



# 97th Bacardi Cup

## March 3 - 9, 2024

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



*The organizing authority (OA) is Twelve USA, INC. The hosts are Coral Reef Yacht Club, Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, Coconut Grove Sailing Club, the United States Sailing Center and Shake A Leg Miami.*

NP in an SI means: A breach of this SI is not protestable by a competitor.

#### 1 Rules:

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: 61.4, 67, 76.1, and Appendix R. The full text of the Prescriptions will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB).
- 1.3. The following Appendices will apply:
  - 1.3.1. Appendix P2.1 will apply. RRS P1.2 will be changed to permit the hail to a protested boat to be either sail number or bow number. RRS P2.1 will be changed to read “When a boat is penalized ...”. RRS P2.2 and P2.3 will not apply.
  - 1.3.2. Appendix T will apply. RRS T1(b) will be changed to read; (b) A Post-Race Penalty is a Scoring Penalty equal to 20% of the score for DNF, or 50% of the difference between the boat’s finishing position in the race and the score for DNF, whichever is less. The Scoring Penalty is calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). However, RRS 44.1(a) applies. After the arbitrator offers an opinion, RRS T4(a) is changed to read “a boat may take a Post-Race Penalty as described in RRS T1(b) as changed in this Notice of Race (NOR) 1.3, except that the penalty shall be 30% of the score for DNF.
- 1.4. The following International Star Class Yacht Racing Association Rules (STCR) will be amended or amend the RRS in accordance with RRS 86 and 87:
  - 1.4.1. STCR 31.2.6, Electronic Equipment, allows VHF radios to be carried on all boats for the sole purpose to listen to the actions of the Race Committee and to transmit in the event of an emergency or retirement. In the event of an individual recall, bow numbers or sail numbers of a yacht or yachts which are identified as OCS or penalized under RRS 30.4 may be announced on VHF 71. Failure of the Race Committee to transmit, failure of a competitor to receive, mistaken transmissions, and order of hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
  - 1.4.2. STCR 34.3.1 changes RRS 32 (will not be used.)
  - 1.4.3. STCR 34.3 (Courses) will be amended as described in Attachment 1.
  - 1.4.4. STCR 34.6.3 changes RRS 35 and A5 and is changed to provide that boats not finishing within the limit in SI 14.1 after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE as defined in SI 14.2.
  - 1.4.5. STCR 35.5 changes the Two-Turn penalty in RRS 44.1 and P2.1 to a One-Turn Penalty.
- 1.5. Under RRS 87, STCR 31.1.3 Team Weight will not apply.
- 1.6. In accordance with RRS 64.2, except for breaking a *rule* of Part 2 or RRS 2, 28 or 31, the International Jury (Jury) may impose a discretionary penalty [DP] less than disqualification.
- 1.7. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

All Federal, State, Local, and venue COVID rules will be in effect in the RRS definition of *rule* and enforced for the Event. It is likely these rules will change between this NOR and the event, in which case some elements of this NOR will change, especially the various meetings, both official and social. These changes will be announced via email to all entrants and posted on the regatta website.
- 1.9 [NP][DP] Bow Numbers will be assigned and distributed by the OA at check-in. Placement shall be in accordance with Attachment 2 to these Sailing Instructions. Competitors are responsible for maintaining their bow numbers visible on both sides of the bow in the proper location.

## 2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions:

2.1 Changes in the Sailing Instructions (SI) will be approved by the International Jury (Jury) and the Organizing Authority (OA) and will be posted before 0900 hours of the day they will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.

2.2 In order to communicate ashore with the fleet, the OA will organize a WhatsApp group. QR codes will be available at Check-In.

## 3 Communications with Competitors:

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the [YachtScoring.com](https://yachtscoring.com) (“YS”) ONB located at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16085>.

3.2 On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 71.

3.3 From the first warning signal until the end of their last race of the day, except in an emergency or to communicate retirement, a boat shall not make voice, text or data transmissions and shall not receive voice, text or data communication that is not available to all boats.

## 4 Signals Ashore:

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located at Coral Reef Yacht Club.

4.2 Code flag “AP” when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after removal. This changes RRS Race Signals.

