



***Orange Bowl International Windsurfing Regatta
Biscayne Bay Yacht Club
December 27-30, 2019
Coconut Grove, Florida***

***SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Revised 12/23/2019 at 17:00***

Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC) is the Organizing.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by Appendix B, Windsurfing Competition Rules, including US Sailing prescriptions to rules 61.4, 67, 76.1, Appendix R, the ***Techno 293*** class rules, and the ***RS:X*** class rules.
- 1.2. These sailing instructions and any amendments to them will take precedence over the notice of race in case of a conflict. (This changes Rule 63.7.)

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. The participating Classes shall be:
 - 2.1.1. Green Fleet –Boys & Girls with 1 year or less of racing experience
May utilize any sail 6.8 meters or less.
 - 2.1.2. Techno 293 U15/U17
 - 2.1.3. Techno Plus - Youth Boys & Girls under 19 years of age on December 31st, 2019
 - 2.1.4. RS:X – Boys and Girls
- 2.2. Age Divisions for Techno 293:
 - 2.2.1. Techno 293 (U15) shall be under 15 years of age on December 31st, 2019
 - 2.2.2. Techno 293 (U17) shall be under 17 years of age on December 31st, 2019

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the first floor of the BBYC clubhouse.

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any change in the sailing instructions (SI) will be posted on the official notice board before 11:00 on Friday and Saturday, and before 9:30 on Sunday, or announced on the water prior to the warning signal of each race. If a change is to be made, it will be posted on the official notice board, or announced from the race committee (RC) signal boat, with display of flag L and one sound.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the BBYC flagpole.
- 5.2. All boards shall remain in the staging area while flag O is hoisted. No boards shall launch prior to the harbor start signaled by the drop of the flag with a sound signal.
- 5.3. Flag AP Answering Pennant with two sounds, means: "Racing is postponed. Do not leave the harbor." The first warning signal will displayed not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered with one sound.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- Thursday, December 27th, 2019 – Registration of competitors and support boats will be at Biscayne Bay Yacht Club between 16:00 – 19:30.
- Friday, December 28th, 2019 – Competitor's Briefings at 11:00. First Warning Signal 12:30
- Saturday, December 29th, 2019 – First Warning Signal 12:30
- Sunday, December 30th, 2019 – First Warning Signal 11:00. No Warning Signals after 15:00. Prizes to follow racing.

7. SAFETY AND CHECK-OUT / CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

- 7.1. Each competitor must sign out at the RC table before launching each day indicating their departure to the race course, and are required to sign-in upon their return to shore. If a competitor will not be racing, they must notify the RC. Failure to follow Safety Check-Out/Check-In Procedures will result in the sailor being penalized pursuant to sailing instruction 15.6.
- 7.2. All competitors must check-in by passing the stern of the RC signal boat, hailing the board's sail number, until acknowledged by the race committee.
- 7.3. Each competitor must wear a properly secured US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) or their national equivalent from the time the board leaves the dock until it returns to the dock. A safety whistle, to be used for emergency purposes only, will be attached to the PFD.
- 7.4. A board which retires for breaking a rule, withdraws, or intends not to start a race must inform the nearest race committee boat as soon as possible.

8. CLASS FLAGS

Techno Plus and U17/U15 Class Flag – PINK

Green Class Flag – GREEN

RS:X Class Flag– LIGHT BLUE

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1. The racing area will be on Biscayne Bay to the west of the Intracoastal Waterway in the vicinity of Q R 16 ft 3M "2" (Red Quick Flash north of Dinner Key Channel).

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The course will be designated by a red numeral displayed on a board located on the RC signal boat.
- 10.2. SI Addendum No.1 describes and illustrates the courses.

11. MARKS

- 11.1. For **Techno Plus** the rounding mark WL will be a *yellow cylinder*, and the L mark will be an orange round mark. The start and finish marks will be yellow.
- 11.2. For **Techno U15/U17** the rounding mark WL will be a *yellow cylinder*, and the L mark will be orange round mark. The start and finish marks will be yellow.
- 11.3. For **Green Fleet** the rounding mark WS will be an orange cylinder, and the L mark will be an orange round mark. The start and finish marks will be yellow.
- 11.4. For **RS:X** the rounding mark WL will be a *yellow cylinder*, and the L mark will be an orange round mark. The start and finish marks will be yellow.

