



**96th Bacardi Cup
MIAMI, FLORIDA, U.S.A.**

**March 5 - 11, 2023
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The organizing authority (OA) is Twelve USA, INC. The hosts are Coral Reef Yacht Club, Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, Coconut Grove Sailing Club, the United States Sailing Center and Shake A Leg Miami.

NP in an SI means: A breach of this SI is not protestable by a competitor.

AMENDMENT #1

March 3, 2013 Change SI 19.5, deletion in ~~red-strike~~, insertion in blue underline)

1 Rules:

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),

1.2 RRS Appendix P will apply. RRS P1.2 is changed to permit the hail to a protested boat to be either sail number or bow number. RRS P2.1 is changed to read "First and Subsequent Penalties". RRS P2.2 and P2.3 will not apply.

1.3 RRS Appendix T will apply as changed in this SI. If the post-race penalty in T1(b) is taken before the arbitration meeting, the penalty is changed to 20% or 50% of the difference between the boat's finishing position in the race and the score for DNF, whichever is less. The Scoring Penalty is calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). However, RRS 44.1(a) applies. After the arbitrator offers an opinion, RRS T4(a) is changed to read "a boat may take a Post-Race Penalty as described in RRS T1(b) as changed in this SI 1.3, except that the penalty shall be 30% of the score for DNF.

1.4 The prescriptions of the national authority, US Sailing, that apply are posted on-line on the Official Notice Board (ONB).

1.5 STCR 31.2.6 will be amended per SI 23 herein.

1.6 STCR 35.5 changes RRS 44.1 and P2.1 to require a One Turn Penalty under RRS 44.2.

1.7 ISCYRA rule 31.1.3, Crew Weight, will not be in effect.

1.8 RRS 29.1, 30.1, 32.2, 33(b), 35, 61.3, 62.2, A4.1 and A5 and others will be changed as noted herein.

1.9 [NP][DP] Bow Numbers will be assigned and distributed by the OA at check-in. Placement shall be in accordance with Attachment 2 to these Sailing Instructions. Competitors are responsible for maintaining their bow numbers visible on both sides of the bow in the proper location.

2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions:

2.1 Changes in the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be approved by the International Jury (Jury) and the Organizing Authority (OA) and will be posted before 0900 hours of the day they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

3 Communications with Competitors:

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the [YachtScoring.com](https://yachtscoring.com) (“YS”) ONB located at https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board.cfm?eid=15467.

3.2 On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 71.

3.3 From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency or to communicate retirement, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 Signals Ashore:

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located at Coral Reef Yacht Club.

4.2 Code flag “AP” when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after removal. This changes RRS Race Signals.

5 SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 5, 2023	1600 – 1900 1600 – 1900	Check-in Bacardi Happy Hour / Welcome @ CRYC
Monday, March 6, 2023	0800 – 0900 0930 1155	Late Check-in Competitor’s Meeting / Announcements Warning Signal Race 1
Tuesday, March 7, 2023	1155	Warning Signal Race 2
Wednesday, March 8, 2023	1155	Warning Signal Race 3
Thursday, March 9, 2023	1155	Warning Signal Race 4
Friday, March 10, 2023	1155	Warning Signal Race 5
Saturday, March 11, 2023	1055 1700 1800	Warning Signal Race 6. THIS CHANGES NOR 7 Bacardi Happy Hour Awards Ceremony = SALM

5.1 Six (6) Races are scheduled. Three (3) Races are required to constitute a Regatta.

5.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to get one race ahead of schedule should expected sailing conditions warrant.

5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1400 on Saturday, March 11, 2023.

6 Class Flag:

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

7 Racing Area:

7.1 The racing area is approximately 2 NM to 4 NM south of Dinner Key Channel. See ONB for location on chart.

8 Courses:

- 8.1 Courses “0”, “1”, “3”, “4”, “6”, or “7”, STCR 34.3, Format A, will be used. Course numbers marked with “V” will employ the Vertical Offset windward mark configuration (see Attachment 1), otherwise in accordance with STCR 34.3.
- 8.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee signal vessel will display the course number with the approximate magnetic bearing and distance to Mark 1.
- 8.3 STCR 34.3.1 changes RRS 32.2, the courses will not be shortened using RRS 32.2. (Flag “S”), and RRS 33(b) (Flag Charlie + or -) may be used within the leg length restrictions of the applicable Format, STCR 34.3.7.