## 5 SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 3, 2024	1600 – 1900 1600 – 1900	Check-in @ CRYC Bacardi Happy Hour / Welcome @ CRYC
Monday, March 4, 2024	0800 – 0900 0900 0930 1155 1800	Late Check-in @ CRYC Group photo – all Star Sailors at the Yardarm Competitor’s Meeting / Announcements Warning Signal, Race 1 Star Class Private Cocktail Party–Bacardi Building Coral Gables
Tuesday, March 5, 2024	0945 1155 1600	Competitor’s Briefing (CRYC Pool deck or VHF 71) Warning Signal, Race 2 Bacardi Happy Hour @ CRYC
Wednesday, March 6, 2024	0945 1155 1630	Competitor’s Briefing (CRYC Pool deck or VHF 71) Warning Signal, Race 3 Bacardi Mid Week Party @ SALM
Thursday, March 7, 2024	0945 1155 1600	Competitor’s Briefing (CRYC Pool deck or VHF 71) Warning Signal, Race 4 Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM
Friday, March 8, 2024	0945 1155 1600	Competitor’s Briefing (CRYC Pool deck or VHF 71) Warning Signal, Race 5 Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM
Saturday, March 9, 2024	0900 1055 1700 1800	Competitor’s Briefing (CRYC Pool deck or VHF 71) Warning Signal, Race 6 Bacardi Happy Hour Awards Ceremony @ SALM

5.1 Six (6) Races are scheduled. Three (3) Races are required to constitute a Regatta.

5.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to get one race ahead of schedule should expected sailing conditions warrant.

5.3 No warning signal will be made after 1400 on Saturday, March 9, 2024.

## **6 Class Flag:**

6.1 The class flag will be the Star Class insignia on a white background.

## **7 Racing Area:**

7.1 The sailing venue will be on Biscayne Bay as illustrated in the Sailing Instructions, RACING AREAS Attachment 3, approximately 2 – 4 nm south of Dinner Key Channel light “1.”

## **8 Courses:**

8.1 Courses “3”, “4” or “6” as described in Attachment 1 COURSES will be used. Course numbers marked with “V” will employ the Vertical Offset windward mark configuration (see Attachment 1), otherwise in accordance with STCR 34.3.

8.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee signal vessel will display the course number with the approximate magnetic bearing and distance to Mark 1.

8.3 STCR 34.3.1 changes RRS 32.2, the courses will not be shortened using RRS 32.2. (Flag “S”).

## **9 Marks:**

9.1 Inflatable marks will be used for the course. Marks 1, 1A, 2, and/or (gate) 3 will be white, inflatable, Bacardi logo buoys. If the Vertical Offset is used, Mark 1 will be a yellow buoy, and Marks 1A and “O” will be white.

9.2 The Starting marks will be a RC Signal Vessel at the starboard end and a port end RC vessel or yellow buoy.

9.3 The Finishing marks will be a RC Vessel at the starboard end and a port end vessel or yellow buoy.

9.4 A gate may be employed at Mark 3. Boats shall sail between the gate marks and round either mark. If only one mark of a gate is in place, it shall be left to port.

## **10 Check In:**

10.1 Prior to the first Warning Signal of their first race of the day, boats shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee (RC) signal boat on **Starboard Tack** to be recorded until acknowledged by the RC. RRS A4.1 is changed to provide that boats not complying with this instruction will receive a score as a boat not starting without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.

## **11 The Start:**

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC starboard end vessel and a staff displaying an orange flag on the port end RC vessel.

11.3 A boat not starting within 5 minutes after the Starting Signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and STCR 34.7.

11.4 The recall number for a boat will be either her bow or her sail number.

11.5 A RC boat displaying flag “G” may pass to windward of the fleet which means: “The Race Committee has signaled an abandonment, postponement or general recall. Boats are to return to the starting area immediately.”

11.6 [NP] A Race Committee boat displaying an “X” flag, regardless of the penalty preparatory signal flag, positioned near Marks 1/1A/”O” will attempt to notify boats that have been OCS or disqualified in accordance with RRS 30.1, 30.3, or RRS 30.4 and will display their bow number(s). Any boat whose bow number is displayed as disqualified shall leave the race course immediately.

## **12 Changing the Next Leg of the Course:**

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will move the original mark(s) (or the finish line) to a new position. The compass bearing to the changed mark(s) will be signaled at the beginning of the leg.

## **13 The Finish:**

13.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on a RC boat at the starboard side and a nearby inflatable mark or a staff displaying a blue flag on a RC boat at the port side.

## **14 Time Limit:**

14.1 The time limit for the first boat to reach the first mark will be 45 minutes. The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be 3 hours.

14.2 RRS 35, A4 and A5, 63.1 and STCR 34.6.3 are changed to provide that boats finishing more than 40 minutes after the first boat to sail the course and finish will be scored TLE without a hearing. TLE points will be calculated in accordance with STCR 34.6.3.

