

49er, 49er FX and Nacra 17

Midwinters Regatta

Miami, Florida, USA

16th-19th January 2015

The Organizing Authority is the Coconut Grove Sailing Club in conjunction with the International 49er Class and Nacra 17 Class Associations

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Where there is conflict with the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions (SIs) shall prevail, except that neither shall change nor alter any Class Rules.
- 1.3 The US Sailing Prescriptions that will apply are stated in full in Addendum A of these sailing instructions.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will prevail.

2. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Competitors may also use their own camera recording equipment and attachments. A boat shall not be given redress based on a claim involving this equipment. This changes rule 62.1

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC), will be available from the Miami Rowing Club Beachmaster, and will be emailed to all competing boats affected by the Notice. Failure of a boat to receive or read such email will not be grounds for redress. (This changes rule 62.1(a).)

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs will be posted not less than two hours before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races, will be posted by 20:00 the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located at the Miami Rowing Club. When a signal is displayed over a class flag, it applies to that fleet only.
- 5.2 Flag D displayed ashore with one sound signal this means: "the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed or not before the scheduled time, whichever is later. Boats shall not leave their allocated berth until this signal is made".

6. SCHEDULE OF REGISTRATION AND RACES

Date	Description	Time
Friday, January 16	Check-In at CGSC	15.30 – 18.00
	Competitors Meeting at CGSC	18.00
Saturday, January 17	Warning Signal 49erFX	10.30
	Warning Signal 49er	11.00
	Warning Signal Nacra 17	11.30

Sunday, January 18	Warning Signal 49erFX	10.30
	Warning Signal 49er	11.00
	Warning Signal Nacra 17	11.30
Monday, January 19	Warning Signal 49erRX	10.30
	Warning Signal 49er	11.00
	Warning Signal Nacra 17	11.30

When more than ONE (1) race, or sequence of races, will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The Class Flag for the 49ers will be a 49er class insignia on a white background.
- 7.2 The Class flag for the 49er FX will be the 49er FX class insignia on a blue background.
- 7.3 The Class flag for the Nacra 17 will be the Nacra 17 class insignia on a white background.

8. RACING AREAS

Attachment B shows the location of the race area in Biscayne Bay.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 Attachment A shows the course to be sailed, the order in which the marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, and the signals indicating the number of rounds to be sailed.
- 9.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal vessel may display the approximate compass bearing from the race committee signal vessel to Mark 1.
- 9.3 The leeward mark will be a gate.
- 9.4 A gate may be replaced by a single mark to be left to port.
- 9.5 On the last leg to the finish, the leeward gate is not a mark.

10. MARKS

- 10.1 Marks for the 49er course will be orange shapes.
- 10.2 Marks for the 49er FX course will be yellow shapes.
- 10.3 Marks for the Nacra 17 course will be orange shapes.
- 10.4 Start and finish marks for the 49er course will be two Race Committee vessels.
- 10.5 Start and finish mark for the 49er FX course may be a green shape.
- 10.6 Start and finish mark for the Nacra 17 course will be a yellow shape.

11. THE START

- 11.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and either (a) the course side of the starting mark or (b) a staff displaying an orange flag on a boat at the port end.
- 11.2 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes rules A4 and A5.
- 11.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one (1) sound signal not less than two (2) minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the existing marks (or move the finishing line).

13. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and either (a) the course side of the finish mark or (b) a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat.

14. TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the two turn penalty is replaced by a one turn penalty including a tack and a gybe.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the CGSC and from the Miami Rowing Club Beachmaster. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the CGSC protest desk within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The protest time limit will be posted (and emailed) on the jury notice board located at the CGSC. The protest time limit will be 90 minutes after the last boat of the fleet has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area. This time limit also applies to requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted (and emailed) within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Hearings will be held in the jury room located in the CGSC. Hearings may start before the scheduled time with the agreement of all parties.
- 16.4 The race committee or jury intending to protest a boat under rules 60.2 or 60.3 will comply with rule 61.1(b) by informing her by posting a notice before the end of the protest time limit of the last fleet to finish.
- 16.5 For the purposes of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the Organizing Authority.
- 16.6 Breaches of SIs 2, 5.2, 18, 19.2, 21, 22, and 23 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides.
- 16.7 On the last day of racing, a request for redress from a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The low point scoring system of Appendix A, will apply.
- 17.2 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 When six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's final score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.4 No warning signal for the Final Races will be made after 15:00 on Monday 19 January.
- 17.5 Ties will be broken in accordance with rule A8.
- 17.6 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or series results, a boat shall complete a scoring enquiry form available at the race office. Scoring enquiry forms shall be delivered to the race office. A scoring enquiry may be regarded as a request for redress.

