



## **2023 Columbus Day Regatta-Miami, Florida**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

#### **1. RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current USSA *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

#### **2. ENTRIES**

The regatta will be open to classes outlined in the NOR and any amended NOR. Entries received after noon October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2023, will not be accepted. PHRF, and assignment of classes will be at the discretion of the Race Committee. A scratch sheet will be available on nextSailor.com for this regatta. The Columbus Day Regatta web site will refer you to Regatta Network for this regatta. Please refer to both web sites for all official information. There will be no ORC class this year.

#### **3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on Regatta Network for this regatta. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on or before 0700 hours Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023 on Regatta Network.

**Cancellation:** Should severe weather threaten the safety of the Regatta, announcements will be announced on VHF channel 72 and we will attempt to contact all boats by email or phone call.

#### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE - None**

#### **5. SCHEDULE**

A competitor's meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 5<sup>th</sup>, 2023, at 1830 hours via zoom. **The ZOOM LINK is:**

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/77668048625?pwd=WWiaZH0gZMAHxZxSX5wAq3Kh3XGHTa.1>

Meeting ID: 776 6804 8625

Passcode: 0hBkEB

The regatta shall consist of one race only on Saturday October 7<sup>th</sup>, 2023. There will be just one start for all classes and the warning signal will be at 10:00 hours. The awards ceremony will take place at Shake-a-Leg, 1800hrs.

#### **6. FINISH INSTRUCTIONS**

Boats will be identified by their sail numbers for the purposes of recording finishes. If a boat does not have a sail number or the same number as another entrant on the scratch sheet, the boat shall hail the race committee on VHF Channel 72 to identify themselves. Failure to notify the race committee via VHF or by acknowledged hails may result in the boat not being scored.

#### **7. RACING AREA AND STARTING SEQUENCE**

The starting area will be in the vicinity of government marker Q, "Quick Flash". An orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and adjacent yellow or white inflatable marks will designate the starting lines. The signal boat will be in the center of the starting line displaying a large blue RC flag in addition to the single orange flag. There shall be two white or yellow inflatable marks, one to the east and the other to the west of the signal boat. The white marks may have a Bacardi logo on them. All **multihulls** will start between the **west** white mark and

the orange flag on the signal boat. All **monohulls** will start between the **east** white mark and the orange flag on the signal boat. All course(s) will be posted on a white board on the Signal Boat. Any boat that starts more than 15 minutes after the start time will be scored DNC.

**Bill Beavers Memorial Class will start and go directly to the finish on Saturday October 9<sup>th</sup>, 2023, in the vicinity of Mark “C.” (PLEASE NOTE MARKER C is no longer in place, a drop mark with the same latitude and longitude will be dropped in place of “C” unless the “C” marker is replaced).**

**A Red Rectangular Flag with Bacardi Logo in the center shall be the class flag for all classes.**

1000	Warning: Raised –Class Flag
1001	Prep flag Raised
1004	Prep flag lowered
1005	Start – Class Flag lowered

## 8. COURSES AND MARKS

The course will be designated by notes on the white course board on the signal boat which identify the course to be followed. The course board may identify different classes to sail different courses. In any event, except the Gunkhole class, who sail directly to a finish at the chosen turning mark for the day (chosen based on wind velocity), all classes return to finish approximately where the startline was located. There will be only one finish line.

**Course 1:** Start, sail to the featherbed marker, round it to port and return to the finish.

**Course 2:** Start, sail to marker “C,” round it to port and return to the finish. “C” will be a white mark.

**Course 3:** Start, sail to a white mark approximately 3.0 miles south (180 degrees) from the start and round it to port and return to the finish.

**Gunkhole Class:** Start, sail to the finish at chosen turning mark for the day and the committee boat.

**SALM:** Start, sail to Biscayne Channel Marker **20 "F1 R 2.5s 16ft 4M "20"**, round it to port, and return to the finish.

**NOTE - Marker “C” IS NO LONGER IN THE BAY, a WHITE DROP MARK in the vicinity of: N25-36.090/W80-13.080 will replace Marker “C” unless the “C” marker is replaced.**

**Featherbed maker** is: “Featherbed Bank East Light” government marker “#2” (25°32.308’N 80°12.821’W)

Each competitor is responsible for finding water deep enough for his/her boat. Do not damage environmentally sensitive areas in the Biscayne National Park. We have been told but, cannot verify that if you don’t swing very wide away from the Featherbed marker, you should not run aground. The organizing authority and all involved cannot recommend that any vessel, regardless of size, not honor all relevant government day markers. It is up to the individual competitors to obtain current approved navigational reference tools, charts, and chart plotters, to verify day marker positions. Marks may be missing or damaged so, it is the competitor’s obligation to refer to current notice to mariners provided by the United States Coast Guard for all information available to the competitors.

## 9. FINISHING LINES

The single finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and an adjacent white inflatable mark that may be displaying a Bacardi logo. The signal boat shall be kept to port when finishing so that means you should expect the inflatable mark on the east side and the signal boat on the west side of the finish line. Both monohulls and multihulls will use the same finish line.

The separate finish line for Gunkhole will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and chosen turning mark for the race.

#### **10. TIME LIMIT**

The time limit for finishing is 1600 hours. Boats not finishing by 1600 hours will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35. (Whether or not the signal boat is on station, all competitors should note their finish time and the names / numbers of boats around you.)

#### **11. PROTESTS**

There will be no protests allowed.

#### **12. SCORING**

We will use the time-on-time method of scoring.

#### **13. TROPHIES**

Trophies will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class.

#### **14. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

A boat that retires from the race **shall** notify the race committee as soon as possible. To notify the Race Committee of withdrawal or failure to finish, please call Joe Kolisch at 305-992-3482 or Carol Ewing at 305-785-4777 or send an e-mail to: [lightning@snappydsl.net](mailto:lightning@snappydsl.net) as soon as possible. Notification can also be made using VHF channel 72 if the RC acknowledges the call.

The use of water balloons, funnelators or any other water balloon throwing device, or any obscene acts committed in open view will result in a protest by the Race Committee and possible exclusion from participating in any future Columbus Day Regattas. Boats observed purposefully discharging trash into the water may be disqualified or be subject to other suitable disciplinary action or both by the protest committee. Remember, this is a fun race. If you see someone in peril, stop and help. We can give you redress after offering assistance. Safety is far more important than winning. If you see a beach cat capsized, please have a crew member on your boat, if possible, watch the people involved and make sure they are OK before you leave the area.

#### **15. COMMUNICATION**

The Race Committee will communicate on VHF channel 72. The Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of boats over early but, the failure to make a hail or hear a hail or sound signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

#### **16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, or during or after the regatta.