## **15 Hearing Requests:**

15.1. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered Online on Yachtscoring by logging into the owner's corner and filling out the online form (a diagram may be brought to the hearing. Post-Race Penalty forms are available at the protest desk located on the 2nd floor deck on SE side of the CRYC Boathouse through Wednesday, thereafter at the Shake-A-Leg venue. This changes RRS 61.3.

15.2. The protest time limit shall be one (1) hour after the docking time of the RC finish vessel. The docking time will be posted on the ONB. Protests shall be filed within the appropriate time limit.

15.3. Notices will be posted on the YS ONB no later than 15 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Competitors involved, with their witnesses, should report to the protest desk.

15.4. After a hearing, the penalty for breaking rules other than those of Part 2 or RRS 31 that do not specify a penalty may be less than DSQ at the discretion of the protest committee.

15.5. RRS 62.2 is changed to delete "or two hours after the incident, whichever is later" and RRS 66.2 is changed to shorten the time for requesting reopening from 24 hours to two (2) hours.

15.6. Within the protest time limit, the RC shall post the bow numbers or sail numbers of all of the boats that are disqualified or penalized under RRS 29, RRS 30.

15.7 Per RRS 70.5, the decisions of the Jury will be final.

## **16 Scoring:**

16.1 The Low Point System will be used except, when five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.1.

16.2 Scores will be posted at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16085>.

## **17 Safety Regulations, Retiring:**

17.1 Each owner/skipper shall familiarize and share with their crew the safety protocol and first-aid notice found in the skipper bag.

17.2 Boats in need of assistance from the RC will wave an extended arm in the direction of any RC boat and/or call on VHF 71 (see SI 23.1).

17.3 Boats retiring from racing will notify a RC boat or, if not practical, inform the front desk at Coral Reef Yacht Club at their first opportunity.

## **18 Replacement of Crew or Equipment:**

- 18.1 A change of helmsman is not permitted.
- 18.2 Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Jury. Once a crewmember has changed, the original crew may not return. There shall be no crew change on the final day of racing.

## **19 Team and Private Support Vessels:**

- 19.1 Coach and private spectator vessels are expected to monitor VHF 71 and render assistance to a boat in danger when requested by the boat, or at the request of the RC or Jury in accordance with RRS 37.
- 19.2 All support vessels should be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-off device (Kill Switch) which should remain attached to the support person at the helm at all time when the engine is running. Failure to comply may be misconduct and/or result in expulsion from the event.
- 19.3 Team leaders, coaches and other Support Persons shall stay 100 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Warning Signal until all boats have finished racing.
- 19.4 A yacht shall receive no outside assistance from Support Persons or otherwise once she has left the dock for the day until the finish of their last race of the day, except in the case of emergency and/or towing supplied by the organizer and available to all participants
- 19.5 The penalty for breaking SI 19.1, 19.2 or 19.3 will be at the discretion of the Jury up to and including disqualification of all boats associated with the team or private Support Persons.
- 19.6 Individual and support / coach vessels shall register with the OA during registration at the regatta registration office and shall comply with the *rules* of the event.

## **20 Haul Out – Berthing:**

- 20.1 Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.
- 20.2 Boats may be hauled out during the regatta.

## **21 Radio Communications:**

- 21.1 ISCYRA 31.2.6, Electronic Equipment, allows VHF radios to be carried on all boats for the sole purpose to listen to the actions of the RC and to transmit in the event of an emergency or retirement.
- 21.2 In the event of an individual recall, bow numbers or sail numbers of a yacht or yachts which are identified as OCS, UFD, or BFD may be announced on VHF 71. Failure of the Race Committee to transmit, failure of a competitor to receive, mistaken transmissions, and order of hail shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **22 Prizes:**

- 22.1 Prizes for skipper and crew for the first, second, third, fourth and fifth place boats in the series.
- 22.2 The perpetual Bacardi Cup Trophy for the first place skipper and the Tito Bacardi Cup for the first place crew in the series.
- 22.3 First place boat for the Masters Division (skippers aged 50 through 59 before the start of the first race).
- 22.4 First place boat for the Grand Masters Division (skippers aged 60 through 69 before the start of the first race).
- 22.5 First place boat for the Exalted Grand Master Division (skippers aged 70 and above before the start of the first race).
- 22.6 First place boat in the U30 Division.
- 22.7 The Tammy Rubin-Rice Trophy awarded to the highest placing team in Bacardi Cup who did not win an award.
- 22.8 The OA reserves the right to award additional prizes.

