

# BISCAYNE BAY YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION

## CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

### Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

September 1, 2020 – August 31, 2021

## PART I – GENERAL CONDITIONS: ONE-DESIGN AND HANDICAP

### **1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

1.1 Biscayne Bay Yacht Racing Association (BBYRA) member clubs shall serve individually as the organizing authority and provide race and protest committees for their regattas.

### **2. RULES**

2.1 The BBYRA CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES (SERIES) will be governed by the current rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

2.2 The US Sailing prescriptions that apply are: 34, 40, 48.1, 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, and Appendices R and V1. No other prescriptions are applicable.

2.3 One-Design and Handicap Classes will conform to their class rules, except as changed by this NOR/SI and Amendments.

2.4 Class rules regarding the number and weight of crew are not in effect for the BBYRA SERIES.

2.5 Boats are requested to carry a VHF radio for emergencies and race committee communications.

### **3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRIES**

3.1 A BBYRA member, a member club, or an organization is invited to enter a BBYRA regatta or the SERIES in accordance with RRS 75. The minimal age for an entry is 18.

3.2 To complete an entry the BBYRA Waiver of Liability must be signed and submitted with the entry fee if applicable by the member or responsible officer of the club or organization.

3.3 For an ORC Class entry, a copy of the current ORC certificate must be included with entry, except as permitted by RRS 78.2. BBYRA will assign boats to a class.

3.4 An Assigned Rating Class will be available. A rating assigned by BBYRA may not be protested nor appealed, this changes RRS 60.1 and 62.1.

3.5 For a late entry the SERIES fee will be prorated to cover the remaining races of the SERIES. A boat's entry may be canceled at any time, with a prorated fee returned to the entrant.

### **4. CHANGES TO THE NOR/SI, NOTICES TO COMPETITORS, AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Changes to the BBYRA NOR/SI will be posted on the BBYRA website at [www.bbyra.net](http://www.bbyra.net) no later than 12:00 the day prior to when such changes come into effect. Posting on the website shall serve as official notice for any changes made by the host race committee.

4.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole of the host club. When Signal **AP** is made ashore, no warning signal shall be made in less than 60 minutes after its removal. This changes RRS RACE SIGNALS.

## **5. CHECK IN**

5.1 On each race day boats will check in with the race committee before a boat's first warning signal of the day by sailing past the stern of the signal vessel until acknowledged by the race committee or checking in by VHF radio. No check in will be taken during a sequence. Boats failing to check in will be considered not competing and will be scored DNC.

## **6. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

6.1 In addition to RRS 4, DECISION TO RACE, the safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the responsibility of the owner(s), and the person in charge. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in these events participate entirely at their own risk. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including disease and death, sustained as a result of participation in these events. By participating in these events, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any, and all liability associated with participation in the event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

6.2 Based on any public health consideration, competitors agree to follow Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, State of Florida and Miami-Dade County guidelines and policies regarding the Corona 19 and Influenza viruses in effect at the time of each race.

6.3 Before participation in any BBYRA event, owner(s), competitors, coaches and/or support personnel shall sign the Waiver of Liability posted on the BBYRA website. Compliance with this rule shall be the responsibility of the vessel owner and/or the person in charge and failure to comply will subject the boat to disqualification from the regatta or regattas.

## **7. SAIL NUMBERS**

7.1 Sail numbers are required per Appendix G. Class insignia and national letters are not required. This changes RRS 77.

7.2 Sail numbers will be the same as the numbers with which the boat is entered. After a warning, a boat failing to comply with this instruction will be scored DNC until the boat's sail numbers are in compliance with Appendix G.

7.3 Temporary change of sail numbers may be made only with prior acceptance by the race committee.

## **8. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

8.1 The warning signal for the first race of each day is scheduled for **11:30**.

8.2 Three races may be conducted each day with a maximum of five races for two-day regattas.

8.3 Classes may be started sequentially (rolling starts), individually or simultaneously.

## **9. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

9.1 From the first preparatory signal until all racing is completed for the day a boat may only use VHF radio or cell phone for emergencies or communication with the race committee.

