



# MIAMI RS FEST

March 29, 2024 – April 1, 2024



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

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*The organizing authority (OA) is Coconut Grove Sailing Club. The host facility is Coconut Grove Sailing Club, 2991 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, Florida 33133.*

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the respective class rules for each of the following classes: RS Aero, RS Feva, RS Tera, and RS21.
- 1.2 No US Sailing Prescriptions will apply except RRS 64.1, Appendix R and prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 61/4, 67, 70.5(a), and 76.1.
- 1.3 If there is a conflict between the Sailing Instructions and the notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7
- 1.4 Boats will be in compliance with class rules except when they may be changed by the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions or Amendments.
- 1.5 Personal Flotation Devices: RRS 40.1 applies and is modified hereafter. International competitors only may wear an appropriately sized PFD as approved for use in the competitor's country of origin. The preamble to Part 4 will not apply.
- 1.6 The notation [NP] in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. The notation [SP] in a rule means that the penalty for breach of the rule shall be a penalty published by the organizing authority or race committee and shall be applied by the race committee without a hearing.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS and COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 The Official Notice Board is electronic, and can be accessed directly at [https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26993#\\_newsroom](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26993#_newsroom)
- 2.2 Coaches and Support vessels shall carry VHF radios and shall monitor and communicate on VHF Channel 73.

### 3. FORMAT

- 3.1 The RS 21, Aero 7, Tera and Feva Fleets will each have separate starts.
- 3.2 The Aero 5 and Aero 6 Fleets will have one combined start.
- 3.3 A maximum of four (4) races per day will be run for each fleet.

#### **4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)**

- 4.1** Any change to the SI will be posted on the official notice board by 0800 on the day that 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.

#### **5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE AND LAUNCHING**

- 5.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located on the lawn of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club, and posted to the Official Notice Board.
- 5.2** When flag “AP” is displayed, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 45 minutes” in Race Signal “AP”. This changes Race Signal “AP.”
- 5.3** [NP] All boats shall be kept at Regatta Park in the assigned area until the harbor launch times.

#### **6. RACING AREA:**

- 6.1** The Racing Area shall be on Biscayne Bay SE of Brennan Channel, just beyond Middle Ground Shoal. See NOR Attachment B, which is a separate race document.

#### **7. THE COURSE AND CHANGES TO COURSE LEG(S)**

- 7.1.** SI Addenda 1 and 2 illustrate the courses for each fleet, including the general configuration of the marks, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 7.2.** If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the remaining mark to port.
- 7.3.** The race committee may make changes to the course configuration up to 10 degrees and/or 0.1 nautical miles without signaling a change of course per RRS 33. This modifies RRS 33.

#### **8. ROUNDING MARKS**

- 8.1.** RS21, Aero 7, and Aero 5/6 Fleets - Orange inflatable tetrahedrons.
- 8.2.** Tera and Feva Fleets: Yellow inflatable tetrahedrons.

#### **9. RESTRICTED AREAS**

- 9.1** 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.
- 9.2** The **waiting area** is the area to leeward of the racing area below the starting line, If Support Vessels are to anchor, they will do so at a distance specified by the Principal Race Officer.

## **10. THE START**

**10.1** Races will be started using Rule 26, Five minute starting sequence

### **10.2** Class Flags

10.1.1 RS21 Fleet: RS21 logo on black background

10.1.2 Aero 7 Fleet: "7" on yellow background

10.1.3 Aero 6 Fleet: "6" on purple background

10.1.4 Aero 5 Fleet: "5" on light blue background

10.1.5 Feva Fleet: RS Feva logo on white background

10.1.6 Tera Fleet: RS Tera logo on black background

**10.3** The starting line for all fleets will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of an orange inflatable tetrahedron on the port end.

**10.4** Multiple sounds may be made to call attention to an imminent warning signal.

**10.5** [NP] A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS), without a hearing. This change is added to RRS A5.

