



2025 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*.(RRS)

2. ENTRIES

The regatta will be open to classes outlined in the NOR and any amendments to the NOR. Entries received after 6:30 pm October 8th, 2025, will not be accepted. 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 the nextSailor.com site. Please refer to both web sites for all official information. There will be no ORC and no PHRF classes this year.

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors and announcements to the competitors will be posted on nextSailor.com or the Columbus Day Regatta web site for this regatta. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on or before 7:00 am on Saturday October 11th, 2025 on both websites. <http://www.columbusdayregatta.net> and/or <https://www.nextsailor.com/app/page/regatta/748>

Cancellation: Should severe weather threaten the safety of the Regatta, announcements will be announced on VHF channel 71 and we will attempt to contact all boats by email or phone call.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE - None

5. SCHEDULE

A competitors meeting is scheduled for Thursday October 9th at 1900 hours at Coconut Grove Sailing Club. You will be able to pick up your flags at that time.

The competitors meeting will be available via zoom. See below:

Time: Oct 9, 2025 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom

Meeting:<https://us05web.zoom.us/j/84597260940?pwd=qtKI6kb9nxcEw3YKiEyfbvmvETaaPc.1>

Meeting ID: 845 9726 0940

Passcode: CDR2025

The start will be at 1000 on October 11, 2025, in the vicinity of Rickenbacker Bridge. There will be one race for this event.

The start will be a Pursuit Start. Instructions for this method of starting will be posted on the official website by 1800 hours October 9th, 2025 and discussed during the Competitor's meeting.

The awards ceremony will take place at Shake-a-Leg at 1800 October 11, 2025.

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 has the same number as another entrant on the scratch sheet, the boat shall hail the race committee on VHF Channel 71 or sail close to the signal boat to identify themselves. Failure to notify the race committee via VHF 71 or by acknowledged hails may result in the boat not being scored. **Please make sure we know who you are when you finish.**

7. RACING AREA AND STARTING SEQUENCE

The starting area will be in the vicinity of about 1 nm north of government marker “Q,” An orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and adjacent yellow or Bacardi white inflatable marks will designate the starting line. The signal boat will be displaying a large blue RC flag in addition to the single orange flag.

Boats will start according to their time posted on the website which will be available by 1800 hours October 9, 2025. Any boat that starts more than 15 minutes after the start time will be scored DNC without a hearing.

Any boat that starts before their posted time, will be scored OCS without a hearing.

8. COURSES AND MARKS

The courses to be sailed will be posted on the website by October 9, 2025 by 1800 hours.

NOTE Marker “C” IS MOST LIKELY NO LONGER IN THE BAY, a WHITE OR ORANGE 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. FINISH LINES

The finish line for all competitor will be between an orange flag on the Finish Boat and an adjacent Bacardi white or yellow inflatable finish mark. The finish mark shall be east of the signal boat.

10. TIME LIMIT

The time limit for finishing is 4:00 pm. Boats not finishing by 4:00 pm will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35. Whether or not the finish boat is on station, all competitors should note their finish time as they pass by the finish mark and the names and sail numbers of boats around them when they finish. If the RC boat is not on station at the finish of any fleet, competitors shall record the time that they finish and transmit that information to the RC as soon as possible.

11. PROTESTS

Protests must be emailed or presented to the Protest Chairman: within one hour after the finish boat docks on October 11, 2025. Any protest hearings will be held at Shake-a-Leg at 1730 hours.

12. SCORING

Results will be posted on the official website on October 11, 2025.

13. AWARDS

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

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

All boats shall sail past the stern of the Signal Boat and check in with the Race Committee.

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 Sharon Bourke at 305-342-2528 or send an e-mail to: healthcare@invited.to as soon as possible. Notification can also be made using VHF channel 71.

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, DP 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 finishing for offering assistance. Safety is far more important than winning.

15. COMMUNICATION

The Race Committee will communicate on VHF channel 71. The Race Committee will attempt to hail the sail numbers of boats starting before their assigned time 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 3, 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.