

**2015 Miami Midwinter Regatta
Hosted by Miami Yacht Club
RS:X 9.5 and RS:X 8.5**



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, including Appendix B, Windsurfing Competition Rules.
- 1.2 Only the US Prescriptions to rules 61.4, 67, 76.1 and Appendix R will apply. These will be posted on the regatta notice board at CGSC.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located Coconut Grove Sailing Club

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located at Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC).
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE

5.1

Fri, Jan 16	1530-1800	Check In	Coconut Grove Sailing Club
	1800	Competitors meeting	Coconut Grove Sailing Club
	1830	Social Gathering	Coconut Grove Sailing Club
Sat, Jan 17	1200	First Warning signal	
Sun, Jan 18	1200	First Warning Signal	
Mon, Jan 19	1200	First warning Signal	
	1500	Latest time for initial First Warning Signal	
	TBD	Closing Ceremony	Coconut Grove Sailing Club

- 5.2 A maximum of 11 course races are scheduled to be sailed.
- 5.4 To alert boards that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least one minute before a warning signal is made.
- 5.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1500

6* CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>
RS:X 8.5	BLUE RS:X class flag
RS:X 9.5	WHITE RS:X class flag

7 RACING AREAS

Course racing will take place located just west of GCSC on Biscayne Bay.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 The course to be sailed will be posted on the signal boat.
- 8.3 In response to course conditions, the race committee may move one or the other gate mark without a signal.
- 8.4 Where there is a gate, if one of the gate marks is missing the remaining gate mark will be left to port.
- 8.5 Where there is an offset, if the offset is missing, the remaining mark will be left to port and the next leg will be directly to the next mark of the course.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks 1, 1L, 2S and 2P will be orange inflatables.
- 9.2 New marks, as provided in instruction 11.1, will be inflatables of a different color.
- 9.3 The starting and finishing marks will be yellow inflatables.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark at the starboard end and the course side of the start mark.
- 10.2 Boards whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.3 A board starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 11.2 Except at a gate, boards shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes rule 28.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing boat and the course side of the nearby finish mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 Appendix P will apply as changed by instruction 13.2.
- 13.2 Rule P2.3 will not apply and rule P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one. P5 is excluded.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 The time limit for the first board in each class to reach the first mark in a course race is 15 minutes. If no board has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.2 Course length will be set by the race committee to give a target time of 30 to 40 minutes for the first board in each class to complete the course. Failure to meet target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 14.3 Boards failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first board in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available at the protest/regatta desk, located at the CGSC. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last board has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.
- 15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the CGSC.
- 15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boards under rule 61.1(b).
- 15.5 A list of boards that, under instruction 13.2, have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.
- 15.6 Breaches of instructions 10.3, 17, 19, 21 and 22 will not be grounds for a protest by a board. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
- within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- This changes rule 66.

15.8 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 changes rule 62.2.

16 SCORING

16.1 One race required to be completed to constitute a series.

- 16.2 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- (b) When from 5 to 11 races have been completed, a board's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while on the water, except for brief periods when changing clothing. Wet/dry suits are not pfd's. This SI may change a class rule.

17.2 Upon arrival in the course area each day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the race committee signal boat on starboard tack and hail her sail or bow number until acknowledged by the race committee.

17.3 A board that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

18 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A board or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a board can be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 EVENT ADVERTISING

Boards may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

21.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay outside areas where boards are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boards have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

21.2 Support boats, including coaches, shall register at Check-In and be marked with their national flag or country code.

22 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

23 PRIZES

23.1 Prizes will be awarded to each competitor placing first, second and third in each class.

23.2 Other Prizes may be awarded.

24 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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.

25 INSURANCE

Each participating board shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$2,000,000 USD per incident or the equivalent.

ATTACHMENT A – Course Illustrations

Windward-Leeward with Hollywood Finish Course
Flag “B”

Classes	Mark Rounding Order
RSX 9.5	Start-1L-2s/2p-1L-2p-Finish
RS:X 8.5	Start-1-2s/2p-1-2p-Finish

