



2021 Columbus Day Regatta-Miami, Florida

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current USSA *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 6th, 2021, 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. There will be no ORC class this year.

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 9th, 2021 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 7th, 2021, at 18:30 hours via zoom. **The ZOOM LINK is:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/4267654588> No passcode is required. The regatta shall consist of one race only on Saturday October 9th, 2021. There will be just one start for all classes and the warning signal will be at 10:00 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 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 9th, 2021, in the

vicinity of Mark “C.” (PLEASE NOTE MARKER C is no longer in place, a drop mark with the same latitude and longitude will be dropped in place of “C” unless the “C” marker is replaced).

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 – 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, 3 or 4 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 a finish, all classes return to finish approximately where the startline was located. There will be only one finish line.

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. “C” will be a white mark.

Course 3: Start, sail to a white mark approximately 3.0 miles south (180 degrees) from the start and round it to port and return to the finish.

Course 4: Start, sail to the featherbed marker, round it to port, sail to marker “C,” round it to port, sail to the featherbed marker, round it to port and then sail to the finish.

NOTE - Marker “C” IS NO LONGER IN THE BAY, a WHITE DROP MARK in the vicinity of: N25-36.090/W80-13.080 will replace Marker “C” unless the “C” marker is replaced.

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 very 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 mariners 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 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. Both monohulls and multihulls will use the same 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 inflatable white mark displaying that may have a Bacardi logo, all just west of marker “C,” unless the “C” marker is replaced.

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 signal boat is on station, all competitors should note their 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 10, 2021. MCatalanoLaw@gmail.com and cfl@lanzalaw.com. The Protest Committee will post a notice on Regatta Network by Monday October 11th at noon informing all boats and witnesses involved in protests as to the times and procedures for any protest hearing. The Protest Committee hearing may be conducted via zoom.

12. SCORING

We will use the time on distance method of scoring.

13. TROPHIES

Considering all the COVID issues, there will be no trophy ceremony this year and the perpetual trophies will not be awarded. After the regatta, and similar to last year, the RC will decide how many trophies are to be awarded and find a way to get them to the competitors.

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, please call Chris Lanza at 305-582-2937 or Mike Catalano at 786-390-0301 or send an e-mail to: 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 after offering assistance. 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, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, or during or after the regatta.