9.2 The race committee channel will be posted on the BBYRA website. The race committee may change the channel by posting the change on the signal vessel.

9.3 The race committee may attempt to notify by VHF boats that are identified as OCS. Failure of the race committee to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

## **10. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

10.1 A boat withdrawing from a race or regatta shall inform the race committee as soon as practicable. A boat failing to conform to this rule will be scored DNC for the regatta. This changes RRS A5.

## **11. COURSES**

11.1 The BBYRA COURSES card as published on the website displays Designated Courses and Designated Marks.

### ***11.2 Designated Courses:***

11.2.1 Prior to a warning signal the race committee will display in sequence of class starts, the letter of the course to be sailed, the number-letter of the first mark (1X, 1Y, or 1Z) and the magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles to Marks 1 X, 1Y, or 1Z. Single marks will be left to port.

11.2.2 For Windward/Leeward Courses a gate may be deployed for Mark 3. Boats will pass through the gate and may round a mark on either side. Marks 3p/3s.

11.2.3 For Windward/Leeward Courses an inflatable mark of a different color and/or shape may be deployed to weather of Mark 3 as an alternate rounding mark. Mark 3A. The race committee will indicate this mark is deployed and the classes to which it applies by appending **A** to their designated course.

11.2.4 For boats on a Windward/Leeward Course on the final leg to finish, if Mark 3 and 3A remain deployed they are not a mark of the course and may be passed on either side.

11.2.5 For boats on a Triangular Course on the final leg to finish, Mark 3 is to be left to port.

### ***11.3 Designated Marks:***

11.3.1 Prior to the warning signal the race committee will display the sequence of starts and the marks of the course for each class. If the first mark is an inflatable mark, the magnetic bearing and distance to the mark in nautical miles will be displayed.

11.3.2 The marks will be displayed with the designated mark in an upper-case letter and the side to be left by an adjacent lower-case letter (leave mark to port - **p**, leave mark to starboard - **s**).

## **12. MARKS, STARTING LINE, FINISHING LINE**

12.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel at the starboard end and a yellow inflatable mark, or a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee vessel, at the port end.

12.2 For a downwind finish on courses WD, W2D, and TD - the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel at the starboard end and a yellow inflatable mark, or a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel, at the port end. (If a race is to be shortened at Mark 2, Sailing Instruction 12.3 will apply, signaled by displaying pennant First Substitute at Mark 3 before the first boat rounds the mark.)

12.3 For an upwind finish on courses WU, W2U, and TU - the finishing line will be between a staff with a blue flag on a race committee vessel at the starboard end and Mark 1X at the port end.

12.4 If the race committee intends to start another race, it will display flag **R** with no sound signal while boats are finishing. If no other races will be started, flag **H** will be displayed with no sound signal.

12.5 If the course board is changed before a starting sequence the race committee will display flag **L** with one sound signal prior to the next warning signal.

### **13. GENERAL RECALL**

13.1 For sequential starts, a recalled class will revert to the end of the sequence. This changes RRS 29.2.

### **14. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE:**

14.1 Changes will be made in accordance with RRS 33.

14.2 Changed inflatable marks of the course and Mark 3A will not be yellow, except for a changed finishing mark.

### **15. PENALTIES AND PROTESTS**

15.1 A boat intending to file a protest or a request for redress regarding an incident in the racing area will inform the race committee of intent either orally, by VHF radio or by cell phone as soon as practicable following the boat's finish of that race. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

15.2 In order to file a protest or request for redress, by 18:00 on the day following the incident a protest must be submitted by Email to the race officer or to the club race chairman. The protest committee and parties to the protest will convene at the host club at 19:00 hours on the Thursday following the event, or at such other time and place agreed upon by all parties.

15.3 DO NOT SEND RACE PROTESTS OR REQUESTS FOR REDRESS TO BBYRA.

## **PART II: ONE-DESIGN CLASSES**

### **OD1. CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS**

OD1.1 Three or more one-design boats entered in BBYRA will qualify as a class.

OD1.2 Class flags will be the class insignia on a white background.

