

**MARCH 18-20, 2022**

# **MIAMI SAILING WEEK**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**FINN, FLYING SCOT, and SUNFISH CLASSES**

**18-20 March 2022**

### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. US Sailing prescriptions to RRS 63.1 and 63.2 will not apply.

### **2. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.2. Oral changes to the SI may be given on the water. The RC signal boat shall display flag "L" and announce via megaphone in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). Competitors may also approach the signal boat and verbally receive the change or read it from a whiteboard while flag "L" is displayed.

### **3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23235#\\_newsroom](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/23235#_newsroom)
- 3.2. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel **73**.

### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the CGSC flag hoist.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than sixty (60) minutes" in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.
- 4.3. 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.

### **5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1. The maximum number of races that can be sailed on one day is four (4).
- 5.2. First warning signal will sound at 1100 on all days.
- 5.3. There may be separate starts for individual classes or combinations of classes. If there are separate starts, the order of starts will be displayed on a whiteboard on the stern of the RC Signal Boat.
- 5.4. For combined starts, the RC Signal Boat will display, at the warning signal, the class flags for all classes in the combined start.
- 5.5. No warning signal will be made after 1430 on Sunday.

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## **6. RACING AREA**

- 6.1. The Racing Area will be on Biscayne Bay SE of Brennan Channel, just beyond Middle Ground Shoal and south of Dinner Key Channel.
- 6.2. The **racing area** is the space encompassing the course, the starting area, and the finishing area. It extends 100 yards beyond any racing boat and all marks. Except as permitted by SI 19, only competing boats and official vessels (designated as such by the race committee) may enter the racing area while boats are racing.

## **7. COURSES**

- 7.1. The diagrams in Attachment 1 show the courses, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2. No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed, the wind direction and the length to the weather mark on a course board.

## **8. MARKS**

- 8.1. The Start and Finish marks, if used, will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 8.2. The following marks of the course are rounding marks: 1, 2, 3S/3P, 4S/4P and will be orange tetrahedrons.
- 8.3. New marks will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 8.4. If one of the Leeward Gate Marks is missing, boats shall round the one remaining Leeward Mark to port.

## **9. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE:**

- 9.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will:
  - 9.1.1.1. Lay a new mark (and remove the original mark as soon as practicable); OR
  - 9.1.1.2. Move the gate; OR
  - 9.1.1.3. Move the finishing line.
- 9.2. When a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 9.3. The angle between Mark 1 / 1m and the leeward mark/finish may be changed up to 10 degrees in either direction to compensate for wind / current differences on that side of the course, without signals or change marks, provided the change is made before any boats begin that leg. This is added to RRS 33.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel on the starboard side and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the line boat or the course side a port-end yellow mark.
- 10.2. The race committee signal vessel may deploy a stand-off buoy attached to the stern of the boat or port end line boat. The buoy shall function as an extension of the boat.
- 10.3. The starting sequence shall be as described in RRS 26, except the race committee will make repetitive sounds as an alert approximately 6 minutes before the start (i.e., 1 minute before the first warning signal).
- 10.4. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).



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10.5. A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## **11. THE FINISH**

11.1. The finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel and a staff displaying a blue flag on a nearby support boat or the course side of a yellow inflatable finishing mark.

11.2. Flag "A" displayed with no sound, while boats are finishing means "No more racing today".

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

Please see the Notice of Race.

## **13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGETS**

13.1. Target time per race will be 45 – 60 minutes/race. Failure to meet the target time is not grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

13.2. The time limit for the first boat to round Mark 1 is thirty (30) Minutes. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.

13.3. The time limit for the first boat in a race to sail the course and finish is sixty (60) minutes. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and Did Not Finish/TLE. This changes rules 35, A 4.1, A5 and 63.1.

## **14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

14.1. Boats intending to protest an incident occurring in the racing area shall notify the committee signal vessel after conclusion of the race of her intention to protest, including the sail and/or bow number of the boat(s) being protested. This changes rule 61.1(a).

14.2. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat docks and signals with one sound signal. The race committee will post the docking time on the Official Notice Board as soon as practical after docking.

14.3. Hearing request forms for 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-IWplSqVouz5qIQ/viewform>. Alternatively, a completed Scoring Inquiry form may be photographed and emailed to [ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org](mailto:ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org). The RC will investigate and respond. 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.

14.4. Protests and requests for redress unrelated to a starting penalty should be initiated by filling out the online Protest form at: [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzOkZE7vvK\\_ixfJzfTr2txULYBp3CoQjtoEphz2aVXlvU5lQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzOkZE7vvK_ixfJzfTr2txULYBp3CoQjtoEphz2aVXlvU5lQ/viewform). Additionally, if a diagram is required, it should be photographed and emailed to [Protest@cgsc.org](mailto:Protest@cgsc.org). A completed Protest form may be photographed and emailed to [Protest@cgsc.org](mailto:Protest@cgsc.org). All Protest hearings will be conducted via Zoom.

14.5. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. All Hearings will be held via ZOOM as soon as possible and in the approximate order in which they were filed.

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- 14.6. The Race Committee will post a list of boats that have been given starting penalties or other Race Committee actions. If this list is posted prior to the protest time limit, Requests for Redress based on this posting shall be filed no later than thirty (30) minutes after the protest time limit. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 14.7. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.8. It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the Official Notice Board or its e-mail promptly after the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Should any party fail to appear when called for a hearing, the Protest Committee may proceed in accordance with RRS 63.3(b).
- 14.9. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt as soon as possible.
- 14.10. On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

## **15. SCORING**

Please see the Notice of Race.

