



2022 Columbus Day Regatta-Miami, Florida

Sponsored by Bacardi SAILING INSTRUCTIONS October 8th & 9th, 2022



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1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2. ENTRIES

The regatta will be open to classes outlined in the NOR and any amended NOR. Entries received after 1700 hours October 5th, 2022, will not be accepted. Assignment of classes will be at the discretion of the Race Committee. A scratch sheet will be available on Regatta Network. The Columbus Day Regatta web site will refer you to Regatta Network. 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 8th, 2022, 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 6th, 2022, at 18:30 hours via zoom. The ZOOM LINK is:

Meeting: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86294131880>

Meeting ID: 862 9413 1880

The regatta shall consist of one race on Saturday October 8th, 2022, and one race on Sunday October 9th, 2022. 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

You are required to look up your boat/bow number on the scratch sheet found on Regatta Network and make your own finish card. There will be NO packet pick up. Please make your finish card at least 12" x 12". When a boat is finishing, they **must hold** up their boat/bow number and **shall** call their boat/bow number to the race committee on VHF Channel 71 or if nearby, hail to the race committee. Failure to notify the race committee via VHF 71 or be acknowledged 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 an adjacent white inflatable mark 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 8th, 2022, 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 "C" is somehow put back into place)

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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 (Blue w/white square in center)
- 1004 Prep flag lowered (Blue w/white square in center)
- 1005 Start – Class Flag lowered

There will be no warning signal after noon on October 9th, 2022.

- **OCS Penalty:** If a competitor is OCS at the start the competitor SHALL NOT turn back to restart. This is a safety issue meant to avoid collisions. This changes RRS 29.1. Your penalty will be an additional 5 minutes added to your elapsed time.

8. COURSES AND MARKS

The course will be designated 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 starting line was located. There will be **only one** finish line.

Course 1: Start, sail to marker “C,” round it to stbd and return to the finish. “C” will be a white mark.

Course 2: Start, sail to Mark “C” round to stbd, go to Mark “S” round to stbd, return to finish

Course 3: Start, sail to Mark “C” round to stbd, go to Mark “S” round to stbd, go to Mark T “round to port, sail to Mark “M” round to stbd & return to finish.

Course 4. Start, sail to a white mark approximately 3.0 miles south (180 degrees) from the start, round it to port and return 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 they somehow replace the “C” marker.

Course Coordinates are listed below:

Start Boat: located approximately 25 43.996 080 11.689 – approximately 0/4 nm south of Rickenbacker Causeway

Mark C: located approximately 25 36.090 080 13.080 – drop mark

Mark M: located approximately 25.40.566 080.14.309 – drop mark in vicinity of Matheson Hammock Entrance

Mark S: located approximately 25.39.141 080.14.710 – drop mark in vicinity of Entrance to Gables by the Sea

Mark T: located approximately 25.43.914 080.13.809 – Gov’t Mark Flashing Green

There is no requirement to honor any other marks 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. 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 marines provided by the United States Coast Guard for all information available to the competitors.

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9. FINISHING LINES

A single finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and an adjacent white inflatable white 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. If the finish boat is not on station, a mark will remain in place. Use your GPS coordinate for the start to determine when you finished. Document your time and call 305-342-2528 or the RC will monitor VHF 71.

The separate finish line for **just the Bill Beavers finish** will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and an adjacent white inflatable white mark displaying that may have a Bacardi logo, all just west of marker "C."

10. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for finishing on both days is 1700 hours. Boats not finishing by 1700 hours will be scored DNF. This changes RRS35.

11. PROTESTS

Protests must be emailed to both of following email addresses by 2300 hours Sunday October 9th, 2022 to: **healthcare@invited.to** The Protest Committee will post a notice on Regatta Network by Monday October 10th by noon informing all boats and witnesses involved in protests as to the times and procedures for any protest hearing. The Protest Hearing will be conducted via zoom.

12. SCORING

We will use the time on distance method of scoring.

13. TROPHIES

There will be no trophy ceremony, but the perpetual trophies may be awarded. After the regatta, the RC will post the results on Regatta Network and mail trophies to the winners of the first three places in each class.

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 **Susan Wallcutt at 305-297-7757 or Sharon Bourke at 305-342-2528** or send an e-mail to: **healthcare@invited.to** as soon as possible. Notification can also be made using **VHF channel 71**. Please ensure the RC acknowledges your 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. This is a fun race. If you see someone in peril, stop and help. We can give you redress if you need it for helping. Safety is more important than winning. If you see a boat 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.

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16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

Sharon Bourke Race Officer

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