12. THE START

- 12.1. Appendix B is changed, all classes will be started using WRC 26 System 1 (as modified below).
- 12.2. Multiple, short sound signals with display of a class color means, “The class is to come to the starting area”. There will be an interval between sequences.
- 12.3. Start Sequences:

Minutes Before Starting Signal	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Means
3	Class Flag	One	Warning Signal
2	P, I, U, Black Flag	One	Preparatory Signal
1	Preparatory Flag Removed	One Long	One Minute to Start Start U15 in Pink U15/17 Fleet
0	Class Flag Removed	One	Start Signal

- 12.4. **The Start of the U15 Techno 293 Division will be at the removal of the Preparatory Flag for the Pink U15/U17 Fleet.**
- 12.5. The starting line for all classes will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and a yellow cylinder to port of the signal boat.
- 12.6. A board starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored, ‘Did Not Start’ (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A4.1, and extends time for displaying flag X pursuant to RRS 29.1 from four minutes to five minutes.
- 12.7. A board whose preparatory signal has not been made will keep clear of the starting area.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and a staff displaying a blue flag on an adjacent RC boat (or an inflatable mark) on the port side of the signal boat.
- 13.2. Flag H displayed with no sound while boards are finishing means, “No more racing today.”
- 13.3. Boards penalized during a race will have their sail number displayed on a board on the signal boat at the finish.

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1. The time limit for the first board to sail the course and finish is 45 minutes.
- 14.2. Boards failing to finish within twenty (20) minutes after the first board sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

15. PROTESTS & PENALTIES

- 15.1. As soon as practical after finishing or retiring from the race in which the infraction occurred, a protesting board will notify the RC finish boat until acknowledged.
- 15.2. The RC shall post on the official notice board the docking time of the signal boat, the sail numbers of all protesting boards and boards being protested, requests for redress, and penalties assessed by the RC.
- 15.3. Protest forms will be available at the RC table. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the docking time of the RC boat.
- 15.4. Protests will be posted on the official notice board within 15 minutes of the end of protest time. This posting constitutes notification required in RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2.
- 15.5. Protests will be heard in the approximate order in which they were received.
- 15.6. Boards not in compliance with SI 7.1 (Safety Check-Out or Check-In) will receive a 5 point scoring penalty applied to the nearest race, without a hearing. This changes RRS 61.1(a), 4.1 and A5.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2. The worst score will be excluded upon completion of 6 races.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Prizes will be given for *Green Fleet*, *Techno U15*, *Techno U17*, *Techno Plus*, and *RS:X*.

18. GREEN FLEET COACHING

- 18.1. Coaching of *Green Fleet* while racing is permitted, however, coaching shall be limited to the bottom half of the fleet in any race. Coach boats shall neither create wakes nor otherwise interfere with competitors. Violation of this instruction may result in a RC protest, RRS 3 as amended by World Sailing.

19. SUPPORT PERSONS

- 19.1. All *Support Person* boats must register with organizing authority and provide boat identification during registration hours at BBYC between **16:00 – 19:30** on Thursday, December 27th, 2019.
- 19.2. All *Support Person* boats must monitor Channel 68 at any time they are in the vicinity of the course, and comply with all reasonable requests from the RC.
- 19.3. *Support Persons* will not be on the race course or starting area from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boards have finished or the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification of the competitor(s) associated with the Support Person and/or eviction of the Support Person and boat from BBYC. The RC may issue warnings on VHF of potential rule infringement.

20. ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

- 20.1. Competitors are prohibited from discharging any refuse overboard. Competitors may place trash aboard RC and Support Boats. The penalty for breaking this rule is at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 20.2. The USCG alerts participants to be aware of the presence of manatees in the race area. Should injury or death of a manatee occur, immediately report the incident to the Florida Marine Patrol's "Manatee Hot Line" at 1-888-404-FWCC (1-888-404-3922).

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY


- 21.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

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ADDENDUM No. 1 COURSES

Marks of the courses – Round all marks to Port:

WL – Yellow cylinder windward mark 

WS – Orange round windward mark 

L – Orange round leeward mark 

Start/Finish Line – Yellow cylinder 

BLUE COURSE: Sail to WL (Yellow cylinder mark)

#1 – Start – WL – Finish

#2 – Start – WL – L – WL – Finish

#3 – Start – WL – L – WL – L – WL - Finish

PINK COURSE: Sail to WL (Yellow cylinder mark)

#1 – Start – WL – Finish

#2 – Start – WL – L – WL – Finish

#3 – Start – WL – L – WL – L – WL - Finish

GREEN COURSE: Sail to WS (Orange cylinder mark)

#1 – Start – WS – Finish

#2 – Start – WS – L – WS – Finish