## **16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 16.1. Prior to the first warning signal each day for the first start, each boat shall sail on starboard tack past the stern of the race committee signal boat, and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the race committee.
- 16.2. [DP] A boat that retires from a race or leaves the course before racing for the day is completed, shall notify the race committee by VHF radio before leaving the course, or at the first reasonable opportunity. Failure to do so may result in a penalty of a boat from the day's racing.
- 16.3. A boat requiring assistance shall signal by waving an extended arm, or communicate on VHF radio on channel 71 and/or 73.

## **17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 17.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee. Crew substitutes must be a member of the International Lightning Class Association. Requests for substitution will be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity. Approval will be in writing and posted on the notice board.
- 17.2. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

## **18. SUPPORT PERSON REGULATIONS**

- 18.1. Support vessels shall display a numbered flag provided by the organizing authority at all times while on the water. No 'team' flags, private signal flags, or any object that might be construed as a signal shall be flown from coach or support vessels while racing is underway.
- 18.2. Support vessels shall follow the instructions of the race committee, patrol, safety, protest committee, and other race management vessels at all times.
- 18.3. No support vessels shall tie up to or congregate around any aid to navigation, such as buoys or channel markers, or tie up to any fixed fishing gear or fishing floats.

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## **18.4. Restrictions:**

- 18.4.1. All support vessels shall stay out of the racing area while boats are racing and at least 100 yards away from any racing boat, and move slowly with minimal wake, except where permitted in this instruction. Certain support vessels may be designated as rescue craft by the Principal Race Officer or Safety Officer and given permission to enter the racing area for the purposes of rescue operations only.
- 18.4.2. When the race committee hoists (or is displaying) its orange starting line flags, all support vessels in the starting area shall proceed immediately to the waiting area and shall remain there until the race committee lowers the orange starting line flags, except that, after first and subsequent start(s) of a race, coach and support vessels may exit the waiting area and proceed slowly with minimal wake to the weather mark, only on the starboard side of the course. The race committee may close the starboard side of the course to support vessels. RRS 41 and the Preamble to Part 4 is modified as stated above.
- 18.4.3. There shall be no anchoring inside the course or in the vicinity of the finish line.
- 18.4.4. There shall be no unapproved unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) drone flight permitted above the racing area, waiting area, coach/spectator boat zones, start line or finish line.
- 18.4.5. Competitors affiliated with any coach or spectator vessel that breaks SI 19 may be protested and penalized under RRS 41, Outside Help, in which case the Preamble to Part 4 will not apply. This change is added to RRS 41.
- 18.4.6. Coaches or spectators that repeatedly and/or intentionally break SI 19 may be subject to disciplinary actions up to and including exclusion from the venue.

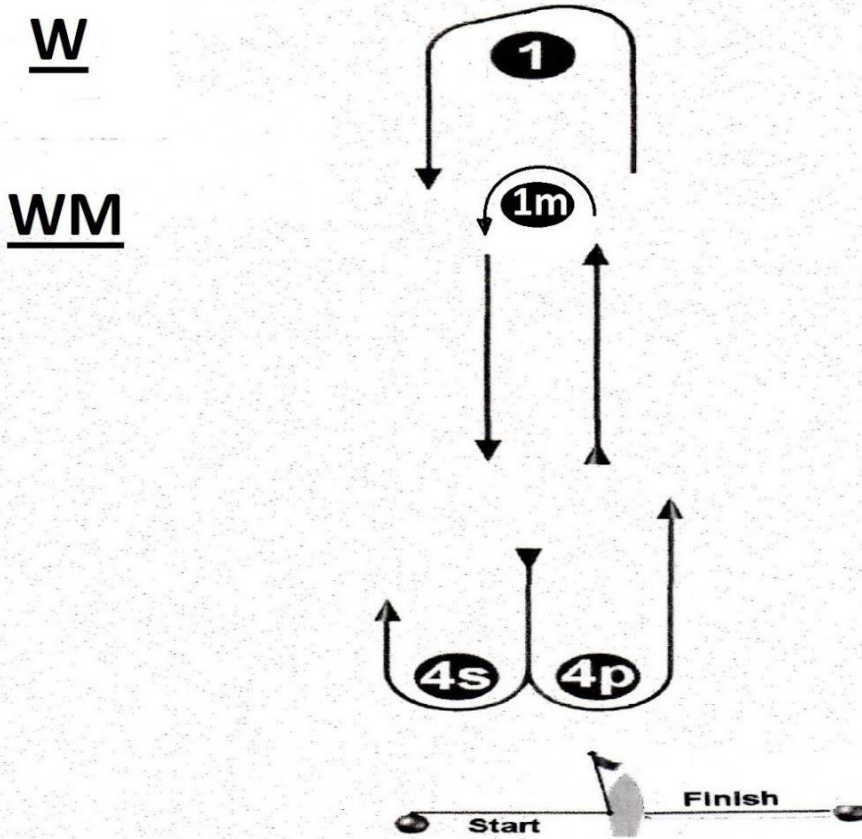
## **19. Environment [DP]**

- 19.1.1. Competitors are expected to respect Basic Principle: Environmental Responsibility. Trash may be placed aboard race committee and support vessels.

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## Attachment 1 – Course Diagram



**Course W: Start – 1 – 4S/4P – 1 – Finish**

**Course WM: Start – 1m – 4S/4P – 1m – Finish**