



Dear Sailors,

With two months to go to the 94th Bacardi Cup, 7-13 March 2021, the event team is looking forward to welcoming you to Miami. As you would expect, arrangements will be a bit different this year as we adjust our actions and protocols to keep everyone safe in the Covid-19 pandemic.

The Organizing Authority is taking every step to meet our responsibilities to deliver a safe and controlled event and our Covid-19 protocols and mitigation strategies are of course supplementary to the state and national rules which apply. However all participants should undertake their own health risk assessment and consider if travelling to and attending the event is appropriate.

The Organizing Authority feels that the preventative measures we have taken will keep everyone safe, with negative Covid-19 test results required from all, daily temperature checks, social distancing, mask wearing, staggered arrivals/departures and virtual briefings.

The Covid-19 rules in place for the Bacardi Cup are published at the following link and we ask you to please familiarize yourself with the document:

[https://yachtscoring.com/event_documents/13063/Bacardi%20Regattas%20Covid%20Rules%20\(read\).pdf](https://yachtscoring.com/event_documents/13063/Bacardi%20Regattas%20Covid%20Rules%20(read).pdf)

The memorable Bacardi hospitality will continue each day, although for 2021 in an innovative takeaway format which you can enjoy at home after racing.

This first communication is to give everyone an overview of what to expect at the 94th Bacardi Cup. Moving forward we will be regularly updating only those registered to the event. Please don't hesitate to email the event team if you have any queries on:

info@bacardiinvitational.com

1. ENTRY AND REGISTRATION

- Due to Covid-19 we are forced to introduce an entry **limit of 40 boats** in the Star Fleet, so please get your entry in early. Your entry will not be considered complete until payment has been received. Should you decide not to attend, please cancel your entry with enough time to give other competitors the opportunity to register. Entry fees are non-refundable.
- As host club Coral Reef Yacht Club will only be able to accept members on site. All Star sailors planning on competing at the Bacardi Cup, please email Pat at the United States Sailing Centre (USSC) to reserve a spot: usscmiami@bellsouth.net

- Make sure both skipper & crew renew their Star Class dues prior to arriving in Miami. You can renew via: <http://www.starclass.org/members>

2. MANDATORY DOCUMENTATION

Detailed below is the list of **mandatory** documentation every sailor shall be required to submit **digitally** before the 94th Bacardi Cup:

- a) Everyone attending the event is required to take a **Covid-19 test** within 3 days prior to onsite registration closing at 1900 hours (EST) on Sunday 7 March 2021. Please email your negative test results to info@bacardiinvitational.com and make sure we receive them within that window. Should you fail to submit these documents in time, you will not be allowed to race. No exceptions will be made.

Please note that both Antigen (Rapid – results back in 15-20 minutes) Test and PCR Tests SHALL BE accepted. Home Collection Kits SHALL NOT be accepted.

Suggested free testing facilities in **Miami** that offer Antigen (Rapid) Tests and PCR Tests can be found at:

- **Miami Beach Convention Center** – 12.7 miles from Coconut Grove
https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/Covid19-location.page?Mduid_Covid19-location=cov1602273780346933
- **Marlins Park Stadium** – 3.6 miles from Coconut Grove
https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/Covid19-location.page?Mduid_Covid19-location=cov160399811577752
- **Hard Rock Stadium** – 18 miles from Coconut Grove
https://www.miamidade.gov/global/initiatives/coronavirus/Covid19-location.page?Mduid_Covid19-location=cov1602272892207975

For a list of testing facilities around the US click here:

<https://www.cdc.gov/publichealthgateway/healthdirectories/healthdepartments.html>

- b) A **Covid-19 Waiver** and an **Event Liability Waiver** must be signed digitally by all competitors and received in the 72 hours period prior to onsite registration closing at 1900 hours (EST) on Sunday 7 March 2021. Both waivers must be signed digitally through DocuSign at:

- **Covid-19 Waiver** – link will be shared soon
- **Event Waiver** - link will be shared soon

- c) **Boat Insurance** – boat insurance documentation must be submitted prior to onsite registration closing at 1900 hours (EST) on Sunday 7 March 2021 to:
info@bacardiinvitational.com

3. COVID-19 PROTOCOLS

Detailed below are the additional measures we have introduced to strengthen our Covid-19 protocols to deliver a safe event for all:

- a) Please read and familiarize yourself with the Covid-19 rules for the event. The objective of these rules is to attempt to minimize the risk from Covid-19 as much as possible, bearing in mind that some risk will always remain:
https://yachtscoring.com/event_documents.cfm

- b) Participants will be temperature tested upon arrival at the event venue each morning.
- c) All social events are cancelled, as well as skippers' meetings, awards, dinners and the Bacardi bar.
- d) Virtual skippers' meetings will be held via zoom and the login details will be sent to you and published on yachtscoring.com. You will first be required to register.
- e) One person from each team will need to pick up the registration pack from the United States Sailing Centre (USSC) during registration from 1000-1800 hours on Sunday 7 March 2021.
- f) Lunch bags will be distributed daily from USSC before racing daily.
- g) The Bacardi make-at-home cocktail kits will be distributed at USSC after racing every day.
- h) Awards will be shipped to you and we will contact you after the event to arrange delivery. If you live outside the US other arrangements will need to be made.
- i) There will be extra security personnel on venue to support everyone in adhering to the Covid-19 rules.
- j) From now on, all communications regarding this event will be shared only with the people registered for the event.

The Organizing Authority really appreciates your support and please let's work together to make the Bacardi Cup its usual success and safe for all.

The safety of our sailors and event team as well as the community is our highest priority and we will continue to monitor developments and immediately inform you if there are any further changes due to the Covid-19 outbreak. Together we can deliver a safe event for all.

In the meantime, if you have any queries please email: info@bacardiinvitational.com

Please also keep an eye on the event website and Facebook for updates:

<https://bacardiinvitational.com>

<https://www.facebook.com/BacardiCupInvitational>

Thank you and see you soon.

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On behalf of the Organizing Authority