

**Lauderdale Yacht Club  
Boomerang Regatta  
Annual Regatta – Ocean Course  
Opti, ILCA Classes  
March 2-3,2024**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1.0 RULES**

- 1.1 This regatta is organized under the authority of the Lauderdale Yacht Club and will be sailed under the management of the Lauderdale Yacht Club Race Committee. The regatta will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the prescriptions of US Sailing except those of rule 63.2, the rules of the classes competing as they apply to that class, except as any of these are changed by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions, and properly posted amendments thereto. The US Sailing Prescriptions are available at [www.ussailing.org](http://www.ussailing.org)
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.3 Each owner/charterer is solely responsible for the safety of his/her boat and the decision whether or not to launch, proceed to the race course, start or continue to race is the owner's/charterer's responsibility and not that of the Lauderdale Yacht Club.
- 1.4 If the race committee determines ocean sailing conditions, or port transit conditions, are unsuitable for any class or any part of a class, designated competitors may be assigned an alternate location and courses in protected waters, or not permitted to sail. This changes RRS 4 (Decision to Race).
- 1.5 Appendix "T" will apply for this event but T1(b) is changed to a 20% penalty.

**2.0 ENTRIES**

- 2.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing registration with the Lauderdale Yacht Club Race Committee in accordance with the Notice of Race. Each Class must have a minimum of five entries.

**3.0 EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION**

- 3.1 Equipment must conform to the regulations of the class concerned. In addition to any class requirements, all entrants shall carry a tow line of at least 25 feet in length and at least 1/4 inch in diameter.
- 3.2 Conformance to these equipment standards or inspection of a boat in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of a boat's skipper for the safety of a boat. The Race Committee reserves the right to inspect entries for eligibility and equipment requirements at any time prior to the awards. Boats which fail to comply with these equipment standards are subject to protest by the Race Committee. If such a protest is sustained, the boat may be disqualified or assessed an appropriate penalty.

**4.0 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the event's Official Notice Board outside the Atlantic Room.

## **5.0 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

5.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it takes effect. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it takes effect.

## **6.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the easternmost flagpole of the Lauderdale Yacht Club.

6.2 Code flag AP, Answering Pennant, displayed with two accompanying sound signals means the racing is postponed. When AP is lowered with one accompanying sound signal, the time of the warning signal for the next race will be posted on the regatta notice board. This changes Race Signals.

6.3 Code Flag L displayed ashore indicates all competitors ashore should return to the Pavilion (skippers meeting area) for instructions.

## **7.0 ORAL INSTRUCTIONS**

7.1 Oral instructions may be given by the Race Committee with the following procedure: **DISPLAY OF CODE FLAG "L"**. The Race Committee boat will display code flag L and all competitors will pass astern of the Race Committee Signal Boat on starboard tack to receive the oral instructions.

## **8.0 SCHEDULE**

Saturday, March 2nd, 2024

Sunday, March 3rd, 2024

Skippers Meeting 0915

Harbor Start 0900

Harbor Start 0930

First Warning 1000

First Warning 1100

No warning after 1500.

Subsequent races to follow

## **9.0 RACING AREA**

9.1 The Racing Area is the Atlantic Ocean, approximately 1 mile South of Port Everglades inlet and approximately 1/2 mile offshore.

## **10.0 COURSES**

10.1 Courses are shown on the attached course diagrams. Mark Y (Opti weather mark) is not a mark for ILCAs.

10.2 The designation for the course to be raced for each class will be displayed on a course board on the signal boat prior to the warning signal of each race.

## **11.0 MARKS**

11.1 Marks are designated on the course diagrams and are as follows: the windward mark for each class and leeward gates will be MarkSet Bots, replacement marks if used will be yellow tetrahedrons. Finishing marks shall be between a finish boat with line flag and an orange ball.

## **12.0 START**

- 12.1 Class flags for each class racing will be described at the Skipper's Meeting.
- 12.2 The Start will be in accordance with RRS 26.
- 12.3 The starting line will be as follows:
  - 12.3.1. For the Opti fleet, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and an anchored inflatable tetrahedron at the port end (Mark S).
  - 12.3.2. For the ILCA fleets, between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of a white ball on the port end, set between Mark S and the signal boat.
- 12.4 Boats whose preparatory signal has not been made, and support boats, shall remain 50 yards to leeward of the starting and finish line.
- 12.6 There may be multiple sounds before the warning signal.

