



## 2021 Force 5 Midwinter Championship

US SAILING Center • Martin County  
Jensen Beach, Florida



April 15, 16, 17

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. Rules:

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing including Appendix T and the rules of the Force 5 Class Association.
- 1.2. By participating in this regatta, a competitor grants to the Organizing Authority and its sponsors the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any photographs, motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him or her during the period of the competition without compensation.
- 1.3. RRS A4.1 and A5 are changed such that boats starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored, DNS. RRS 35 is changed to allow the Race Committee to finish boats in place on the race-course if they are unreasonably delaying the completion of a race. RRS 63.1 is changed to also require competitors to inform the Race Committee as soon as possible after finishing of their intention to protest.
- 1.4. RRS 42.3 is changed by adding: "Where stipulated in the SI, if the average wind speed is clearly over 10 knots across the course the race committee may signal in accordance with RRS Appendix P5 that pumping, rocking and ooching are permitted except (i) prior to the start, (ii) when the boat is on a leg of the course designated in the SI as a windward leg." This changes RRS 42.2 a, b and c.

#### 2. Entry and Eligibility:

- 2.1. The regatta is open to all boats of the Force 5 class.
- 2.2. Eligible crews may be entered by completing entry form, registering with the organizing authority and paying the entry fee.

#### 3. Notices to Competitors:

- 3.1. All notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board will be online through Regatta Network <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/21819> . Each competitor has the responsibility to check this Board for information pertaining to the race.

#### 4. Changes In Sailing Instructions

- 4.1. Any change in the Sailing Instructions made on Thursday, 15 April will be posted no later than at the end of the Competitor's Meeting. Otherwise, they will be posted by 0830 on the day on which it will take effect.
- 4.2. Changes to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before the change is to take effect.

#### 5. Signals Made Ashore:

- 5.1. Signals made ashore shall be displayed on a pole on the end of the Center dock. When AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced by "not less than 30 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

#### 6. Sailing Area

- 6.1. Racing will take place on the Indian River east of the Sailing Center.

## 7. Competitors' Meeting

7.1. The competitors' meeting will be held at 1000 on Thursday, 15 April 2021 from PA system with all in the yard.

## 8. Schedule of Events

8.1. Thursday 15 April	0800-1000	Check-in
	1000	Competitors' Meeting
	1100	First Warning Signal
Friday 16 April	0930	Competitors' Meeting
	1030	First Warning
Saturday 17 April	0930	Competitors' Meeting
	1030	First Warning
	1500	No warning signal after 3:00 pm Recognition Ceremony After Racing

## 9. Courses:

9.1 The course to be sailed will be determined by weather conditions at the time of a race. Courses are shown in Attachment A. The course will consist of 1 lap unless otherwise instructed from the signal boat.

## 10. Marks:

The windward/leeward marks will be yellow cylinders. The starting pin will be a red hip-hop. The reaching mark will be an orange cylinder.

## 11. The Start:

11.1. Races will be started using Appendix U. The starting line shall be between the staff from which an orange flag is displayed on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the starting mark at the port end.

## 12. The Finish:

12.1. The finish line shall be between the staff from which a blue flag is displayed on a Race Committee boat and the finishing mark at the port end.  
12.2. The finishing boat will sound a horn for first boat finishing signaling the start of the time limit in SI 13.2. No sound signals will be made for subsequent finishes.

## 13. Time Limits:

13.1. A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4.1 and A5.  
13.2. Boats that are still present on the course but fail to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat in their rig fleet finishes will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) and receive one point more than the last boat finished within the time limit. Boats that have left the course before finishing will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, 63.1, A5, and A11. The time limit for a race will be 60 minutes for the first boat to sail the course as required by RRS 28.1.

## 14. Protests:

14.1. Any boat intending to protest must inform the Race Committee signal boat immediately following the race in which the infraction occurred.  
14.2. Appendix T will apply to all protests by a boat involving one or more rules of Part 2 or Rule 31.

## **15. Scoring:**

- 15.1. The Low Point Scoring System (Appendix A) shall be used.
- 15.2. Boats will be divided by rig sizes (5, 7, and 9) for scoring.
- 15.3. The number of races scheduled is 12. One completed race shall constitute the regatta.
- 15.4. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be total of her race scores excluded her worst score.

## **16. Safety and other Items.**

- 16.1. All competitors shall wear U.S. Coast Guard approved life jackets, or a life jacket approved by the country of their citizenship or residence, at all times while on the water. Failure to do so is protestable only by the Race Committee and may result in disqualification.
- 16.2. Before the first warning signal of the day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat and hail her sail number, which will be acknowledged.
- 16.3. A competitor who withdraws from a race or intends not to start a race shall inform the nearest safety or race committee boat as soon as possible.
- 16.4. The penalty for a breach of SI 16 shall be a 20% scoring penalty without hearing in the race closest to which the infraction occurred. This changes RRS A5.
- 16.5. Boats may touch a mark other than a starting or finishing mark. A boat shall not manhandle a mark when it results in an advantage. This changes RRS 31.

## **17. Prizes:**

- 17.1. Recognition will be given to the top three boats in each of the eligible Force 5 rig sizes (5, 7, 9) provided the fleet has 5 or more boats.

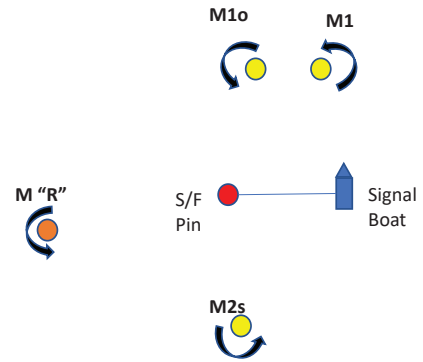
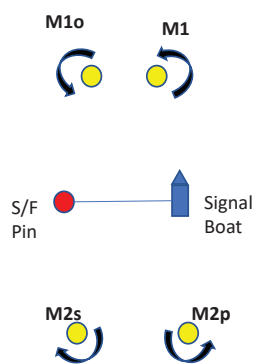
## **18. Coach and support Boats:**

- 18.1. All coach and support boats shall register and prominently fly a designated flag from a staff at all times while on the water.
- 18.2. Flags will be available at the south end of the check-in room. A security deposit will be required and returned to you at the end of the event with the return of your flag.

## **19. Disclaimer of Liability:**

- 19.1. 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.

## Attachment A Course Diagrams 2021 Force 5 Midwinter Championship



Windward/Leeward Courses	
1	S/F – M1 – M1o – M2s/p – S/F
2	S/F – M1 – M1o – M2s/p – M1 – M1o – M2s/p – S/F
3	S/F – M1 – M1o – M2s/p – M1 – M1o – M2s/p – M1 – M1o – M2s/p – S/F

Reaching Courses	
4	S/F – M1 – M1o – M"R" – M2s – S/F
5	S/F – M1 – M1o – M"R" – M2s – M1 – M1o – M"R" – M2s – S/F
6	S/F – M1 – M1o – M"R" – M2s – M1 – M1o – M2s – S/F