

BCYC PHRF Club Racing  
Boca Ciega Yacht Club  
September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2022 through June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2023  
Gulfport, FL USA

**Sailing Instructions (SI)**

**1 RULES**

**1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

**2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**2.1** Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be communicated at the Skippers' Meeting and posted on the Racing Announcement board in the BCYC Club House.

**2.2** Any change to the Sailing Instructions on the water will be communicated via marine VHF radio channel 5 (i.e., 05A / 1005) and verbally for boats within hailing distance of the race committee boat. A LIMA signal flag shall be used to signal boats to come within hail.

**3 COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS**

**3.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the physical official announcement board is located inside of the BCYC Club House on the east wall.

**3.2** Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board is located at <https://sailbcyc.org/TrendingNow>

**3.3** On the water, the race committee will monitor marine VHF radio channel 5.

**3.4** Except for safety situations, competitors shall neither make nor receive communication not available to all boat. This includes the use of cellular phones.

**4 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**4.1** The schedule of races is stated in the Notice of Race.

**4.2** If less than three boats are participating in racing, all further racing for the day shall be abandoned.

**5 CLASS FLAGS**

**5.1** Class flags will be communicated at the Skippers' Meeting ashore.

**6 COURSES**

- 6.1 A course diagram will be displayed at the Skippers' Meeting and will be based on current observed and forecasted conditions.
- 6.2 Marks will consist of day-glow orange and green buoy marks and government ATONs.
- 6.3 The race committee may shorten the course by announcing the change via VHF marine radio and moving the signal vessel to a point where boats may be finished safely.

**7 THE START**

- 7.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 7.2 A boat which does not cross the start line within 15 minutes of the starting signal shall be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 7.3 The starting line is between the staff of the orange flag on the signal boat and the floating orange mark to the port of the signal boat.
- 7.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on course side (OCS) at her starting signal, the race committee will signal an individual recall and attempt to broadcast her name or sail number on VHF channel 5 and verbally hail her. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

**8 THE FINISH**

- 8.1 The finishing line is between staff displaying blue flag on the signal boat and the orange or green buoy placed to port of the signal boat.

**9 TIME LIMITS**

**9.1 Race Time Limits**

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	60 minutes	30 minutes

- 9.2 A race shall be abandoned if no boats have rounded the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit or no boats have finished within the Race Time Limit.
- 9.3 Boats not finishing within the Finishing Window as defined by the time of first boat finishing shall be scored DNF without hearing. This changes RRS 35.

**10 SCORING**

**10.1** As defined in the Notice of Race.

**10.2** Race scores will be considered preliminary until 24 hours after the scores are posted. All scoring inquiries with the Racing Chair ([racing@sailbcyc.org](mailto:racing@sailbcyc.org)) shall be made in writing during this time.

**10.3** Scores will be posted online and in the Windword.

**11 PROTEST**

**11.1** Protests must be made with the Racing Chair or their designated appointee within one hour of the signal boat returning to the BCYC Club House.

**11.2** RRS Appendix T shall apply.

**12 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

**12.1** Prior to the first warning signal, all boats shall pass by the stern of the signal vessel to check in by hailing their name and sail number.

**12.2** A boat that retires from a race or chooses not to participate in subsequent races that day after finishing a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity via marine VHF radio channel 5.