



2024 Miami Key Largo

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by the current Racing Rules of Sailing as adopted by the US Sailing Association, PHRF rules and regulations, and any class rules except as amended by the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Class rules requiring membership in a class association shall not apply
- 1.3 The requirements of RRS, Appendix G, ISAF marking on sails, shall not apply.
- 1.4 There are no PHRF crew restrictions on number or weight of crew.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located outside the meeting room of the Miami Yacht Club and the Unofficial Notice Board on the <https://www.YachtScoring.com> console.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be in writing and posted by 07:00 PM on April 19, 2024, on the official Notice Board at the Miami Yacht Club and the Unofficial Notice Board on the <https://www.YachtScoring.com> console.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 There shall be no signals made ashore.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 This race shall consist of one race with one start, scheduled for Saturday April 20, 2024. The warning signal will be made at 07:55 AM.

6. CLASS FLAGS/MIAMI-KEY LARGO RACE FLAGS

- 6.1 There shall be no class flags. MYC burgee will be used as the class/start flag.
- 6.2 Each boat must display the Miami-Key Largo Race flag which must be flown from a starboard shroud during the entire race. If a boat has no shrouds, the MKL race flag must be attached from the back leech area of the aft most sail.

7. COURSE

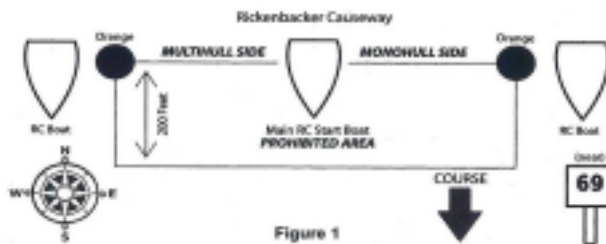
7.1 The race shall start approximately 1 mile south of the Rickenbacker Causeway and finish approximately $\frac{3}{4}$ mile north of Jewfish Creek. Boats are permitted to use engine propulsion in the marked channels of Featherbed Bank, Cutter Bank, Card Bank and Barnes Point Channel. The engine and propulsion must be turned on and engaged at 2 boat lengths to the nearest (port or starboard) **Northernmost** day marker of each channel. (See addendum 1) All boats honoring the government day markers for these channels shall not pass, under propulsion or under sail. Safe passage through the channels is priority #1.

8. MARKS

- 8.1** There are no marks of the course. There are legs of the course which pass through government marked channels. Boats must navigate each channel in its entirety. Channel markers to be honored are listed in addendum 1.
- 8.2** Divisions/classes whose draft is such that they can safely omit the channels may do so. However, if there are boats within a division who must honor the channel, then all boats in that division must honor the channels.

9. THE START

- 9.1** The RC Start Boat will be displaying a large blue RC flag.



9.2 The starting sequence is:

- Minutes before start flag:
- Five MYC burgee Raised
- Four "P" blue with white square Raised
- One "P" Lowered
- Start MYC burgee Lowered

- 9.3** The Race Committee will make an attempt to make a radio announcement at ten and five minutes before the starting sequence begins. Failure to make the announcement will not be grounds for redress. The Race Committee will use VHF channel 69.

- 9.4** Although rare, postponements will be signaled by repeated sound blasts and a postponement (AP) flag. This changes RRS rule 27.3

- 9.5** The race committee will make a reasonable attempt to identify **On Course Side** boats. OCS boats shall be any boat on the course side (SOUTH) of the starting line(s) at the start. Any boat identified as OCS (South of the Starting Line(s)) shall receive, without a hearing, a thirty minute penalty added to her uncorrected finish time. This changes RRS 29.1 and 30, A-3, and A-5.

- 9.6** Boats starting later than twenty (20) minutes after their starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS.35

10 THE FINISH

- 10.1** All boats shall finish approximately 3/4 mile North of Jew Fish Creek. The finish line shall be between an orange flag on the RC Finish Boat and an orange mark the east of the RC Finish boat. The RC Finish Boat will be displaying a large MYC Burgee and RC Flag. The finish line will be West of the channel in the vicinity of N 25 12.580 and W 80 23.190.

- 10.2** Each boat will be assigned a unique number, which is included in the registration package issued at the skippers meeting. This must be displayed continuously to the RC Finish Boat as the boat finishes and

until it clears the finish area.

11 Time Limit

11.1 The Race Committee will stop taking finishes at 6:00 PM. Boats finishing after 6:00pm may report their finish times to the PRO *who will be at the bar (305-310-5774)*.

12 Protests and Requests for Redress

- a. Protest forms are available at <https://www.ussailing.org/resource-library/2017-2020-us-sailing-protest-form/> and also available at the Miami Yacht Club.
- b. Protest forms must be submitted in person to the PRO or any Miami Yacht Club Officer, before 8:00 PM, April 23, 2024. (Or, submit via email to: racecommittee@miamiyachtclub.com before 8pm)
- c. The names and numbers of boats and parties involved in all protests will be posted on the Official Race Notification Board at the Miami Yacht Club and Yacht Scoring.com by 7:00 PM, Tuesday, April 23, 2024.
- d. Protest hearings will begin at 7:00 PM, Wednesday, April 24, 2024.
- e. Redress will not be granted for damaged or missing government markers.
- f. No redress will be granted regarding wind velocity recording for ORC or PHRF. The final wind bearing and velocity will take place aboard the RC Committee Boat at 7:45 PM, then entered for the record.

13 SCORING

- 13.1** An entry sheet shall be distributed at the Skipper's meeting. It will identify the scoring system that will be used for each class.
- 13.2** Scoring for classes completing the full course, using a handicapped-scoring system will be based upon a distance of 35 nautical miles.
- 13.3** Ties will be broken in favor of the person who is older by chronological age of the tied registered skippers. This modifies RRS Rule A7.

14 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- a. A boat that retires from the race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. Please use VHF Channel 69 or call (305)-310-5774.
- b. All boats must carry a tow line at least 20' long.
- c. All non-cruising catamaran sailors must wear PFDs while racing. This modifies RRS rule 40. d. All boats must have one person 18 years or older or be accompanied by a safety boat that has a person 18 years or older.
- e. Each skipper is responsible for the safety and security of his/her crew. All boats must carry all equipment required by law and by the provisions of these Sailing Instructions.

15 ADVERTISING

- a. Advertising will be restricted to ISAF Regulation 20.

16 CANCELLATION

- a. Short of a hurricane or extremely bad weather, the race will not be canceled or abandoned. b. The race will not be rescheduled.

Addendum 1

A. The Miami Yacht Club as the Organizing authority for annual Miami Key-Largo Race cannot recommend that any vessel, regardless of size, not honor all relevant government day markers.

B. The northernmost day markers for the channels outlined in 7.2 are listed below. It is up to the individual skippers to obtain current approved navigational reference tools, charts or chart-plotters, to verify day marker positions.

C. Markers may be missing or damaged, please refer to Current Notice to Mariners or Current Light List Available @ USCG.

D. Featherbed Bank: northernmost day markers are "3" and "4". Southernmost are "5" and "6". E. Cutter Bank (Arsenickers): northernmost day markers are "8" and "7". Southernmost are "14" and "15"

F. Card Bank: northernmost day markers are "16" and "17". Southernmost are "20" and "21"

G. Barnes Point Channel (under card sound bridge): northernmost day marker is "22". Southernmost are "26 and "27"