### **13.0 SAFETY**

- 13.1 Except for brief periods when adding or removing clothing, all sailors must wear adequate personal buoyancy at all times while on the water. Code Flag "Y" will not be displayed. This changes RRS 40.
- 13.2 Boats not leaving the harbor for the day's racing shall inform the Regatta Office prior to the harbor start.
- 13.3 A skipper requesting assistance should attempt to signal by waving one arm over the skipper's head.
- 13.4 A boat that decides not to compete in the race or retires after starting a race shall notify the Race Committee or report to a designated Safety Boat or Safety Ball as soon as practical. **No boat shall leave the vicinity of the racing area without communicating with, and obtaining permission, from the Race Committee.**

### **14.0 CHANGE OF COURSE**

- 14.1 A mark, including a gate or finish mark, may be moved up to 10 degrees or up to .10 nm in distance in response to a change in wind direction or strength without signal, provided no boat has begun the leg. This changes RRS 33.
- 14.2 A change of course greater than 10 degrees after the start will be signaled at the mark beginning the leg being changed by a Race Committee Signal Boat that will display code flag "C" with the appropriate Class Flag, the appropriate compass bearing to the new mark position and sound a signal periodically. If no Class Flag is displayed the course change applies to all classes. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, even though the mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark position may be relocated to maintain the original course configuration.

### **15.0 FINISH**

- 15.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee Signal Boat and the appropriate mark F in accordance with the course diagram.

## **16.0 TIME LIMIT**

- 16.1 The time limit for the first boat to finish will be 75 minutes. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class finishes will be scored DNF. This modifies Rule 35.

## **17.0 PROTESTS AND REDRESS**

- 17.1 Competitors are strongly encouraged to monitor the Official Notice Board for protest and scoring penalty notices. Time limits will be strictly enforced for notices properly posted, and failure to check the board when notice has been properly posted will not be grounds for redress.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the docking of the Race Committee finish boat.
- 17.3 A request for redress for a scoring penalty (OCS, ZFP, BFD, UFP) shall be made no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit when the scoring penalty was posted on the Official Notice Board prior to the protest deadline. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 17.4 Requests for redress relating to a starting penalty must 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 changes RRS 62.2.
- 17.5 Appendix "T" will apply for this event but T1(b) is changed to a 20% penalty.
- 17.6 Only the Race Committee or Protest Committee may protest a competitor for violation of SI's 3, 13, and 20, and the Protest Committee may assess a scoring penalty other than disqualification for their violation.

## **18.0 SCORING**

- 18.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A, will apply modified so that each boat's regatta score will be the total of her race scores, with her worst score discarded if six or more races have been completed. Six races are scheduled, of which one race shall be completed to constitute a regatta.

## **19.0 PRIZES**

- 19.1 Race trophies will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class (or greater at the discretion of the Lauderdale Yacht Club Race Committee).

## **20.0 SUPPORT AND SPECTATOR BOATS**

- 20.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The racing area is defined as fifty yards away from the outside of the exterior lay lines of the race course.
- 20.2 All coach boats must register with the Race Committee prior to the Skipper's Meeting and each will be issued a flag that must be displayed at all times while afloat. All support and spectator boats shall monitor channel 69 for requests from the Race Committee to assist with fleet safety. Support and spectator boats may enter the race area at the request of the Race Committee or when they deem it necessary to assist a boat in distress.
- 20.3 Anchoring of event vessels on Coral Reefs, Hard bottom or Seagrass is prohibited under Florida Law. Offshore spectator, support and/or coach vessels are prohibited from anchoring anywhere in the vicinity of the event.
- 20.4 Special provisions are in effect for the protection of, including but not limited to Manatee, Sea Turtle & Sawfish, as well as critical habitat, including but not limited to Johnson Sea Grass, Staghorn and Elkhorn corals. See attached information for further reference.
- 20.5 Competitors may not drop off or retrieve gear from Race Committee boats. Competitors may drop off trash on Race Committee boats.

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