



Bird Key YC Nautical Gin Regatta

One Design Sailing Instructions

April 9, 2022

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by these Sailing Instructions and *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. A free PDF of these rules is available [here](#). In the event of conflict between the Regatta's Notice of Race and *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, these Sailing Instructions will take precedence.

2. Entries

Registration process, fees and communications are described in the Notice of Race, which is on the Regatta Network website:
<http://www.regattanetwork.com/event/24200>.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on Regatta Network using the above web address and sent to registrants by email and text through Regatta Network.

4. Signals Made Ashore

Signals will be made ashore at Sarasota Sailing Squadron.

5. Schedule and Class Flags

The warning signal for the first race will be at 13:00 Saturday April 9. Subsequent races will be held as soon as practicable after the end of the previous race. The class flags will have the class emblems (Flying Scot, Sunfish, Melges 15, etc.) unless otherwise indicated at the skippers' meeting.

6. Racing Area

The racing area will be Sarasota Bay near the southern end of Longboat Key.

7. Check-in with Race Committee

Oral check-in with the Race Committee Flag boat is required.

8. Courses and Marks

8.1 All courses are windward/leeward.

8.2 The Race Committee Flag boat will display on a white board a number following each class which indicates the number of legs.

8.3 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing.

8.4 The windward (orange) and offset mark (yellow) and the leeward gate (orange) will be inflatable marks.

9. Starting and Finishing Lines

9.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag flown on the Race Committee Flag boat and the course side of the Starting Mark (green).

9.2 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag flown on the Race Committee Flag boat and the course side of the Starting Mark.

10. Time Limit

10.1 The time limit for the first boat of each class to finish is 1 hour.

10.2 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35 and A4 and A5.

11. Two penalty turns, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing Rule 44, will be required for Part 2 violations (right of way). A Rule 31 violation (touching a mark) requires a one turn penalty.

12. Protests shall be delivered to the Race Committee at the Bird Key Yacht Club within one hour after the race committee boat docks. The protest time limit and a list of protests received will be posted on the notice board. Hearings will be held as soon as practicable after racing in Bird Key Yacht Club

13. Scoring

Up to three races are scheduled. All scores will count. One race constitutes a series.

14. Safety Regulations and Radio Communications

14.1 A boat that retires from a race shall attempt to notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

14.2 The use of any electronic devices shall be in accordance with class rules, except in an emergency.

14.3 VHF Channel 68 may be used for race communications. Safety and health emergencies should be reported by calling 911.

15. Prizes will be given for each class based upon the class selected in registration and the number of registrants in each class.