



## Lauderdale Yacht Club Winter Series

### Midwinter Championships

March 15,16,17



## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

*This set of SIs is a replacement for, not an amendment to, the SIs in effect for the Fall Regatta and/or the Lauderdale Cup*

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 This regatta is organized under the authority of the Lauderdale Yacht Club and will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the prescriptions of US Sailing.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.3 The rules of the International IC37 Class Association (IC37CA) and Cape 31 Class Association (C31CA) shall apply except as changed in the Notice of Race (NOR) or these SIs.
- 1.4 All competing boats shall carry a handheld VHF radio for safety purposes and race committee communication.
- 1.5 The U.S Sailing prescription to rule 63.2 is deleted
- 1.6 In accordance with IC37 CR H3.2, this event is classified as a B Regatta. For the Cape 31 Class this event is a “round the buoys race” (Cape 31 CR 15.2C)
- 1.7 For the IC37 class only, Velocitek units must be installed in the mast bracket and turned on while racing. The OCS feature of the Velocitek units will be utilized, unless the Race Committee signals verbally afloat and via written instructions on a white board displayed on the race committee signal boat, or ashore, via a written amendment posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.8 The Official Notice Board will be on [Yachtscoring.com](https://www.yachtscoring.com).

### **2 COMMUNICATION: NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, VHF CHANNELS**

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, and signaled via the fleet WhatsApp group.
- 2.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.3 In addition to any notification regarding course location in SI 2.1, the Race Committee will broadcast the location of the starting area on channel 69 at least 90 minutes prior to the scheduled warning signal time for each day's racing. The Race Committee will use channel 69 for all communications afloat with competitors. In the event that channel 69 is occupied by commercial traffic, channel 71 will be used as an alternative.

### **3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals ashore will be made via Notice Board postings and WhatsApp group messages (“LYC Winter Series 2024”). No flags will be used.

## 4 SCHEDULE

The following is the anticipated schedule of the event (*Midwinter Championship 2024*):

<b>Event</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Location</b>
Skipper's Meeting	Thursday Mar 14	1800	LYC Atlantic Ballroom
Warning Signal first race ea. day	Fri, Sat, Sun, Mar 15-17	1100	Racing area as announced or posted
Daily Race Winner Awards	Sat, Mar 15,16	post sailing	Pier 66 North Patio
No warning signal after:	Sun, Mar 17	1300	Racing area
Awards	Sun Mar 17		Pier 66 South launch/storage site

## CLASS FLAG

- 5 The IC37 Class Flag will be its class logo on a white background. The Cape 31 Class Flag will be its class logo displayed on a yellow background.

## 6 VENUE / RACING AREA

The primary racing area will be the Atlantic Ocean approximately 1.5 miles South of the Port Everglades inlet, 1/2 mile offshore. In the event the Local Notice to Mariners precludes racing in the primary racing area, the course location will be approximately 1.5 miles North of the Port Everglades inlet, 1/2 mile offshore.

## 7 CHECK-IN and RETIREMENT

Prior to the warning signal for the first race each day, each boat shall check in with the Race Committee signal vessel by passing astern and announcing her bow/sail number. Boats retiring shall inform the Race Committee on the designated VHF channel as soon as possible.

## 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in appendix A shows the two possible courses, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal for each race, the Race Committee will display on a board the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg. The order of starts will be announced on the VHF radio channel and displayed on a board from the signal boat.
- 8.3 Mark LP/LS is a gate, In the event that one of the gate marks is missing, the single remaining mark shall be rounded to port.
- 8.4 In the event that the Race Committee utilizes an offset mark adjacent to mark W (WO), notification will be made on a board indicating the course to be sailed.

## 9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks W, and LS/LP will be orange inflatable buoys. In the event that an offset mark near mark W is utilized, it will be either a MarkSetBot of contrasting color (green), or an orange buoy. These marks (9.1) will either be standard inflatable Tetrahedrons or orange MarkSetBots.
- 9.2 The starting mark and finishing mark will each be an orange MarkSetBot.

