

# CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES

## Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

October 1, 2025 – September 30, 2026

## 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 to the rules: 34, 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), 76.1, 88.2, Appendix R; and Appendix 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 rule 75. The minimum age for an entry is 18.
- 3.2 For a PHRF Class entry, a copy of the current PHRF certificate must be included with entry, except as permitted by rule 78.2. BBYRA will assign boats to a class.
- 3.3 An Assigned Rating Class will be available. A rating assigned by BBYRA may not be protested nor appealed, this changes rules 60.1 and 62.1.
- 3.4 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) or at <https://nextsailor.com/regatta/bbyra25-26> 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 Notices to competitors may also be communicated via the BBYRA WhatsApp chat.
- 4.3 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 rule 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 ins will be taken during a sequence. Boats failing to check in will be considered as not competing and will be scored DNC.

## **6. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 6.1 In addition to rule 3, 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.

## **7. SAIL NUMBERS**

- 7.1 Sail numbers are required per Appendix G. Class insignia and national letters are not required. This changes rule 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 rule 62.1.

## 10. 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 rule A5.1, A5.2; and A10.
- 10.2 During a BBYRA Regatta, when a SUPPORT PERSON is the single operator of a motorboat less than 26 feet in length, that individual shall be attached to an Engine Safety Cut-Off Switch ('Kill Switch') before the engine is started and at all times when it is operational.
- 10.3 Race committees shall select racing areas for PHRF/ARC races that have a minimum of 8 feet of depth at mean low water as shown on a chart plotter or other navigational aid.

## 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, or a Triangular 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.
- 11.3 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, TWD, and T2D - the finishing line shall be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a race committee vessel at the starboard end and a yellow inflatable 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. RECALLS**

- 13.1 For sequential starts that are rolling, a recalled class will revert to the end of the sequence. This changes rule 29.2.
- 13.2 For sequential starts that are not rolling, a recalled class will not revert to the end of the sequence but shall be restarted.

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

- 14.1 Changes will be made in accordance with rule 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 shall 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 rules 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 as stated in an amendment to the sailing instructions for a specific event. 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. If stated in the amended sailing instructions for a specific event, the protest

committee, at its discretion may use a video conference protest hearing process to replace an in-person hearing.

- 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. If there is a Beach Cats class that flag will be specified on the RC board.
- 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 PHRF certificate may register in a Handicap Class.
- OD1.4 A class boat may register in both OD and Handicap provided they have a current rating certificate. If registered in OD, the registration fee for Handicap will be at a 50% discount.

### **OD2. RACING AREA**

- OD2.1 Boats will assemble in the vicinity of Biscayne Bay Marker Q, also known as "Quick Flash".

### **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 rule 26.
- OD3.2 A boat starting 3 minutes or later after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rules A5.1, and A5.2.

### **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 rules A5.1 and A5.2.

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

### **H1. RATING SYSTEMS**

- H1.1 BBYRA will establish PHRF, Assigned Rating Classes (ARC); and Multihull.

- H1.2 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, thus creating a rating change, shall lose accumulated points.
- H1.3 The Time on Time scoring option shall be used for Handicap Classes.
- H1.4 The MASF scoring option shall be used for Multihull class.

## **H2. CLASS PENNANTS**

- H2.1
  - Class 1 ORC - Dark Blue and White
  - Class 2 PHRF - Orange and White
  - Class 3 ARC – Green or Green and White
  - Class 4 Multihulls - Solid Dark Blue

## **H3. RACING AREA**

- H3.1 Boats will assemble in the vicinity of Biscayne Bay Marker Q, also known as "Quick Flash".
- Per Part I, section 10, the race committee shall endeavor to race boats in areas of the bay which have an Mean Low Water depth of 8ft

## **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 rule A5.1 and A5.2.

## **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 rules 35, A5.1; and A5.2.

# **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.
- S2.5 Additional trophies will be awarded for the winners of the Fall/Winter, and Spring Series, which are comprised of race days selected by the BBYRA. These series will feature their own distinct award ceremonies, to be hosted at the Coral Reef Yacht Club.

- 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 90.3(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 that does not compete in a regatta or for a regatta that is abandoned and not re-sailed.
- S1.4 A series may be abandoned if less than 4 regattas are run.

## **S2. SCORING**

- S2.1 The Low Point System, rule A4, will be applied with no score excluded in a regatta.
- S2.2 Rule A2.2 is not applicable for the BBYRA CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES.
- S2.3 Rule A5.2 is changed to read, "any penalty will be scored as FINISHERS plus one".
- S2.4 A boat loses accumulated points for the SERIES if the entrant is changed.
- S2.5 Any races that must be postponed until outside of the race dates as prescribed for a given series or cancelled due to force majeure shall not be counted toward the scoring for that series.
- S2.6 Scoring for both the Fall/Winter and Spring series shall consist of a boat's 4 best regattas.

## **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)

Email: [info@bbyra.net](mailto:info@bbyra.net)