### **23 Trash Disposal, Clothing and Extra Sails:**

- 23.1 Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard RC support boats.
- 23.2 The race committee will not accept items of clothing or sails.

### **24 Mooring Field**

- 24.1 It is prohibited to cross the Dinner Key mooring field on your way to and from the racecourse as per the hereunder City Ordinance. Be aware that Marine Patrol will be on the lookout and could impose citations! See following ordinance:

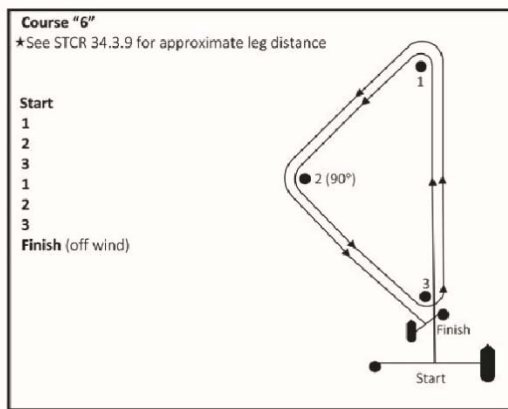
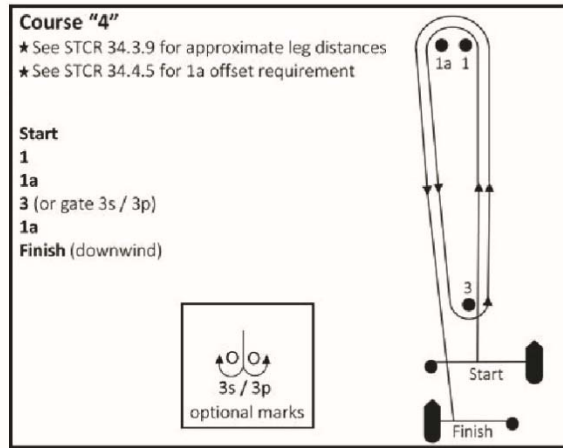
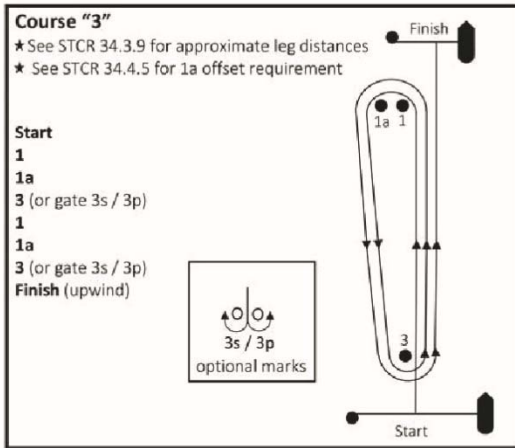
- **Sec. 50-408. Non-licensee vessels prohibited from entering mooring field.**

Entry into mooring field areas is prohibited, except by those vessels and their dinghies assigned by the harbormaster to a mooring, dinghies visiting those vessels assigned to moorings, facility staff or other authorized work vessels, and enforcement vessels. (Ord. No. 12992, § 2, 5-8-08)

### **25 Disclaimer of Liability:**

- 25.1 Sailing is an activity that carries with it an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers, including the OA, CRYC, Race Committee, Protest Committee, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official, will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of practice for or participation in this event on the water or ashore. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law. RRS 81, a US Sailing Prescription, will not apply to the event.

# Attachment 1 to Sailing Instructions - COURSES



## Vertical Offset

"O"



Mark 1A



Mark 1



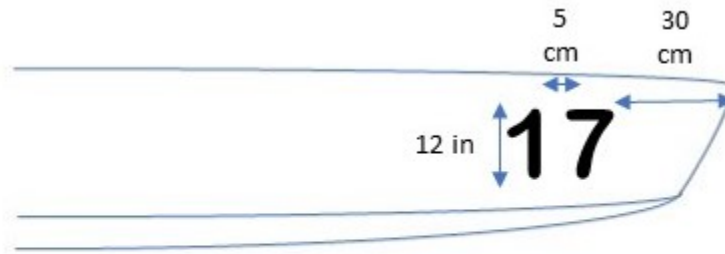
Mark 3/Gate

This language is inserted in the course description:

The R/C will lay Mark 1A between 50 - 100 meters to windward of Mark 1, and Offset Mark "O" at a 90° angle to the wind from Mark 1A at approximately the same distance. Boats shall pass in order Marks 1, 1A, "O", and then 1 all to port before proceeding to the next Mark, per STCR 34.2. In the event of a change of course, all Marks can be moved to maintain the configuration of the course; Mark 1, Mark 1A, and/or "O" can be pulled entirely; or replaced by a mark boat. This changes STCR 34.3, Courses.