9 Marks:

- 9.1 Inflatable marks will be used for the course. Marks 1, 1A, 2, and/or (gate) 3 will be white, inflatable, Bacardi logo buoys. If the Vertical Offset is used, Mark 1 will be a yellow buoy, and Marks 1A and “O” will be white.
- 9.2 The Starting marks will be a RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end and a port end RC vessel or yellow buoy.
- 9.3 The Finishing marks will be a RC Vessel at the starboard end and a port end vessel or yellow buoy.
- 9.4 A gate may be employed at Mark 3. Boats shall sail between the gate marks and round either mark. If only one mark of a gate is in place, it shall be left to port.
- 9.5 For courses “0” and “1” an offset mark “O” may be set at Mark 1/1A for all legs. See SI 9.1.

10 Check In:

- 10.1 Prior to the first Warning Signal of the first race of the day, boats shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee (RC) signal boat on **Starboard Tack** to be recorded until acknowledged by the RC. RRS A4.1 is changed to provide that boats not complying with this instruction will receive a score as a boat not starting without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

11 The Start:

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC starboard end vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end RC vessel.
- 11.3 A boat not starting within 5 minutes after the Starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and STCR 34.7.
- 11.4 The recall number for a boat will be either her bow or her sail number.
- 11.5 A RC boat displaying flag “G” may pass to windward of the fleet which means: “The Race Committee has signaled an abandonment, postponement or general recall. Boats are to return to the starting area immediately.”
- 11.6 Flag X will be displayed for 4 minutes as well as at the weather mark (see SI 11.7). This changes RRS 29.1.
- 11.7 [NP] A Race Committee boat displaying an “X” flag, regardless of the penalty preparatory signal

flag, positioned near Marks 1/1A/"O" will attempt to notify boats that have been OCS or disqualified in accordance with RRS 30.1, 30.3, or RRS 30.4 and will display their bow

number(s). Any boat whose hull number is displayed as disqualified shall leave the race course immediately.

12 Changing the Next Leg of the Course:

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark(s) (or the finish line) to a new position. The compass bearing to the changed mark(s) will be signaled at the beginning of the leg.

13 The Finish:

13.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the starboard end and a nearby inflatable mark or a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the port end. This changes Race Signals – Blue flag.

14 Time Limits:

14.1 The time limits will be as described in STCR 34.3.9, Format A.

14.2 RRS 35, A4 and A5, 63.1 and STCR 34.6.3 are changed to provide that boats finishing more than 20 minutes after the first boat to finish will be scored TLE without a hearing. TLE points will be calculated in accordance with STCR 34.6.3.

15 Hearing Requests:

15.1. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered Online on Yachtscoring by logging into the owner's corner and filling out the online form (a diagram may be brought to the hearing. Post-Race Penalty forms are available at the protest desk located on the 2nd floor deck on SE side of the CRYC Boathouse through Wednesday, thereafter at the Shake-A-Leg venue.

15.2. The protest time limit shall be one (1) hour after the docking time of the RC finish vessel. The docking time will be posted on the ONB. Protests shall be filed within the appropriate time limit. This changes RRS 61.3.

15.3. Notices will be posted on the YS ONB no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Competitors involved, with their witnesses, should report to the protest desk.

15.4. After a hearing, the penalty for breaking rules other than those of Part 2 or RRS 31 that do not specify a penalty may be less than DSQ at the discretion of the protest committee.

15.5. RRS 62.2 is changed to delete "or two hours after the incident, whichever is later" and RRS 66.2 is changed to shorten the time for requesting reopening from 24 hours to two (2) hours.

15.6. Within the protest time limit, the RC shall post the bow numbers or sail numbers of all of the boats that are disqualified or penalized under RRS 29, RRS 30.

16 Scoring:

16.1 The Low Point System will be used except, when five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes

RRS A2.1.

16.2 Scores will be posted at https://yachtscoring.com/event_results_cumulative.cfm?eid=15467

17 Safety Regulations, Retiring:

- 17.1 Each owner/skipper shall familiarize and share with their crew the safety protocol and first-aid notice found in the skipper bag.
- 17.2 Boats in need of assistance from the RC will wave an extended arm in the direction of any RC boat and/or call on VHF 71 (see SI 23.1).
- 17.3 Boats retiring from racing will notify a RC boat or, if not practical, inform the front desk at Coral Reef Yacht Club at their first opportunity.