**10.6** The race committee will not hail the sail numbers of boats that are OCS or subject to starting penalties under RRS 30. Unofficial 'race committee actions' may be broadcasted on the fleets' respective VHF channel as a courtesy to coaches and spectators after all boats have started and/or may be displayed on a notice board on the signal boat. The official list of race committee actions will be posted on the official notice board.

**10.6** Prior to the warning for a subsequent race (except for the last race of the day), the sail numbers of boats subject to scoring penalties will be posted on a board near the stern of the RC Signal Boat. The Race Committee may make courtesy announcements with this information via VHF radio.

## **11. THE FINISH AND RETURN TO THE STARTING AREA**

**11.1** The RS21, Aero 7, Aero 5/6 finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee finish vessel at the port end and the course side of a green inflatable tetrahedron on the starboard end.

**11.2** The Feva and Tera reaching finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of a green inflatable tetrahedron on the port end.

**11.3** [NP] Immediately after finishing, all boats shall sail clear of the finishing area and promptly return to the waiting area as shown in SI Addendum 1.

- 11.4 Flag “A”** displayed (with no sound) while boats are finishing means “no more racing today.” **Flag “H”** displayed while boats are finishing means “await further instructions ashore”. (This modifies the prescription to RRS 32.2)

## **12. TIME LIMITS**

- 12.1 Mark One Time Limit:** The time limit for the first boat to round Mark 1 is twenty (20) Minutes. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race shall be abandoned.
- 12.2 Race Time Limit:** The time limit for the first boat in a race to sail the course and finish is forty-five (45) minutes.
- 12.3 Finishing Window:** Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first boat in a race sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing with a score of the number of competitors in that race plus one. This changes A5.2 and adds TLE as a scoring abbreviation to A10.

## **13. PENALTIES**

- 13.1** Penalty at time of incident. The first two sentences of RSS 44.1 are changed to: “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while within the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.
- 13.2** Post-Race Penalties:
- 13.2.1** Provided that Rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
- 13.2.2** A Post-Race Penalty is a 20% Scoring Penalty as stated in Rule 44.3(c). However, rule 44.1(a) applies.
- 13.2.3** A boat takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the Race Office a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred. For that purpose, the boat may use the online form at:  
[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevmymWr-tbbIl7qIh0PYm5M8jXXVZdMv\\_5-lbidk-7h2BQw/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSevmymWr-tbbIl7qIh0PYm5M8jXXVZdMv_5-lbidk-7h2BQw/viewform)

## **14. PROTESTS**

- 14.1** A boat intending to protest another boat concerning an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after she finishes inform the race committee at the finishing line of her intent to protest and, when applicable, the identity of the protestee.

- 14.2 Protest Time Limit** -- The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee finishing vessel docks. The protest time limit (filing deadline) will be posted on the official notice board as soon as practical.
- 14.3** The protest notices required by RRS 63.2, and the notification of protests by the race committee or protest committee required by RRS 61.1(b), will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after a protest has been delivered, but not later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit. It is a boat's sole responsibility to check the Hearing Schedule at Regatta Network ([https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26993#\\_newsroom](https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/26993#_newsroom)) or its email promptly after the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest.
- 14.4** A breach of SIs: 5.3, 10.4, 11.2, 17, 18, 19, will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This change is added to RRS 60.1(a).

