



THE BISCAYNE BAY YACHT CLUB

Invites you to participate in the

51st ANNUAL

LIME CUP RACE WEEKEND

RACE #1 – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23RD, 2017

KEY BISCAYNE TO FT. LAUDERDALE

RACE #2 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2017

FT. LAUDERDALE TO MIAMI

PART A - GENERAL INFORMATION

The Annual **Lime Cup Ocean Race Weekend**, sponsored by **Biscayne Bay Yacht Club** continues for the 51st year. For 2017, the race will offer divisions for the following ocean racing classes; boats with **ORC** handicaps, boats with **PHRF** of Southeast Florida handicaps, and boats with **ARC (BBYC Assigned Rating) non spinnaker** handicaps. All divisions will be scored using Time-on-Time scoring. The race weekend will consist of two races with the combined corrected times for both of the races determining the division/class winners.

The 2017 Lime Cup and Lime Cup perpetual trophy will be awarded to the boat winning the **ORC** division. The Avocado Cup will be awarded to the winner of the **PHRF** division. The Mango Cup will be awarded to the winner of the **ARC** non spinnaker division.

Race #1 will be held on Saturday, September 23rd, racing from a start near the eastern end of Biscayne Cannel at the southern end of Key Biscayne, approximately 23 nm to a finish just south of Ft. Lauderdale Port Everglades.

Race #2 will be held on Sunday, September 24th, racing from a start just south of Port Everglades, approximately 18 nm down the beach to a finish near Government Cut in Miami.

Activities in Ft. Lauderdale: The Race committee Signal boat will be berthed at the **Pier 66 Marina** following racing on Saturday. A traditional gathering around the pool & pool bar adjacent to the marina is planned after racing on Saturday. Competitors should make their own arrangements for dockage and lodging in Ft. Lauderdale. For dockage reservations, call the Pier 66 Marina dockmasters office at 954-728-3578 and tell them you are with the BBYC Lime Cup group. For room reservations, the hotel website is <http://pier66.hyatt.com> or call 954-525-6666.

Activities in Miami at BBYC: Biscayne Bay Yacht Club will host their traditional Lime Cup free daiquiri party beginning at 5:30 pm on Sunday. A lobster dinner will be available for all skippers, crew & friends to purchase. Trophy presentations are scheduled for 6:30 pm with dinner served from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Early dinner reservations are requested.

(email reservations to bbyc@biscaynebayyachtclub.com or call 305-858-6303).

A cash bar will be available, and guests may charge with credit cards.

Special offer for visitors dockage at BBYC: For visiting boats from yacht clubs outside of the Miami area who enter the races, the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club is offering a limited number of slips or raft-up at their dock facilities. Requests for dockage at BBYC must be made prior to the event by contacting BBYC dock chairman Tom Byrne at 305-785-5056 or byrne.t@ewm.com. Dockage is limited, and will be available on a first come first saved basis. Dockage fees will be based on boat length.

PART B – NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Regatta will be under the management of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC), which shall have full authority to manage all matters relating to the Regatta.
- 1.3 All boats shall conform to current US Coast Guard Safety Regulations.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The Regatta is open to auxiliary powered mono hull sailboats at least 22 feet LOA which have a current valid **ORC rating**, **PHRF of South East Florida rating**, or have received a **BBYC ARC non spinnaker** rating, and have completed the online entry form on yachtscoring.com at; www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4350, and paid the appropriate entry fees by the entry deadline.

3. RACING DIVISIONS

- 3.1 Divisions will be established for boats with a valid rating from one of the following;
 - **ORC**, with an offshore / coastal TOT factor of 0.8300 or greater. (ORC ratings can be applied for online by visiting <http://www.orc.org/index.asp?id=25>).
 - **PHRF** of SE Florida, with a spinnaker rating no greater than 226 seconds per mile.
 - **BBYC Assigned Rating Division** will be offered for non spinnaker boats handicapped with ratings assigned by a BBYC rating committee and no greater than 226 seconds per mile. Boats needing a BBYC Assigned non-spinnaker rating may obtain a rating from the BBYC Lime Cup rating committee by downloading a BBYC ARC application form and delivering the completed form to the BBYC Lime Cup regatta chairman, Ken Batzer prior to the entry deadline of Sunday, September 17th, 2017. Email to; kenbatzer@biscaynebayyachtclub.com or mail to BBYC Lime Cup chairman, 2540 S. Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL 33133.

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1 Entries close at 1400 on Sunday, September 17th, 2017, and must be completed online at yachtscoring.com (<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4350>) by that time and date. For boats entering by the entry deadline, the entry fee is \$90.00. At the discretion of the race committee, entries may be accepted after the above deadline and will be assessed an additional \$25.00 late entry fee. No entries will be accepted after the skippers meeting.

5. SKIPPERS MEETING

- 5.1 There will be a skippers meeting at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, on Thursday, September 21st, 2017 at 1830.
- 5.2 Division/Class assignments, handicap sheets, and the starting sequence for the races will be distributed at the skipper's meeting and posted on the yachtscoring.com Lime Cup Race website page at www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=4350.
- 5.3 Mandatory submission of a crew list may be completed online at yachtscoring.com, or at the skippers meeting. The minimum crew shall be 4 people. Crew substitutions may be made by notifying the race committee before the first warning signal each race day.

6. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 6.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the BBYC clubhouse, and posted on the yachtscoring.com Lime Cup Race website page. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1800 on the day before the race.

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7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 7.1 Signals ashore will be flown from the flagpole on the east lawn of BBYC, and/or from the race committee signal boat berthed at Pier 66 Marina in Ft. Lauderdale on Saturday evening.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 8.1 The Regatta will consist of two races scheduled as follows:
Race #1 - Saturday, September 23rd - First Warning signal at 1000.
Race #2 - Sunday, September 24th - First Warning signal at 1000.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

- 9.1 The race committee will use VHF channel 72 to communicate with the fleet.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 **Race #1 - Saturday:** The course will be from a starting line established approximately 0.5 nm east of channel marker #2 at the eastern end of Biscayne Channel, to the Miami Sea Buoy (RW M Mo (A) RACON (--)) leaving it to port, and proceeding North to the finish line. Competitors shall not cross the Government Cut channel nor interfere with any commercial traffic entering or exiting the channel.
- 10.2 **Race #2 - Sunday:** The course will be directly from the starting line to the finish.

11. START – START AREAS

- 11.1 **Race #1 - Saturday:** The starting line will be approximately .5 nm east of Biscayne Channel Marker #2 (R BN FL R 2.5sec 5M) and will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and an inflatable mark.
- 11.2 **Race #2 - Sunday:** The starting line will be located approximately 1.75 nm south of Port Everglades entrance and .5 nm offshore, and will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and an inflatable mark.
- 11.3 Any boat(s) that has not started within 10 minutes after the start of the last division for each day will be scored DNC without a hearing.
- 11.4 In the event there is insufficient wind at the designated starting times for either the start on Saturday or on Sunday, the race committee signal boat may display code flag L (Lima), motor slowly toward the finish and establish a starting line closer to the finish line in order to shorten the course of the day.

12. FINISH

- 12.1 **Race #1 - Saturday:** The finish line will be approximately 1.75 nautical miles south of Port Everglades entrance and approximately .5 nm offshore, and will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and an inflatable mark.
- 12.2 **Race #2 - Sunday:** The finish line will be approximately 1.5 nautical miles north east of Miami Government Cut, and will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the South Anchorage Nun Buoy B.
- 12.3 **ALTERNATE FINISH Race #2 – Sunday.**
If there is no race committee boat on station at the finish on Sunday, boats should finish in a southerly direction within 100 feet of and passing to the east of South Anchorage Nun Buoy B. Accurate GPS finish time should be taken when South Anchorage Nun Buoy B bears 270° magnetic. Boats should report their finish time to the race committee on VHF 72 or by cellular phone call or text to 954-275-0839 immediately upon finishing.

13. OBSTRUCTION

13.1 All Boats are reminded that a divers flag represents an **OBSTRUCTION**. Boats are required to keep clear by 150 yards all divers down flag signals.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 **Race #1 - Saturday:** If no boat has finished by 1700 the race shall be abandoned. If a boat has not finished by 1800 it will be scored **TLE** (Time Limit Expired).

14.2 **Race #2 - Sunday:** If no boat has finished by 1500 the race shall be abandoned. If a boat has not finished by 1600 it will be scored **TLE**.

15. PROTESTS

15.1 The race committee shall be notified by VHF 72 of intent to protest as soon as practicable upon finishing for each day.

15.2 All protests will be heard at BBYC at approximately 1700 Sunday, September 24th.

16. SCORING

16.1 For the **ORC Division**, a boats offshore coastal Time-on-Time handicap will be applied as a factor of the boats elapsed time for each race.

16.2 For the **PHRF and ARC Divisions**, Time-on-Time (TOT) scoring will be used. Time allowances for PHRF and ARC division boats will be calculated using the following conversion formula: **650 / (550 + PHRF Rating)**.

16.3 For the PHRF and ARC divisions, a boats calculated rating allowance will be applied as a factor of the boats elapsed time for each race.

16.4 Overall race results will be computed by combining the elapsed corrected time for both races. Boats with the lowest combined corrected time in each division will be declared winners.

17 PRIZES

17.1 There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards in each division for the boats with the lowest corrected times for the two races combined. Daily division 1st place will also receive awards.

17.2 The **Commodore Harold E. Kendall Lime Cup Perpetual Trophy** will be awarded to the **ORC Division** boat with the lowest corrected combined overall time.

15.5 The awards presentation will be at BBYC at approximately 1830 on September 24th.

18. CONTACTS

18.1 Lime Cup Regatta Chairman Ken Batzer may be reached by calling 954-275-0839, or email to kenbatzer@biscaynebayyachtclub.com.

18.2 Biscayne Bay Yacht Clubs phone number is 305-858-6303.



Please remember to make your Lime Cup Lobster dinner reservations before or at the Skippers Meeting.

