

BISCAYNE BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

**Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions
September 1, 2023 – August 31, 2024
Rules Applicable to Goombay Pursuit race**

PART I – GENERAL CONDITIONS: ONE-DESIGN AND HANDICAP

2. RULES

2.2 The US Sailing prescriptions to the rules: 34, 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, 88.2, Appendix R; and Appendix V1. No other prescriptions are applicable.

2.3 One-Design and Handicap Classes will conform to their class rules, except as changed by this NOR/SI and Amendments.

2.4 Class rules regarding the number and weight of crew are not in effect for the BBYRA SERIES.

2.5 Boats are requested to carry a VHF radio for emergencies and race committee communications.

4. CHANGES TO THE NOR/SI, NOTICES TO COMPETITORS, AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole of the host club. When Signal **AP** is made ashore, no warning signal shall be made in less than 60 minutes after its removal. This changes rule RACE SIGNALS.

5. CHECK IN

5.1 On each race day boats will check in with the race committee before a boat's first warning signal of the day by sailing past the stern of the signal vessel until acknowledged by the race committee or checking in by VHF radio. No check ins will be taken during a sequence. Boats failing to check in will be considered as not competing and will be scored DNC.

7. SAIL NUMBERS

7.1 Sail numbers are required per Appendix G. Class insignia and national letters are not required. This changes rule 77.

7.2 Sail numbers will be the same as the numbers with which the boat is entered. After a warning, a boat failing to comply with this instruction will be scored DNC until the boat's sail numbers are in compliance with Appendix G.

7.3 Temporary change of sail numbers may be made only with prior acceptance by the race committee.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1 The warning signal for the first race of each day is scheduled for **11:30**.

9. RADIO COMMUNICATION

9.1 From the first preparatory signal until all racing is completed for the day, a boat may only use VHF radio or cell phone for emergencies or communication with the race committee.

9.2 The race committee channel will be posted on the BBYRA website. The race committee may change the channel by posting the change on the signal vessel.

9.3 The race committee may attempt to notify by VHF boats that are identified as OCS. Failure of the race committee to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1.

10. SAFETY REGULATIONS

10.1 A boat withdrawing from a race or regatta shall inform the race committee as soon as practicable. A boat failing to conform to this rule will be scored DNC for the regatta. This changes rule A5.1, A5.2; and A10.

11. COURSES

11.1 The BBYRA COURSES card as published on the website displays Designated Marks.

Designated Marks:

11.3.1 Prior to the warning signal the race committee will display the sequence of starts and the marks of the course for each class. If the first mark is an inflatable mark, the magnetic bearing and distance to the mark in nautical miles will be displayed.

11.3.2 The marks will be displayed with the designated mark in an upper-case letter and the side to be left by an adjacent lower-case letter (leave mark to port - **p**, leave mark to starboard **s**).

12. MARKS, STARTING LINE, FINISHING LINE

12.1 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 mark, or a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel, at the port end.

12.2 For a downwind finish on courses WD, W2D, TWD, and T2D - the finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel at the starboard end and a yellow inflatable mark.

12.3 For an upwind finish on courses WU, W2U, and TU - the finishing line will be between a staff with a blue flag on a race committee vessel at the starboard end and Mark 1X at the port end.

12.4 If the race committee intends to start another race, it will display flag **R** with no sound signal while boats are finishing. If no other races will be started, flag **H** will be displayed with no sound signal.

12.5 If the course board is changed before a starting sequence, the race committee will display flag **L** with one sound signal prior to the next warning signal.

13. RECALLS

13.1 For sequential starts that are rolling, a recalled class will revert to the end of the sequence. This changes rule 29.2.

13.2 For sequential starts that are not rolling, a recalled class will not revert to the end of the sequence but shall be restarted.

15. PENALTIES AND PROTESTS

15.1 A boat intending to file a protest or a request for redress regarding an incident in the racing area shall inform the race committee of intent either orally, by VHF radio or by cell phone as soon as practicable following the boat's finish of that race. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.

15.2 In order to file a protest or request for redress, by 18:00 on the day following the incident a protest must be submitted by **Email** to the race officer or to the club race chairman as stated in an amendment to the sailing instructions for a specific event. The protest committee and parties to the protest will convene at the host club at 19:00 hours on the Thursday following the event, or at such other time and place agreed upon by all parties. If stated in the amended sailing instructions for a specific event, the protest committee, at its discretion may use a video conference protest hearing process to replace an in-person hearing.

15.3 DO NOT SEND RACE PROTESTS OR REQUESTS FOR REDRESS TO BBYRA.

PART III: SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - HANDICAP CLASSES

H1. RATING SYSTEMS

H1.1 BBYRA will establish PHRF, Assigned Rating Classes (ARC); and Multihull.

H1.2 Boats with a rating changed during the SERIES shall sail with the new rating effective the date of the change. Accumulated points for the SERIES will remain unchanged. A boat that is modified, thus creating a rating change, shall lose accumulated points.

H1.3 The *Time on Time* scoring option shall be used for Handicap Classes. H1.4 The MASF scoring option shall be used for Multihull class.

H2. CLASS PENNANTS

H2.1

Class 1 ORC - Dark Blue and White

Class 2 PHRF - Orange and White

Class 3 ARC – Green or Green and White

Class 4 Multihulls - Solid Dark Blue

H3. RACING AREA

H3.1 Boats will assemble approximately 1.0 NM south of the east entrance to Dinner Key Channel. (Donovan's Light).

H4. THE START

H4.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26. A boat starting 5 minutes or later following her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rule A5.1 and A5.2.

H5. TIME LIMITS

H5.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class to sail the course and finish will be 90 minutes for Designated Courses and 4 hours for Designated Marks.

H5.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes for Designated Courses and 60 minutes for Designated Marks of the first boat to finish in her class will be scored DNF. This changes rules 35, A5.1; and A5.2.

PART IV: SERIES, SCORING, AND PRIZES

S2. SCORING

S2.1 The Low Point System, rule A4, will be applied with no score excluded in a regatta.