## **15. REDRESS REQUESTS AND SCORING INQUIRIES**

- 15.1 Scoring Inquiries**, including potential redress requests relating to a scoring penalty, are considered Requests for Redress per RRS 62.1. They should be initiated by filling out the online forms at <https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSc56x9WKwLpbLRiQE5NOPGtKmmtlVJQTe6-IWplSqVouz5qlQ/viewform>. Alternatively, a completed Scoring Inquiry form may be photographed and emailed to [ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org](mailto:ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org). Questions about the status of scoring inquiries can be emailed to [ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org](mailto:ScoringInquiry@cgsc.org). The RC will investigate, get back to you, and attempt to resolve the issue. 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.
- 15.2 Requests for Redress unrelated to a starting penalty should be initiated by** filling out the online Protest/Redress form at [https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzOkZE7vvK\\_iXfJzfTr2txULYBp3CoQjtoEphz2aVXlvU5lQ/viewform](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdzOkZE7vvK_iXfJzfTr2txULYBp3CoQjtoEphz2aVXlvU5lQ/viewform). If a diagram is required, it should be photographed and emailed to [Protest@cgsc.org](mailto:Protest@cgsc.org). Alternatively, a completed Protest form may be photographed and emailed to [Protest@cgsc.org](mailto:Protest@cgsc.org). Questions about the status of protests and redress requests can be emailed to [Protest@cgsc.org](mailto:Protest@cgsc.org).
- 15.3** If the race committee posts a list of boats scored OCS, UFD or BFD on the official notice board before the time limit cited in SI 14.2, a request for redress based on such a posted score shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the posting or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This change is added to RRS 62.2.

- 15.4 Requests for redress relating to an OCS or starting penalty** shall state the procedural error the competitor believes the race committee may have made. Further, the competitor will be expected to establish that he or she started properly. This change is added to RRS 62.2. See World Sailing Case 136 for guidance.
- 15.5 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 change is added as the last sentence to RRS 62.2.

## **16. SCORING**

- 16.1** One (1) completed race shall constitute the event.
- 16.2** Scoring based on number of races completed: This changes RRS A2.1.
- 16.2.1** When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores.
- 16.2.2** When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **17. SAFETY AND CHECK-OUT/CHECK-IN PROCEDURES [SP][NP]**

- 17.1 Race-Course Check-in** - All boats must check in with the Race Committee prior to the Warning Signal of the first race each day by sailing past the stern of the Signal Boat on starboard tack and hailing her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.
- 17.2** A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall promptly report this to the Race Committee via hailing and receive acknowledgement. If this is not possible, once back to shore, the skipper shall email [sherman@dlawton.com](mailto:sherman@dlawton.com)

## **18. SUPPORT PERSON REGULATIONS [NP]**

- 18.1 General support (coach and spectator) vessel requirements:**
- 18.1.1** 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.
- 18.1.2** Support vessels shall follow the instructions of race committee, patrol, safety, protest committee, and other race management vessels at all times.
- 18.1.3** 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.

## **18.2 Restrictions - support boats:**

**18.2.1** All support vessels shall stay out at least 100 yards outside the racing area while boats are racing, 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.

**18.2.2** 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.

**18.2.3** There shall be no anchoring inside the course or in the vicinity of the finish line.

**18.2.4** 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.

**18.3** Competitors affiliated with a coach, support or spectator vessel that breaks SI 18 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** Coaches, spectator, or support personnel that repeatedly and/or intentionally break SI 18 may be subject to disciplinary actions up to and including exclusion from the venue.

## **19 ENVIRONMENT [NP]**

Competitors are expected to respect Basic Principle: Environmental Responsibility.