## 10 START

- 10.1 The Start will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal vessel and the starting mark.
- 10.6 For the IC37 class, no OCS hails will be made except according to SI 1.7. For the Cape 31 class, the Race Committee will attempt to notify OCS boats by VHF radio on the designated Race Committee channel. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

- 10.7 There may be multiple attention sounds before the warning signal; the Race Committee will attempt to indicate the estimated time of the next warning signal via the designated Race Committee channel.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move an existing mark (or move the finishing line to a new position). The new mark be moved into position before the first boat rounds the previous rounding mark and the Race Committee will notify such change in accordance with RRS.
- 11.2 The Race Committee may change the course by up to ten (10) degrees in bearing and/or 0.2 nm in length without a signal. This changes RRS 33.

## **12 THE FINISH**

The finish for course 4 (downwind finish) shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal vessel and the course side of the finish mark. For course 5 (upwind finish) the finish shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel and the course side of mark W.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

The first sentence of RRS 44.1 is changed to read “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while *racing*”

## **14 TIME LIMITS**

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be two hours from the starting signal. If no boat has passed the first windward mark (W) 45 minutes after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 A protesting boat shall, at the first reasonable opportunity after finishing, notify the Race Committee of her intent to protest.
- 15.2 A protest by a boat, or by the Race Committee or Protest Committee, about an incident observed in the racing area, shall be submitted online via the event’s Yachtscoring page no later than 30 minutes after the last boat reaches the dock after the last race of the day. These requirements may be waived if all parties and the protest committee are present and agree (changes RRS 61.3 and RRS 62.2).
- 15.3 Hearings will be held expeditiously at a convenient location “on property” of Pier 66.
- 15.4 The Protest Committee shall take such evidence as it considers necessary to determine the facts of an incident and base its decision on them (changes RRS 63.6).
- 15.5 The Protest Committee may assess a penalty of less than disqualification for violation of the Sailing Instructions, Notice of Race, and Class Rules.

## **16 SCORING**

- 16.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat’s score will be the total of her race scores. When six 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.

## **17 SUPPORT PERSONS AND BOATS**

- 17.1 The IC37 Class Rule H.4 does not apply. Support boats should remain outside of the laylines on the leg between either the start and/or LP/LS and mark W. After the warning signal for each race, support boats should remain outside of the starting box which is defined as 50 meters to leeward and 50 meters to either the port or starboard end of the starting line. Support and spectator boats shall monitor the Race Committee designated VHF channel and in the event of a request for assistance by the Race Committee, shall respond to an in person or radio hail.

- 17.2 Anchoring on Coral Reefs, Hardbottom or Seagrass is prohibited under Florida law.
- 17.3 Special provisions are in effect for the protection of, including but not limited to: Manatee, Sea Turtle & Sawfish, as well as critical habitat, including but not limited to Johnson Sea Grass, Staghorn and Elkhorn corals.
- 17.4 Attention is made to the existence of local boats displaying dive flags which may be in the vicinity of the race course. State law requires vessels to remain at least 100 yards from any vessel displaying a dive flag.

## **18 PRIZES**

- 18.1 Race trophies for the Midwinters will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class (or greater at the discretion of the Organizing Authority).

## **19 MEDIA WAIVER AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk, All skippers and crew should familiarize themselves with RRS 3, Decision To Race. The Organizing Authority and all its Committee members 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.

## **20 NOTES**

- 20.1 Support boats are welcome to dock at Lauderdale Yacht Club for either racing functions or social activities. Transient space on the North Dock adjacent to the pool area is available on a first come-first served basis. For docking assistance contact Bob Garey, [Bob.Garey@LYC1938.org](mailto:Bob.Garey@LYC1938.org) or (954) 527-2209 ext 241.
- 20.2 The Principal Race Officer for the Winter Series will be Tom Lihan. He can be contacted at (954) 993-4088 or [thomaslihan@comcast.net](mailto:thomaslihan@comcast.net). Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns regarding logistics or anticipated racing schedule. The WhatsApp group that will be used informally for this event is “LYC Winter Series 2024”