



**470 North American Championship
(Men and Mixed Crews)
Women's 470 North American Championship
(Women Crews)
In Memory of Kevin Burnham**

January 8-10, 2021 – Miami, Florida



**Organizing Authority:
Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC)**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the 2021-2024 World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. No Class Rule variations will apply.
- 1.3. Only US Sailing Prescriptions rule 61.4, Appendix R, and prescriptions to rules 60.3, 67, 70.5(a) and 76.1 will apply
- 1.4. Appendix P will apply.
- 1.5. The race committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the race committee prior to the end of protest time limit. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be either 30 minutes after posting of the penalty notice or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 1.6. In the event of conflict between the Notice of Race (NOR) and these Sailing Instructions (SIs), these SIs and any amendment to these SIs will prevail. This changes RRS 63.7. If there is a conflict

between a Class Rule and these SIs, the SIs will take precedence to the extent allowed by the Class Rules. (For other Penalty instructions, see SI 13.)

- 1.7. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. All race documents, notices & results will be posted on the official notice board at Regatta Network. https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21516#_newsroom. Failure of a boat to read any such postings will not be grounds for redress. (This changes RRS 62.1(a).)
- 2.2. On Thursday, January 7th, at 18:00, there will be a virtual competitor's briefing, via Zoom, available at <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83964978737?pwd=MElQdEdjQmpaTkxRbmg3d0I1a09kQT09>
Phone Only +1 301 715 8592 Meeting ID: 839 6497 8737 Passcode: 362544
- 2.3. The RC will be using VHF channel 73.
- 2.4. In the event of an onshore postponement, the RC will communicate to competitors via VHF radio and by using their registered email, notifying competitors to check the on-line notice board.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any written change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted as provided in SI 2, above, no later than 120 minutes before the first Warning Signal on the day it will take effect, except that any changes in the Schedule of Races will be posted by 1900 hours on the day before they take effect.
- 3.2. Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water. The Race Committee Signal Boat shall display Code Flag "L" and announce the change in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Competitors shall approach the Committee Boat and verbally receive the change while Code Flag "L" is displayed.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flag pole at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, and notification will be sent to competing boats by e-mail. No repeater flag displays at other shore-side locations will be made.
- 4.2. When Flag "AP" is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 90 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. First Warning Signal Friday, Saturday, and Sunday will be at 1100 hours.
- 5.2. A maximum of nine races are scheduled.
- 5.3. No more than four races will be sailed per day.
- 5.4. The Men's/Mixed and Women's 470's will start together as one class, and will be scored together as one class. The Men's/Mixed Class Flag will be used as the Warning Signal.
- 5.5. The Race Committee Finishing Boat will display Code Flag "A" without a sound signal while boats are finishing a race to indicate "No more racing today." If Code Flag "A" is not displayed, boats should return to the starting area in anticipation of another race.
- 5.6. On the final day of the regatta, no Warning Signal will be made later than 1400 hours. (This changes NOR 6.1 with regard to that day.)
- 5.7. On Sunday January 10th, a virtual closing ceremony via zoom will be conducted as soon as practical after the last race.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1. The Men's/Mixed Class Flag will be displayed at the Competitors' Meeting.

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. Racing will be located in the waters of Biscayne Bay between Key Biscayne and Coconut Grove, SSE of the John A Brennan channel entrance.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The Courses and their designations will be as described in Addendum 1 - COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS.
- 8.2. Courses will be posted on a Race Committee Signal Boat course board prior to the first Warning Signal of each race. The designation of the course to be sailed, the approximate magnetic compass bearing, and approximate distance from the starting line to the first mark will be displayed (This changes RRS 27.1). See Addendum 1 attached.
- 8.3. Course Designations:
COURSE I – Start – 1 - 4S/4P – 1 – 2- 3S/3P – Finish
COURSE O – Start – 1 - 2 – 3S/3P – 2 – 3S/3P – Finish
COURSE W - Start – 1– 4S/4P – 1 - Finish
- 8.4. If Marks 4S/4P are present, they will not be marks of the course for boats on their last leg to the finish of Course W.

9. MARKS

- 9.1. Original Windward Marks and the Leeward Gate Marks will be 5.5 ft. orange inflatable tetrahedron Marks. New Marks will be yellow inflatable tetrahedron Marks. Offset marks will be cylindrical and may be either orange or yellow.
- 9.2. If one of the Leeward Gate Marks is missing, boats shall round the one remaining Leeward Mark to port.
- 9.3. The Starting Mark (see SI 10.1, below) and the Finishing Mark (see SI 12.1, below) if set, will be 5.5 ft. yellow inflatable tetrahedron Marks.

10. THE START

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end Line Boat, or the course side of a yellow inflatable Mark.
- 10.2. The Race Committee Signal Boat may deploy a stand-off buoy attached to the boat. Such buoy shall be tethered to the stern of the Signal Boat and/or the Port Line boat and will function as an extension of that boat.
- 10.3. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. (This changes RRS A4.)

11. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new Mark (or move the finish line) and remove the old Mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new Mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original Mark.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The Finish Line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee boat and a staff displaying a blue flag on a nearby support Boat, or the course side of a yellow inflatable finishing Mark.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM:

- 13.1. **Penalty at the time of the Incident** -- The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two –Turns penalty. A boat that has taken penalty turns is encouraged to notify the Protest Committee by completing the online Penalty Acknowledgement form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevmymWr-tbbll7qIh0PYm5M8iXXVZdMv_5-lbidk-7h2BQw/viewform

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. The time limit and target time (in minutes) are as follows:

<u>First Mark</u>	<u>Race</u>	<u>Target Time</u>
30	90	45

- 14.2. Any boats not finishing within 15 minutes of the finish time of the first boat in her Class (which has sailed the course in compliance with RRS 28) will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 14.3. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. A boat intending to protest should, if practicable, inform the Race Committee immediately after finishing a race and provide the identity of the protested boat(s).
- 15.2. The protest time limit is one (1) hour after the Race Committee Finish Boat docks or when a race is abandoned ashore and will be posted on the regatta website notice board. (See SI 2.1.)
- 15.3. Scoring inquiries, **including potential redress requests relating to a starting penalty**, should be initiated by filling out the online Scoring Inquiry form at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc56x9WKwLpbLRiQE5NOPGtKmntIVJQTe6-IWpISqVouz5qIQ/viewform>. Alternatively, a completed Scoring Inquiry form may be photographed and emailed to ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org. Also, questions about the status of scoring inquiries can be emailed to ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org. The RC will investigate, get back to you, and attempt to resolve the issue. If the scoring inquiry turns into a redress request, then the redress time limit will have been satisfied if the Scoring Inquiry form was submitted before the redress time limit expired.
- 15.4. Protests and **requests for redress unrelated to a starting penalty** should be initiated by filling out by filling out the online Protest form at https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzOkZE7vvK_ixfJzTr2txULYBp3CoQjtoEphz2aVXlvU5IQ/viewform. Additionally, if a diagram is required, it should be photographed and emailed to Protest@cgsc.org. Alternatively, a completed Protest form may be photographed and emailed to Protest@cgsc.org. Also, questions about the status of protests and redress requests can be emailed to Protest@cgsc.org. Virtual Protest hearings will be conducted *via* Zoom.

- 15.5. Notices will be posted promptly following expiration of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Protest hearings will be conducted virtually (via Zoom) as soon as possible and in the approximate order in which they were filed.
- 15.6. Request for Redress Filing Time shall be 30 minutes after the posting of penalty/decision, or the protest time limit whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 15.7. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.8. It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the Regatta website Notice Board or its e-mail promptly after the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest.
- 15.9. Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call until excused by the Protest Committee.
- 15.10. Breaches of Sailing Instruction 18 or 18.3 or RRS 55 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. (This changes RRS 60.1.)
- 15.11. The penalty for breaking RRS, other than Part 2 or 31, will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The Low Point Scoring System, as provided in RRS Appendix "A" shall apply, except that when fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores. (This changes RRS A2.)
- 16.2. One race sailed and completed will constitute a regatta.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in both the Men's/Mixed and Women's Classes.

18. SUPPORT AND COACH BOATS

- 18.1. Coach Vessels shall register with CGSC during Registration, receive a flag, and sign a credit card authorization. Upon request, a mooring ball will be assigned for overnight use. The vessel will be charged \$80 if the flag is not returned at the end of the regatta. No coach vessel will be allowed on the course without a flag.
- 18.2. Coach and Support Boats shall monitor the Race Committee VHF Channel and be prepared to respond to any safety-related issues in the race areas. Except when rendering assistance to a boat in danger at the boat's request or at the request of the Race Committee, support and coach boats shall stay 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Preparatory Signal for the first Class to start until the time the last boat finishes or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 18.3. A hearing may be called if a coach boat fails to comply with the requirements of this SI 18. The penalty for failing to comply with these requirements or the oral instructions of the Race Committee or the Protest Committee will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee. The penalty may be imposed on any or all boats associated with the support or coach boat.

19. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 1.1. Competitors shall wear adequate personal buoyancy while on the water, other than for brief periods while adding or removing clothing.
- 1.2. A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall promptly report this to the Race Committee via hailing and receive acknowledgement. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions by emailing RaceCommittee@CGSC.org.
- 1.3. Boats that are not leaving their harbor to race shall inform the RC Finish Boat Recorder via e-mail at RaceCommittee@CGSC.org.
- 1.4. Prior to the Warning Signal of the first race she sails each day, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the Signal Boat and shall hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee. Failure to comply with SI 1.4 will result in a three place penalty in the first race that day without a hearing. (This changes RRS 63.1.)

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 20.1. A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phone cell phone calls and text messages.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, Race Committee, host club, and their officers, employees and volunteers 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.

22. INSURANCE

- 22.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with a minimum cover of US, \$300,000 per occurrence or the equivalent.

ADDENDUM 1 COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS

EXAMPLE COURSE BOARD – R/C SIGNAL BOAT

<u>BEARING</u>	<u>COURSE</u>
120°	O
<u>RANGE</u>	
0.8 NM	