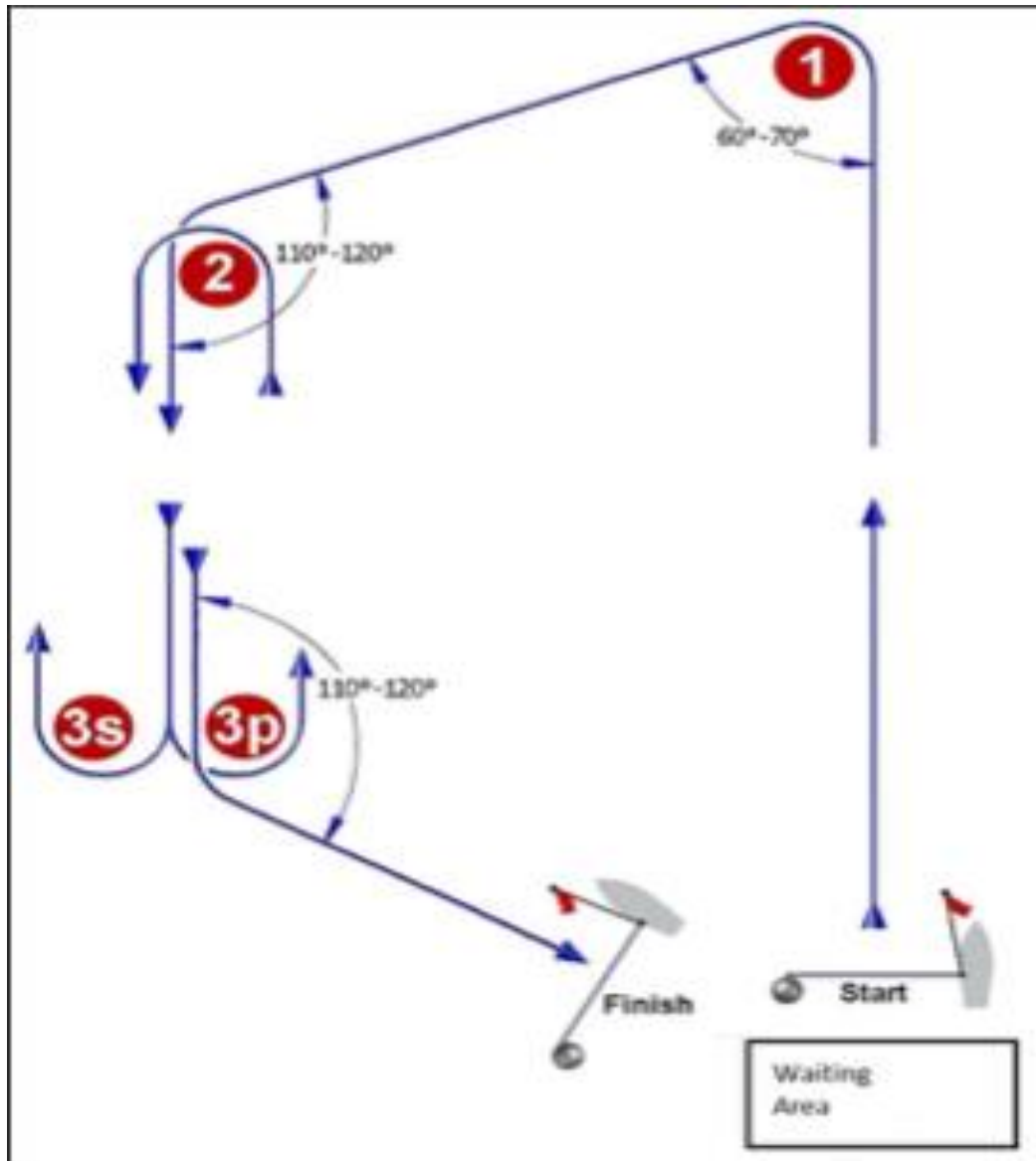
Trash may be placed aboard race committee and support vessels.

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<b>PRO</b>	Ian McClelland
<b>Chief Judge</b>	Richard Etkin

# SI ADDENDUM 1 - RACE COURSE

RS21, Aero 7, Aero 5/6

Outside Trapezoid - Start-1-2-3S/P-2-3S/P-Finish





## SI ADDENDUM 2 - RACE COURSE

RS Tera and RS Feva – LR Course

<b>LR</b>	<b>COURSE: WINDWARD / LEEWARD with reaching finish</b>
<b>Signal</b>	<b>Mark Rounding Order</b>
<b>LR2</b>	<b>Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2p – Finish</b>
<b>LR3</b>	<b>Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2p – Finish</b>
<b>LR4</b>	<b>Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2p – Finish</b>

