



NOTICE OF RACE

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COLUMBUS DAY REGATTA 2025

October 11th, 2025

One Day Event

Organizing Authority: *Columbus Day Regatta, Inc & Coconut Grove Sailing Club.*

The Columbus Day Regatta committee is excited to welcome competitors to the 70th Annual iteration of this historic and fun event. This year's race follows a pursuit format, with each boat assigned a start time and all boats racing to finish in order.

1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. All national prescriptions will apply.

2. Advertising

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1. The regatta is open to the following classes:
 - 3.1.1. **ONE DESIGN CLASS:** To be determined by Committee if any.
 - 3.1.2. **ASSIGNED RATING CLASS:** Any boat with present or past racing ability, 16' or larger LOA will have a rating assigned by the Committee and must use the sails declared by the Master on the entry form. Picture and manufacturer specifications must accompany application form. Yachts intending to use two genoas OR a spinnaker downwind must declare them on the entry form.
 - 3.1.3. **MULTIHULL CLASS:** Catamarans or Trimarans, 24' or larger, using MASF rating.
 - 3.1.4. **SALM FREEDOM CLASS:** Shake-A-Leg Miami's Freedom 20's open to both disabled and able-bodied competitors.
 - 3.1.5. **BEACH CAT CLASS:** Beach Cats, Fast Cats and Spinnaker Cats (16ft or longer) are invited to participate. Classes will be assigned based on number of entries
- 3.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form at:
<https://www.nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/973> and by paying the entry fee.
- 3.3. Entries without a boat rating must supply a picture and manufacturer specifications included with their entry to Columbus Day Regatta. Please email to info@bbyra.net
- 3.4. No entry will be accepted after noon on Wednesday October 8th, 2025.
- 3.5. Registrants are responsible for identifying themselves to the race committee, either with a sail number which matches their registration or by hailing the finish boat prior to crossing the finish line, stating their vessel and skipper's name.

4. Fee:

- 4.1. The fee for this event is \$50.00 and there will be no refund if the regatta can't be conducted due to unforeseen circumstances i.e. bad weather. If the competitor does not participate, there will be no refund.
- 4.2. Each registration includes one commemorative Columbus Day Regatta Flag to be flown during the race.

5. Schedule:

- 5.1. There will be a Skipper's meeting via **ZOOM** on Thursday October 9th, 2025, at 18:30 hours. The Zoom link will be posted on the CDR website <http://www.columbusdayregatta.net> and emailed to all registered competitors.
- 5.2. The Warning Signal for start of the regatta will be October 11th, 2025 at 10:00. Each boat or class of boats will be assigned a start time in accordance with a pursuit style format.
- 5.2.1. There will be one race for all classes. The PRO reserves the right to add races should they feel the need exists.
- 5.3. A party at Shake-a-leg will occur after racing beginning at 1700 hrs. Awards will be presented at 1800hrs.

6. Sailing Instructions:

- 6.1. The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the CDR website <http://www.columbusdayregatta.net> by October 9th, 2025, by noon.

7. Venue:

- 7.1. The regatta for all classes will be started and finished in the vicinity of the Rickenbacker Bridge in Biscayne Bay.
- 7.2. The Sailing instructions will have an attachment showing the location of the racing area.

8. Courses:

- 8.1. The Sailing Instructions will include course diagrams. All classes will finish in the approximate location of the start.

9. Penalty System:

- 9.1. RRS 44.1 shall apply.

10. Scoring:

- 10.1. One race must be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 10.2. RRS A3 will apply.

11. Support Boats:

- 11.1. Support Boats shall not assist competitors from the warning signal to the finish of the race unless safety assistance is required.

12. Berthing:

- 12.1. Berthing may be available at the area yacht clubs but to the extent any such availability exists shall be ascertained by the competitors themselves.

13. Equipment:

- 13.1. All boats shall have a functional VHF on board and monitor Channel 71.
- 13.2. All boats shall have a suitable tow line available at least 16' long.
- 13.3. All Beach Cat and SALM skipper/crew shall wear PFDs during entire regatta. Failure to comply may lead to a penalty as determined by the protest committee.
- 13.4. No monohull shall add any form of trapeze unless the class rules for that class authorize one or more trapezes and they are racing as a class.

14. Radio Communication:

- 14.1. Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmission that is not available to all boats. Failure to comply may lead to a penalty as determined by the protest committee.
- 14.2. The Race Committee will communicate with competitors and monitor VHF 71 during the regatta. All competitors who do not have a sail number which matches their registration must hailing the race committee upon finishing and identify themselves.

15. Prizes:

- 15.1 The first three yachts in each class will receive a trophy. Additional trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 15.2 The Trophy Presentation will occur the same day of competition, October 11th, 2025 at 18:00hrs at Shake-a-Leg Miami.

16. Disclaimer of Liability:

- 16.1 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 or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

17. Insurance:

- 17.1 Insurance is NOT required but encouraged.

18. Additional Information:

- 18.1 See the CDR website: <http://www.columbusdayregatta.net>
- 18.2 CDR Chairman: Joe Kolisch – 305-956-9040 email: joe@kolisch.net CDR 2025