18 Replacement of Crew or Equipment:

- 18.1 A change of helmsman is not permitted.
- 18.2 Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Jury. Once a crewmember has changed, the original crew may not return. There shall be no crew change on the final day of racing.

19 Team and Private Support Vessels:

- 19.1 Coach and private spectator vessels are expected to monitor VHF 71 and render assistance to a boat in danger when requested by the boat, or at the request of the RC or Jury in accordance with RRS 37.
- 19.2 All support vessels should be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-off device (Kill Switch) which should remain attached to the support person at the help at all time when the engine is running. Failure to comply may be misconduct and/or result in expulsion from the event.
- 19.3 Team leaders, coaches and other Support Persons shall stay 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Warning Signal until all boats have finished racing.
- 19.4 A yacht shall receive no outside assistance from Support Persons or otherwise once she has left the dock for the day until the finish of the last race of the day, except in the case of emergency and/or towing supplied by the organizer and available to all participants
- 19.5 The penalty for breaking SI ~~2019~~.1, ~~2019~~.2 or ~~2019~~.3 will be at the discretion of the Jury up to and including disqualification of all boats associated with the team or private Support Persons.

20 Haul Out – Berthing:

- 20.1 There are no haul out or berthing restrictions.

21 Radio Communications:

- 21.1 ISCYRA 31.2.6, Electronic Equipment, allows VHF radios to be carried on all boats for the sole purpose to listen to the actions of the RC and to transmit in the event of an emergency or retirement.
- 21.2 In the event of an individual recall, bow numbers or sail numbers of a yacht or yachts which are identified as OCS, UFD, or BFD may be announced on VHF 71. Failure of the Race Committee to transmit, failure of a competitor to receive, mistaken transmissions, and order of hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

22 Prizes:

- 22.1 A prize for the first place boat in the series for the Masters Division (skippers age 50 through 59 before the start of the first race);
- 22.2 A prize for the first place boat in the series for the Grand Masters Division (skippers age 60 and above before the start of the first race);
- 22.3 A prize for the first place boat in the series for the Exalted Grand Master (skippers age 70 and above before the start of the first race)
- 22.4 Competitors in the Master's, Grand Masters, and Exalted Grand Masters Divisions will also compete for series prizes;
- 22.5 Prizes for the first, second, third, fourth and fifth place boats in the series; and,
- 22.6 The perpetual Bacardi Cup Trophy for the first place skipper and the Tito Bacardi Cup for the first place crew in the series.
- 22.7 The Tammy Rubin-Rice Trophy awarded to the highest placing team in Bacardi Cup who did not win an award.
- 22.8 The OA reserves the right to award additional prizes at its sole discretion.

23 Trash Disposal, Clothing and Extra Sails:

- 23.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and RC boats.
- 23.2 The race committee will not accept items of clothing or sails.

24 Mooring Field

- 24.1 It is prohibited to cross the Dinner Key mooring field on your way to and from the racecourse as per the hereunder City Ordinance. Be aware that Marine Patrol will be on the lookout and could impose citations! See following ordinance:
 - **Sec. 50-408. Non-licensee vessels prohibited from entering mooring field.**
Entry into mooring field areas is prohibited, except by those vessels and their dinghies assigned by the harbor master to a mooring, dinghies visiting those vessels assigned to moorings, facility staff or other authorized work vessels, and enforcement vessels. (Ord. No. 12992, § 2, 5-8-08)

25 Disclaimer of Liability:

- 25.1 Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the OA, CRYC, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official, will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event on the water or ashore. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law. RRS 81, a US Sailing Prescription, will not apply to the event.

Attachment 1 to Sailing Instructions

Vertical Offset

“O”   Mark 1A

 Mark 1

  Mark 3/Gate

This language is inserted in the course description:

The R/C will lay Mark 1A between 50 - 100 meters to windward of Mark 1, and Offset Mark “O” at a 90° angle to the wind from Mark 1A at approximately the same distance. Boats shall pass in order Marks 1, 1A, “O”, and then 1 all to port before proceeding to the next Mark, per STCR 34.2. In the event of a change of course, all Marks can be moved to maintain the configuration of the course; Mark 1, Mark 1A, and/or “O” can be pulled entirely; or replaced by a mark boat. This changes STCR 34.3, Courses.

Attachment 2 to Sailing Instructions

Bow Number Placement



Note: Not to Scale