

2022 Boca Chita Pursuit Race

June 12th, 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing as adopted by the US Sailing Association, PHRF rules and regulations, ORC rules, and any class rules except as amended by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Class rules requiring membership in a class association shall not apply
- 1.3 The requirements of RRS, Appendix G, ISAF marking on sails, shall not apply.
- 1.4 There are no PHRF crew restrictions on number or weight of crew.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside the meeting room of the Miami Yacht Club and the Unofficial Notice Board on the <https://www.Regattanetworks.com> console.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be in writing and posted by 1800 hours June 11th, 2022 on the official Notice on the <https://www.Regattanetworks.com> console.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 There shall be no signals made ashore.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 This race shall consist of one race with individual starts for each participating vessel, at time intervals determined by the Race Committee, scheduled for Sunday, June 12th, 2022. The warning signal will be made at 0955 hours.

6. CLASS FLAGS/MIAMI-KEY LARGO RACE FLAGS

- 6.1 There shall be no class flags. A solid green flag will be used as the class/start flag.

7. COURSES

- 7.1 The Race will be sailed on one of two courses, the only difference being the rounding mark.
- 7.2 The first and longer of the two courses shall be from the signal boat at 25°44'07.6"N 80°10'58.4"W, approximately ½ mile south of the Rickenbacker Causeway in Miami to the "Featherbed Bank East Light" government marker "#2" (25°32.308'N 80°12.821'W) which must be rounded to port, and return to finish on the same line just south of the Rickenbacker Causeway in Miami.
- 7.3 The second and shorter course, to be used in wind lighter than 10knts, as measured by the signal boat prior to the warning signal, shall be from the signal boat at 25°44'07.6"N 80°10'58.4"W, approximately ½ mile south of the Rickenbacker Causeway in Miami to the "Black Ledge" government marker at (N 25 35.940 W 080 14.180) which must be rounded to port, and return to finish on the same line just south of the Rickenbacker Causeway in Miami.

8. MARKS

- 8.1 The only marks to honor are those previously mentioned.

9. THE START

- 9.1 The RC Start Boat will be displaying a large blue RC flag.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at the starboard end and a yellow inflatable tetrahedron mark at the port end.

The starting sequence is:

Minutes before start flag:

Five – Green Class Flag Raised

Four -"P" blue with white square Raised

One -"P" Lowered

Start – Green Class Flag Lowered

9.3 The first boat to start shall be the boat with the highest PHRF Handicap rating at 1000 hours. Thereafter, participants shall start at their assigned starting time.

9.4 The Race Committee will endeavor to announce the next participant and starting time over VHF Channel 69 at least one minute before said participant's scheduled start time.

9.5 Although rare, postponements will be signaled by repeated sound blasts and a postponement {AP} flag. This changes RRS rule 27.3. In the event of a postponement, one hour will be added to each participants start time.

9.6 Boats starting later than twenty {20} minutes after their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start {DNS} without a hearing. This changes RRS.35

10 THE FINISH

10.1 All boats shall finish approximately ½ mile south of the Rickenbacker Causeway in Miami at the same line they started from. The start/finish line shall be between the yellow tetrahedron and an orange flag on the East side of the RC Finish Boat. The RC Finish Boat will be displaying a large blue RC Flag.

11 Time Limit

11. The Race Committee will stop taking finishes at 6:00 PM.

12 Protests and Requests for Redress

a. Protest forms are available at http://raceadmin.ussailing.org/Assets/Race+Admin/Racing+Rules/2013-2016+RRS/2013-2016_protest_form.pdf. This year these are NOT available at Miami Yacht Club.

b. Protest forms must be submitted to Miami Yacht Club, Miami Yacht Club Officer, before 8:00PM, May 30, 2020. Submit via email to: racecommittee@miamiyachtclub.com

c. The names and numbers of boats and parties involved in all protests will be posted on the Official Race Notification Board at Yacht Scoring.com by 7:00 PM, Tuesday, May 2, 2020

d. Protest hearings will begin at 7:00PM, Wednesday, May 3, 2020, and will be conducted via zoom.

e. Redress will not be granted for damaged or missing government markers.

f. No redress will be granted regarding wind velocity recording for ORC. The final wind bearing, velocity, and course selection will take place aboard the RC Committee Boat at 0940 hours and then entered for the record.

13 SCORING

a. An entry sheet shall be distributed at the virtual Skipper's meeting. It will identify the scoring system that will be used for each class.

b. Scoring for each class shall be based on the time difference between each boat's start time and their r

c. Ties will be broken in favor of the person who is older by chronological age of the tied registered skippers. This modifies RRS Rule A7.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

a. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Please use VHF Channel 69 or call 305-467-8740 or (305) 310-5774

b. All boats must carry a tow line at least 20' long.

c. All non-cruising catamaran sailors must wear PFDs while racing. This modifies RRS rule 40.

d. All boats must have one person 18 years or older or be accompanied by a safety boat that has a person 18 years or older.

e. Each skipper is responsible for the safety and security of his/her crew. All boats must carry all equipment required by law and by the provisions of these Sailing Instructions.

f. All competitors must abide by all CDC and local health and safety regulations regarding safe social distancing practices for boaters.

15 ADVERTISING

a. Advertising will be restricted to ISAF Regulation 20.

16 CANCELLANTION

a. Short of a hurricane or extremely bad weather, the race will not be cancelled or abandoned.

b. The race will not be rescheduled.

Addendum 1

The Miami Yacht Club as the Organizing authority for annual Miami Key-Largo Race *cannot recommend* that any vessel, regardless of size, *not* honor all relevant government day markers.

The northern most day markers for the channels outlined in 7.2 are listed below. It is up to the individual skippers to obtain current approved navigational reference tools, charts or chart plotters, to verify day marker positions.

Markers may be missing or damaged, please refer to Current Notice to Mariners provided by USCG. Featherbed Bank: northernmost day markers are "3" and "4". Southern most are "5" and "6".