## Attachment 2 to Sailing Instructions

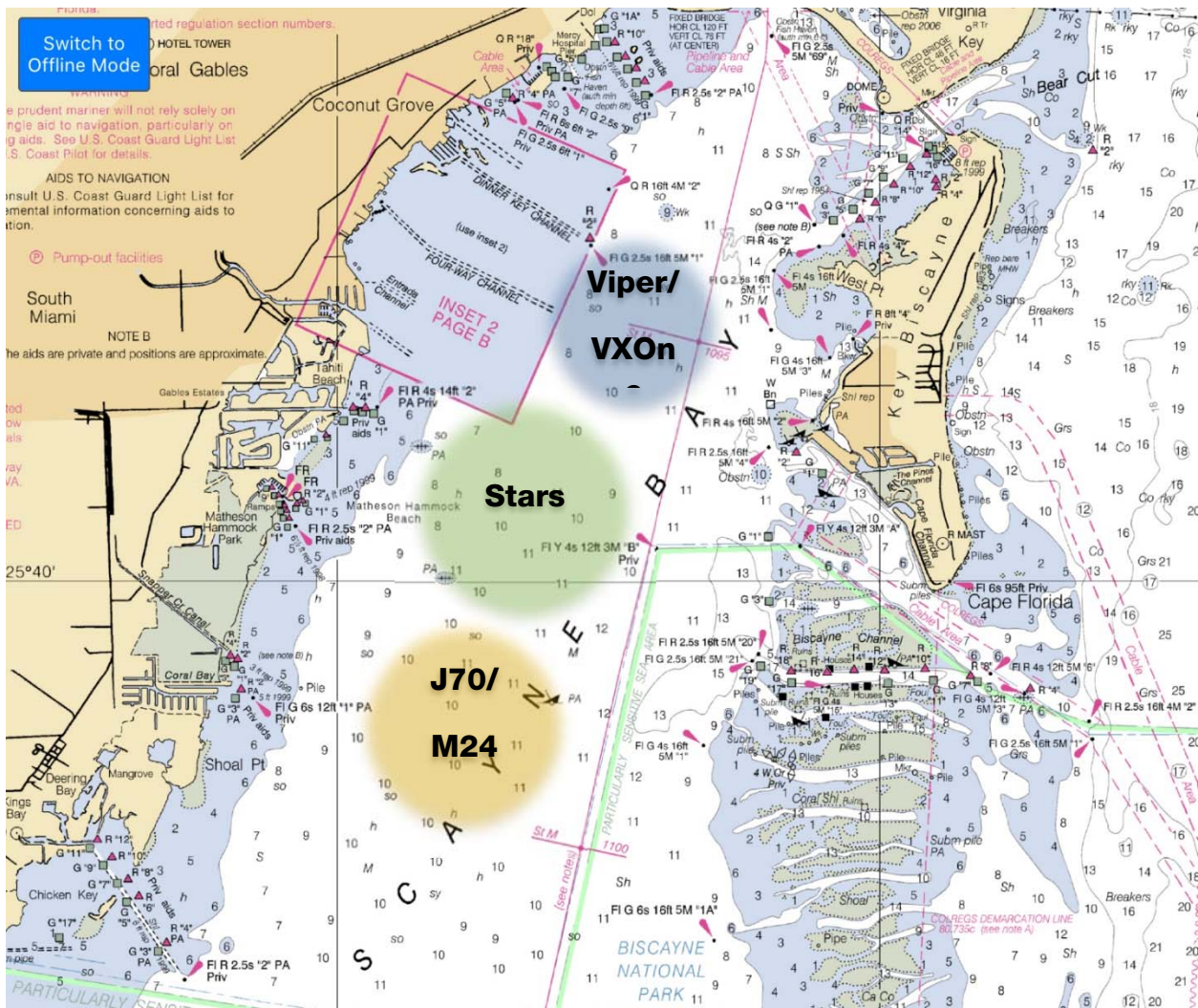
### Bow Number Placement



*Note: Not to Scale*



# Attachment 3 to Sailing Instructions – RACE AREA



Circle	VHF	Diameter (nm)	Coordinates
Bacardi Star Circle	71	2.0	N25 41.000 W080 13.250
Bacardi J70/M24	72	1.5	N25 39.345 W080 14.000
Bacardi Viper/VX One/Snipe	73	1.2	N25 42.149 W080 11.217