18. SAFETY

- 18.1 Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices while on the water, except for brief periods when changing clothing. Wet/dry suits are not considered pfd's. This SI may change a class rule.
- 18.2 Boats not leaving the shore for the day's races shall notify the race office as soon as possible.
- 18.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 18.4 When so asked by the race committee signal vessel, all coach and other support boats will collaborate with the race committee in rescue tasks.

19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 19.1 Any boat or equipment may be checked for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions at any time. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for measurement checks.
- 19.2 All boats, when not afloat, shall be placed in the official dinghy park.

20. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be identified by blue race committee flags.

21. SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the area where boats are racing or within 50 metres of any boat racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first fleet to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. This SI does not apply during rescue operations.
- 21.2 At all times while on water, support boats shall display either their national flag on a staff with the top of the hoist minimum 1.5 m above water level or their national code letters (minimum height 200mm) on the outside of the hull or on the outboard motor cover.
- 21.3 Support boats that are motoring at more than 5 knots shall remain at least 150 metres from any boat that is racing.
- 21.4 Support boats shall comply with any reasonable request from a regatta official.
- 21.5 All support boats are at all times submitted to the Organizing Committee and race committee authority, are legally considered as assistance / rescue boats and must comply with any instructions given by these authorities or by the police.
- 21.6 The jury may direct the Organizing Authority to revoke privileges from any boat or person found to be in breach of SI 21.

22. TRASH DISPOSAL

As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. The penalty for breaking rule 55 is at the discretion of the jury and may be less than disqualification.

23. RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

24. PRIZES

The Organizing Authority will provide prizes to the first three boats in the 49er, 49erFX and Nacra 17. Other prizes may be awarded at their discretion.

25. 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.

26. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of Euro 1,500,000 or the equivalent per incident.

ADDENDUM A

US Sailing Prescriptions

The US Sailing prescriptions that will apply at the regatta are stated below:

61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress

US Sailing Prescribes that no fees shall be charges for protests or requests for redress.

67 Damages

US Sailing prescribes that:

- (a) A boat that retired from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liabilities for damages.*
- (b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing authority shall adjudicate any claims for damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.*
- (c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by the application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risks' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.*

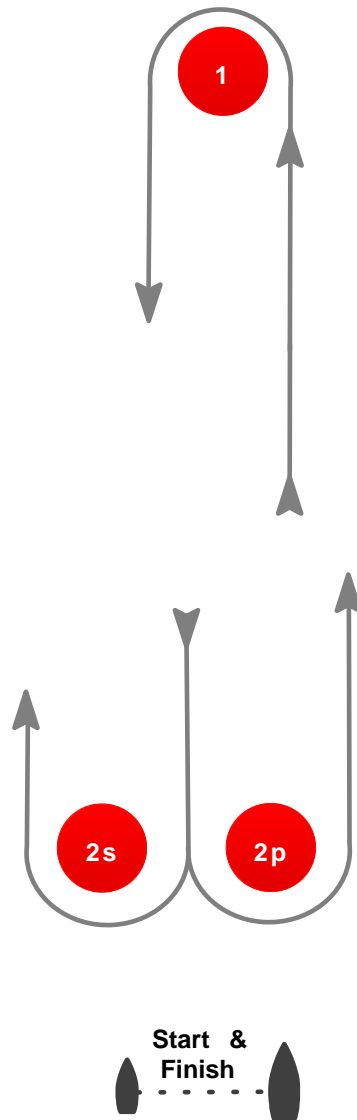
76.1 Exclusion of Boats or Competitors

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation or age.