OD1.3 If BBYRA has constituted a class for a boat she will be registered in that class. In the absence of a BBYRA one-design class, a self-bailing one-design boat which is maintained in compliance with H1.2 and has a valid ORC certificate may register in a Handicap Class.

### **OD2. RACING AREA**

OD2.1 Boats will assemble approximately one-half mile southwest of the east entrance to Dinner Key Channel.

### **OD3. THE START**

OD3.1 The warning signal will be made 3 minutes before the starting signal, the preparatory signal 2 minutes before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26.

OD3.2 A boat starting 3 minutes or later after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

### **OD4. TIME LIMITS**

OD4.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class to sail a Designated Course and finish will be 75 minutes.

OD4.2 A boat failing to finish within 15 minutes of the first boat to finish in her class will be scored DNF. - This changes RRS 35.

## **PART III: SAILING INSTRUCTIONS - HANDICAP CLASSES**

### **H1. RATING SYSTEMS**

H1.1 BBYRA will establish ORC 1, ORC 2 and Assigned Rating (ARC) Classes.

H1.2 For eligibility in a BBYRA ORC Class a boat shall not be “dry sailed” at any time during the SERIES.

H1.3 Boats with a rating changed during the SERIES shall sail with the new rating effective the date of the change. Accumulated points for the SERIES will remain unchanged. A boat that is modified creating a rating change shall lose accumulated points.

H1.4 The *Time on Time* scoring option shall be used for Handicap Classes.

### **H2. CLASS PENNANTS**

H2.1

Class 1 ORC - Dark Blue and White

Class 2 ORC - Orange and White

Class 3 ARC – Green or Green and White

### **H3. RACING AREA**

H3.1 Boats will assemble approximately one mile south of the east entrance to Dinner Key Channel.

### **H4. THE START**

H4.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26. A boat starting 5 minutes or later following her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

### **H5. TIME LIMITS**

H5.1 The time limit for the first boat in each class to sail the course and finish will be 90 minutes for Designated Courses and 4 hours for Designated Marks.

H5.2 Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes for Designated Courses and 60 minutes for Designated Marks of the first boat to finish in her class will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35, A5.

### **H6. HANDICAP SCORING**

H6.1 ORC Designated Courses that do not include Mark 2 shall be scored "Windward/Leeward". Designated Courses that include Mark 2 and Designated Marks shall be scored "Long Distance".

H6.2 The ORC "*Triple Number*" shall be MEDIUM, unless for the last vessel to finish in each class the average wind velocity has been below 8 knots the triple number shall be LOW or if the average wind velocity has been above 16 knots the triple number shall be HIGH for that class.

## **PART IV: SERIES, SCORING, AND PRIZES**

### **S1. SERIES**

S1.1 The yacht clubs of BBYRA may schedule up to a total of 10 regattas for the SERIES.

S1.2 A minimum of two BBYRA registered boats in a class must receive finishing points in a race in order to acquire points for the SERIES. This changes rule 98.3(a).

S1.3 A boat's BBYRA SERIES score will consist of the boat's best six regattas. The number of regattas will be reduced by one for a class in a regatta or for a regatta that is abandoned and not re-sailed.

### **S2. SCORING**

S2.1 The Low Point System, rule A4.1, will be apply with no score excluded in a regatta.

S2.2 The last part of the first sentence of rule A4.2 is changed to read, "...one more than the number of boats participating in her class in the regatta".

S2.3 A boat loses SERIES accumulated points if the entrant is changed.

S2.4 Rules A2.2 and A9 are not applicable in the SERIES.

### **S3. TIES**

S3.1 Ties will be broken in accordance with rules A7 and A8.

#### **S4. PRIZES**

S4.1 Annual prizes for the BBYRA CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES will be: first and second place prizes for classes with up to four boats; first, second and third place prizes for classes with five or more boats.

S4.2 Prizes for a BBYRA regatta will be given at the discretion of the host club.

S4.3 BBYRA regatta scores will be posted on the BBYRA website.

### **PART V: WEBSITE and CONTACT**

**WEBSITE:** [www.bbyra.net](http://www.bbyra.net)

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