



UPPER KEYS SAILING CLUB  
**A-Class Catamaran Midwinters**  
**January 21-23, 2022**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**

**The organizing authority is the Upper Keys Sailing Club in conjunction with the US A-Class Catamaran Association.**

**1. RULES**

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the current *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. Racing Rule 40 will be changed as follows: Competitors shall wear personal flotation at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1.3. Rule 44.1 and 44.2 are each changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

**2. ADVERTISING**

- 2.1. Advertising is permitted in accordance with WS Regulation 20 and the applicable class rules.
- 2.2. Competitors may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

**3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES**

- 3.1. The regatta is open to foiling and classic boats of the A-Class Catamaran Association.
- 3.2. The following documents shall be provided at the time of registration:
  - 3.2.1. Completed waivers and releases including:
    - Liability Release
    - In the case of a competitor under the age of 18 years of age, a completed and Medical Authorization signed by the competitor's parent or legal guardian.
- 1.3. Only boats having completed all registration requirements will be allowed to compete.
- 1.4. Competitors may register online at RegattaNetwork.
- 1.5. Total number of spots will be limited to 40 boats. Priority will be given to the top 12 finishers in each of the classic and foiling divisions of the 2021 A Class Catamaran North Americans, who shall exclusively register before October 25th.
- 1.6. Registration will open to the general public on October 25th.
- 1.7. No entries will be accepted after 1130, Friday, January 21th.

**4. FEES**

- 4.1. The entry fee shall be US \$150 per boat if paid by January 7th. The entry fee shall be US \$170 per boat if paid after January 7th.
- 4.2. The fee for a social ticket is \$35, payable at the club.
- 4.3. Eligible entries must be received and paid for at registration either on site or via Regatta Networks.

**5. SCHEDULE**

- The Racing and Social Calendar for the regatta is as follows.
- 5.1. On any day of racing, the number of races will be at the Race Committee's discretion, based on sailing conditions and discussion with class representatives.

- 5.2 Changes in start time, if necessary, and notes about sailing conditions will be posted on the Notice Board in the UKSC Clubhouse the morning of the race day.

**Wednesday, January 19:**

- o Club opens at 0800 to accept incoming boats.

**Wednesday January 19 & Thursday January 20:**

- o Practice Days – 0800-1700

**Friday, January 21:**

- o Registration and payment - 0930-1130
- o Skippers' Meeting – 1200
- o First Race first warning 1400.
- o Chili Bar after racing.

**Saturday, January 22:**

- o First Race first warning 1200.
- o Cuban Pig Roast after racing.

**Sunday, January 23:**

- o First race first warning 1100.
- o No race to start after 1400.
- o Awards Ceremony and Pizza Party after racing completed.
- o ALL BOATS AND EQUIPMENT TO BE REMOVED FROM CLUB PROPERTY.

**6. VENUE**

The venue for competitors' meetings, meals, and social events shall be the UKSC Clubhouse. The venue for sailing shall be Buttonwood Sound, Key Largo, Florida.

**7. MEASUREMENT**

Competitors are responsible for making sure their boat complies with the Class Rules. Measuring of boats will occur only at the direction of the Organizing Authority or the protest committee.

**8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration.

**9. COURSES**

The courses will be described in the Sailing Instructions.

**10. SCORING**

- 10.1. A minimum of one race will constitute a series.
- 10.2. The Low Point Scoring System, RRS Appendix A2, shall apply except that:
  - 10.2.1. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - 10.2.2. When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - 10.2.3. When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

**11. PENALTY SYSTEM**

Rule 44.1 and 44.2 are each changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

**12. SUPPORT BOATS**

Support boats shall notify the organizing authority of their intention to be on the course, and shall obey local legislation and the instructions of race committee/OA at

all times. Rules governing the conduct of all support persons or boats will be in accordance with RRS 3, 60.3 (d) and 64.4.

### **13. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded to the top competitors overall in each class. The number of prizes will be based on the number of entrants.

### **14. PHOTOGRAPHIC RELEASE**

14.1. Participation in this regatta implies that consent by each competitor is given to the organizing authority and their sponsors to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any still or motion pictures and other reproductions of the athlete during the event without compensation.

### **15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

15.1. Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to rule 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the OA, Race Committee, Protest Committee, Upper Keys Sailing Club, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official, will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event on the water or ashore. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

### **16. SUPPORT BOAT/PERSONNEL**

16.1. Support/coach/non-race committee spectator boats shall register at UKSC at the time of competitor registration.

16.2. There is LIMITED overnight berthing for support boats at the club facility. The fee is \$10 per night. Please make arrangements in advance with Fleet Captain Robert Saylor at [fleetcaptain@upperkeyssailingclub.com](mailto:fleetcaptain@upperkeyssailingclub.com).

### **17. LOGISTICAL INFORMATION**

17.1. Boats on trailers or in boxes may arrive at the club venue *no sooner* than Wednesday, January 19, and must be removed by end of the event, Sunday, January 23.

**17.2. NO STORAGE ON SITE IS AVAILABLE BEFORE OR AFTER THE REGATTA.**

17.3. No single-use water bottles may be used in this regatta. Competitors should use re-useable bottles only. Refills for water bottles will be available on the course and in the UKSC clubhouse.

17.4. All rules concerning the disposal of trash will be strictly enforced, both on land and on water. UKSC RECYCLES.

### **18. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information please contact:

Robert Saylor, UKSC Fleet Captain, 305-304-9876, [fleetcaptain@upperkeyssailingclub.com](mailto:fleetcaptain@upperkeyssailingclub.com)  
Dustin Romey, OA, 787-707-6342, [dustinromey@gmail.com](mailto:dustinromey@gmail.com)