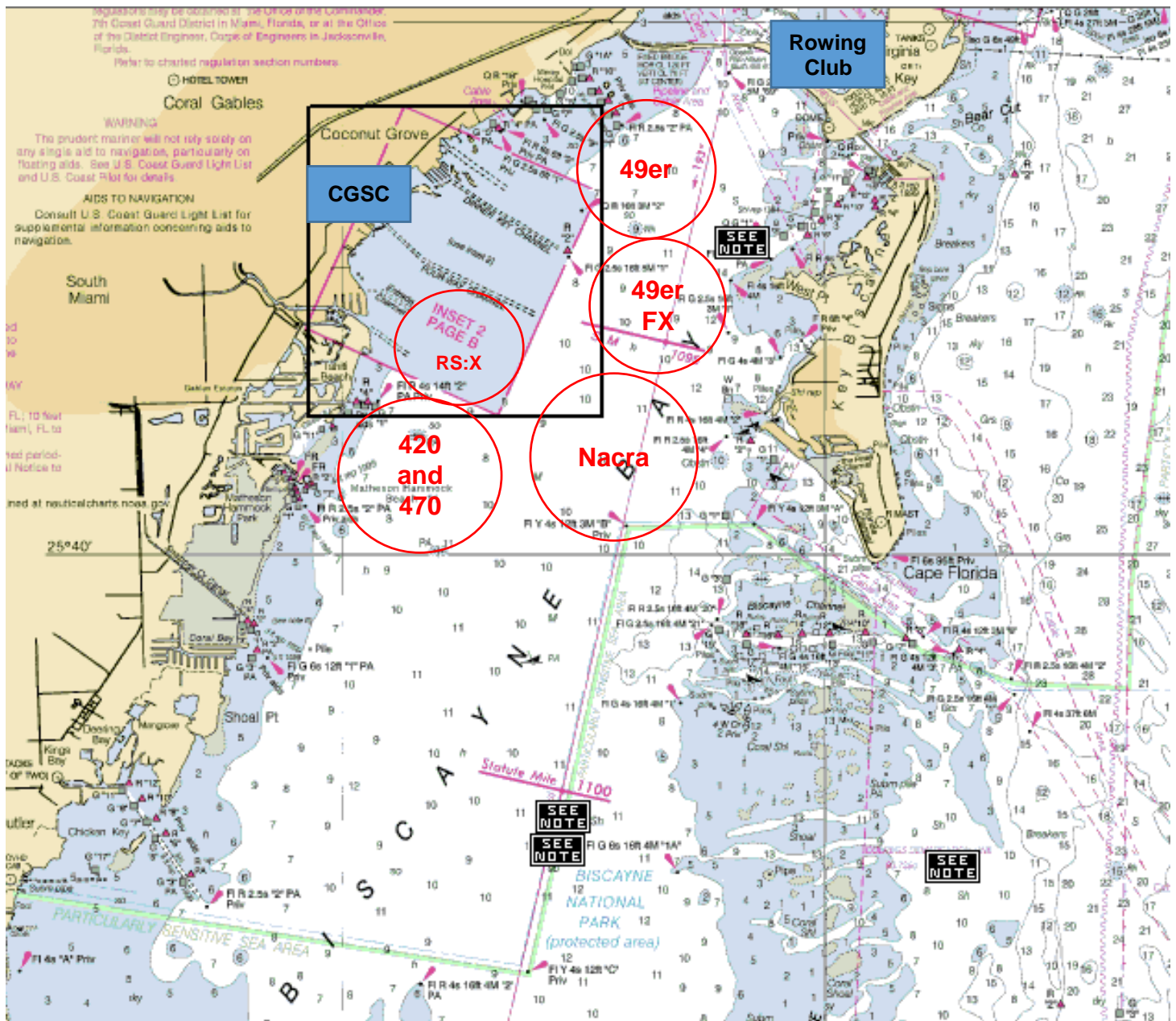
US Sailing Appendix R Procedures for Appeals and Requests will be in effect. For full text please see document as posted on the official notice board at CGSC or <http://www.ussailing.org/race-officials/rules> and open US Sailing Prescriptions.

Course Layout

L	COURSE : WINDWARD / LEEWARD
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - Finish
L3	Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - Finish
L4	Start - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - 2s/2p - 1 - Finish



Attachment B



49er	Diameter – 1.0 nm	Center – N 25 43.520 W 080 11.840
	Radio channels – 73 and private 2	
49er FX	Diameter – 1.0 nm	Center – N 25 42.360 W 080 11.670
	Radio channels – 72 and private 3	
RS:X	Diameter – 1.0 nm	Center –
	Radio channels – 71	
Nacra	Diameter – 1.3 nm	Center – N 25 40.900 W 080 11.800
	Radio channels – 69 and private 4	
420/470	Diameter – 1.5 nm	Center –
	Radio channels – 74	

