.

## **12. SCORING**

We will use the time on distance method of scoring.

## **13. TROPHIES**

Due to Covid 19 restrictions, the regularly scheduled awards ceremony will not take place this year. Prizes will be awarded for first through third in each class. An awards ceremony will be scheduled at a later date or in the alternative arrangements will be made for award winners to pick up their awards at a designated location at a date to be determined. Because CDR 2020 is a one-day event, no perpetual trophies will be awarded this year.

## **14. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

A boat that retires from the race 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 Chris Lanza at 305-582-2937 or Mike Catalano at 786-390-0301 or send an e-mail to:

[MCatalanoLaw@gmail.com](mailto:MCatalanoLaw@gmail.com) as soon as possible. Notification can also be made using VHF channel 71, if the RC acknowledges the call.

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 by the protest committee. 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, if possible, 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 71. 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.

#### **17. KIND MEMORIES FOR TWO AVID SAILORS WHO ARE NOW IN HEAVEN**

Dave Kurtz (Goombay) and Dave Berg (Hot Air) both passed away recently. Both were great guys. Approximately 10 minutes before the warning (0950), we will ask all to please stand for a moment of silence for both of them. Both will be looking down at us with big smiles on their faces. If anyone wants to watch the ceremony and the actual start, we will be live on Zoom. **Code 7987694906**, no passcode required. Mike Catalano, PRO.