



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Friday, December 1, 2017

## 1 RULES

The race will be governed by:

- 1.1 The following rules govern the event except as they may be changed in the notice of race, sailing instructions, and amendments:
- 1.2 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Race Category 4 will apply,
- 1.3 IRC rules Part A, B, and C. Boats rated with Moveable and Variable Ballast, OSR APPENDIX A, may be entered. This changes rule 51.
- 1.4 PHRF Regulations as administered by PHRF of Southeast Florida.
- 1.5 The minimum number of crew is 3. There is no limitation on the maximum number of crew or crew weight. This changes IRC Rules and PHRF Regulations.

## 2 The Racing Rules of Sailing are changed in the sailing instructions as follow:

- 2.1 IRC rule 22.4, MASF and US PHRF regulations are changed to include a minimum crew of 3 and no maximum limitations for the number of crew or crew weight.
- 2.2 Rules 35, A4 and A5 are changed. All boats must finish the race before 1800 Friday, December 1, 2017. Boats failing to finish with the time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing.
- 2.3 Rule 41(c) is changed to include - A boat shall not receive help from any outside source except in the form of information which is freely available to all boats, which shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice from, any source not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.
- 2.4 Rule 62.1(a) is changed – In the event of light air, the race committee may, at it's own discretion, move the starting line North to a new location. Neither the decision to move the starting area nor the location of the new starting area shall be grounds for granting redress.

## 3 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices will be posted online at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) and [www.sailfishclub.com](http://www.sailfishclub.com).

## 4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 2000, Thursday, November 30, 2017.

## 5 SKIPPER'S MEETING

- 5.1 A skippers meeting will be held at 1830 at Biscayne Bay Yacht Club on Thursday, November 30, 2017.
- 5.2 Class assignments and starting times will be available online and will be announced at the skippers meeting. The first warning signal will not be before 0800.

## 6 THE COURSE

- 6.1 Boats will sail from the starting line at Anchorage Nun buoy "B" direct to the finish line at Lake Worth Inlet. In the event that the startline is moved under provisions set forth in item 6.2, boats will sail from the new starting line direct to the finish line at Lake Worth Inlet.

## 7 THE START

7.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.

7.2 The starting line will be between Anchorage Nun buoy "B" just North of Government Cut and a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat. In the event of light air, the race committee may, at its own discretion, move the starting line North to a new location. To do so, the RC will display Code Flag "L" with one sound and motor to the new location. Once there, she will anchor and either begin a starting sequence or await further developments. In such case, the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the port side of the race committee signal boat and a nearby mark to port. The RC will not move the starting line until all boats are checked-in or accounted for or 0800, whichever is earlier. Neither the decision to move the starting area nor the location of the new starting area shall be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

7.3 Competitors are asked to check in with the race committee prior to starting on VHF 69.

7.4 The race will be conducted using GPS time. The race committee will attempt to provide GPS time sync announcements on VHF 69 prior to each warning signal.

## 8 THE FINISH

8.1 The finish line will be between Lake Worth inlet red channel marker "2" FR 2.5 sec and the nearby green channel marker "3" FG 4 sec.

8.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

8.3 Approximately 10 minutes prior to finishing, each yacht will attempt to contact the race committee on VHF channel 69 to communicate the name of the vessel and the sail number.

8.4 A yacht that retires from the race shall notify the race committee by VHF 69 or by telephone at (561) 844-0206 at the earliest opportunity.

8.5 If a race committee finish boat is present, their recorded GPS finish time for each competitor will be considered the official finish time for scoring purposes.

## 9 PROTEST

9.1 Protest forms will be available at the check in desk located at the Sailfish Club of Florida.

9.2 Written protests shall be filed no later than 1930, December 1, 2017.

9.3 Filed protests will be posted on the official notice board adjacent to the check in desk located at the Sailfish Club of Florida.

## 10 SCORING

Time on time. The correction factor formula will be  $650/(550 + PHRF)$ .

## 11 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded at the Sailfish Club of Florida awards dinner.

## 12 CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITIES

12.1 The skipper/owner shall be responsible for the conduct of his or her crew and/or guest. In the event of breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, or failure to comply with the request of any race officer, committee member, or agent of the Sailfish Club of Florida or the Storm Trysail Club, the skipper/owner will be held responsible and his/her yacht shall be subject to protest or disqualification.

12.2 As a condition of participating, my crew and I acknowledge the following: That sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury associated with it. We have read RRS 4, Decision to Race, and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.

12.3 We further acknowledge and agree that neither the organizing authority nor the race committee, nor their members, will be responsible for (a) any damage to the entered yacht or by other property, or (b) an injury to myself or my crew, including death, sustained as a result of the participation of myself, my crew, and the yacht in this event. I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered myself or my crew as a result of our participation in this event, including any claims arising as a result of the negligence of the race organizers, and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law. I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that I, my crew, and the entered yacht are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law or that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.

