# The Key West Winter Series powered by Sailing Inc. Jan 16 - 18, 2021 & Mar 5 - 7 2021 Key West, FL

# Sailing Inc. is the Organizing Authority (OA) of The Key West Winter Series powered by Sailing Inc. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI's)

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 US Sailing Prescription APPENDIX V1 will apply, as stated in full in Attachment A.
- 1.3 All competing boats shall carry a handheld VHF radio for safety purposes and Race Committee (RC) communication.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between rules or regulations, other than RRS, the PRO will prevail. This alters RRS 63.7 and a few others.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on yachtscoring.com .

#### 3. CHANGES TO SI's

Any change to the SI's will be communicated at the daily competitor briefing, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be announces on VHF channel 69 at 0900.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals. It takes the PRO 60 minutes to get his act together.

# **5. REGISTRATION**

- 5.1 Registration formalities as detailed in the Invitation to Race required to be completed by 1030 Friday Jan 15 or 1030 Thursday Mar 4.
- 5.2 If a boat has a bow numbers please use them. Bow numbers will not be issued. If you do not have a bow number and are determined to have broken a rule you will be called the white bow. There may be more than one white bow. Let the fun begin.

# **6. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Fri Jan 15	10:00 AM Check-In & bow/boom Sticker pick up
	1:00 PM Practice starts followed by a practice race
Sat Jan 16	9:00 Competitors briefing via VHF channel 69
	10:55 AM Warning for first race of the day
	6:00 PM Daily awards
Sun Jan 17	9:00 Competitors briefing via VHF channel 69
	10:55 AM Warning for first race of the day
	6:00 PM Daily awards
Mon Jan 18	9:00 Competitors briefing via VHF channel 69
	10:55 AM Warning for first race of the day No initial warning signal after 12:55 PM
	3:00 PM Awards

Event 1

#### Event 2

Thu Mar 4	10:00 AM Check-In & bow/boom Sticker pick up
	1:00 PM Practice starts followed by a practice race
Fri Mar 5	9:00 Competitors briefing via VHF channel 69
	10:55 AM Warning for first race of the day
	6:00 PM Daily awards
Sat Mar 6	9:00 Competitors briefing via VHF channel 69
	10:55 AM Warning for first race of the day
	6:00 PM Daily awards
Sun Mar 7	9:00 Competitors briefing via VHF channel 69
	10:55 AM Warning for first race of the day No initial warning signal after 12:55 PM
	3:00 PM Awards

- 6.2 Three (3) races each day are scheduled for day 1 and 2 and two (2) races are scheduled for day 3. There will be a maximum of eight (8) races. Unless the group would like more, the RC is happy to oblige.
- 6.3 When more than one (1) race will be held on the same day, the warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that another race will begin soon the RC will announce on the VHF channel 69 the time for the next warning.
- 6.4 If the conditions permit and the competitors want to the last race of the day may be a race to the dock. This race will be around marks and finish near the Galleon. The course will be announced on VHF channel 69.

# 7. CLASS FLAG

The class flag will be the J111 Class insignia on a white background.

# 8. RACING AREA

The racing will be in the vicinity of WR5 located west of the ship channel.

# 9. THE COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in Attachment B show the course configuration, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 The course to be sailed will be designated by hail on VHF channel 69 no later than the warning signal.
- 9.3 The RC signal boat will announce the compass bearing and distance from the Starting Line to Mark 1.
- 9.4 When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If there is only one leeward mark it shall be left to Port.

# 10. MARKS

- 10.1 Marks 1 and 3 S/P will be ??????.
- 10.2 The starting and finishing marks will be RC vessels.

# **11. THE START**

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying orange flag on the RC signal and the bow of the close by anchored vessel.
- 11.3. The RC will attempt to notify OCS boats by bow number, sail number or the white bow via radio on VHF channel 69. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for redress.

# **12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. The change will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg by VHF radio, although the mark (or finishing line) may not yet be in the new position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the moved mark may be relocated without further signaling to maintain the course configuration. This changes RRS 33.

# 13. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal and the close by mark.

# **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

US Sailing Prescription APPENDIX V1 will apply, as stated in full in Attachment A.

#### **15. TIME LIMITS**

Yes, there will be one, for the one who guesses it the PRO will buy them a beer on the dock. We are in Key West if by chance there is not any wind we will wait patiently until it makes sense to go sailing.

#### **16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

This is an enjoyable event; we do not even have a protest committee. We may have a discussion while drinking led by a National Judge AKA your PRO for information purpose only. Also See SI 14.

#### **17. SCORING**

17.1 Unless class rules prescribe otherwise, a boat's series score will be the total of her races with no scores excluded. This changes Appendix A2

17.2 Four (4) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

#### **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

#### **19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

Substitution of crew or equipment will be allowed without the approval of anyone.

# **20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

None scheduled, just make smart choices.

#### **21. CREW WEIGHING**

#### Not happening this week.

#### 22. OFFICIAL BOATS

Surely you will figure out who they are; there will be a test.

#### 23. COACH AND SUPPORT BOATS

- 23.1 All registered coach and support boats will carry on board and operate while on the water a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on VHF channels 16 and 69 and agree to assist the RC if directed to do so. Please and thank you.
- 23.2 Coach and support boats may pass equipment and sails to boats in between races.

#### 24. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

There are none. Haul at will.

#### **25. PLASTIC POOLS**

Plastic pools or their equivalent shall only be used to hold ice and adult beverages.

#### **26. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Talk all you want. But if you are cussing or upset with the RC, please use another channel.

#### 27. PRIZES

Awards shall be provided as described in the Invitation to Race 18.

#### 28. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 28.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. It is the competitor's decision to enter the regatta or to start or continue in any race. Competitors' attention is drawn to RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 3 Decision to Race which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone."
- 28.2 The OA is not responsible for the seaworthiness of a yacht whose entry is accepted or the sufficiency or adequacy of its equipment. The OA 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.

#### **29. INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 per incident or the equivalent.

#### **30. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For further information, please contact

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# **Attachment A**

The following US Sailing Prescription shall apply

# Appendix V1 PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to read: A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while *racing*. However, when she may have broken one or more rules or Part 2 while in the *zone* around a *mark* other than a starting *mark*, her penalty shall be a Two-turns Penalty.

