



J/70, MELGES 24, VIPER 640, VX ONE AND SNIPE CLASSES

5-8 MARCH 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

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[To be amended as needed for 2025 Rules changes](#)

The organizing authority (OA) is Twelve USA, INC. The host facility and regatta office are at Shake-A-Leg Miami (SALM), 2620 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, Florida 33133.

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: RRS 61.4, Appendix R, Appendix V1 and prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a), and 76.1. The full text of the prescriptions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

1.3 The OA will appoint an international jury (Jury) in accordance with Appendix N.

1.4 Per RRS 70.5, there shall be no appeal from the decisions of the Jury.

1.5 Arbitration will be offered in accordance with RRS APPENDIX T. Appendix T1(b) is modified as described in notice of race 12.2.

1.6 In accordance with RRS 64.2, except for breaking a *rule* of Part 2 or RRS 2, 28 or 31, the Jury may impose a discretionary penalty less than disqualification.

1.7 If there is a conflict between the sailing instructions and notice of race, the sailing instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

1.8 Boats shall be in compliance with class rules except as they may be changed by this Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions, or amendments.

1.9 (DP) The OA will require bow numbers on all boats and will provide them, along with application instructions, at check-in to all J/70 and Viper 640 entries.

1.10 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be utilized by the race committee for the VX One fleet and may also be employed for other fleets; this modifies RRS 41(c). If the OA chooses to implement RaceSense for the J/70 and Melges 24 fleets, further details will be provided in a subsequent NOR amendment.

1.11 Each boat shall have a working Vakaros Atlas 2 configured for RaceSense at check-in and shall be mounted on the aft side of the mast at all times while racing. Each boat shall either provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for configuration with RaceSense, or an Atlas 2 will be provided by Vakaros to any boat that does not have one available.

1.12 RaceSense information is available to all boats within the VX One fleet.

1.13 Alleged failure of an Atlas 2 or the RaceSense system shall not be grounds for a competitor to request redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

2. COMMUNICATION

2.1 The official notice board (ONB) will be online at:

https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=16828

2.2 In order to communicate with the fleets on each racing circle, the OA will organize a WhatsApp group for each fleet/racing circle. Fleet/racing circle specific QR codes will be available at Check-In.

2.3 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication with the race committee on US VHF Marine channels.

2.4 On the water the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors by VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the sailing instructions.

2.5 From the first warning signal until a boat's last race of the day, a boat shall not: make or receive voice or data transmissions not available to all boats except in case of an emergency or have contact with a support person.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 The sailing instructions will be available on-line on the ONB at Yacht Scoring.com on February 23rd, 2025

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to J/70, Melges 24, Viper 640, VX One and Snipe boats.

4.2 Entry for the 2025 Bacardi Invitational Regatta will be online at:

https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=16828

4.3 Entry is not completed until all fees are paid, all crew have signed the waiver of liability and proof of insurance is provided.

4.4 Per RRS 46, the Person in Charge will submit, at check-in, a cell phone number for immediate communication with the boat while ashore.

5. FEES

5.1 The deadline for entry and payment is February 2, 2025

5.2 Late entries will be subject to an additional \$100.00 late fee.

5.3 To streamline the entry process this year the storage fees have been incorporated into the entry fee.

5.4 Entry Fees are as follows:

Description	Fee
J/70 & M24 - Event Entry (daily Bacardi open bar, Saturday night dinner, Friday and Sunday happy hour snacks, and promotional regatta items)	\$525
5 Storage days - Dockage, trailer storage, Crane Usage – Mandatory	\$ 250
Description	Fee
VX One & Viper 640 - Event Entry (daily Bacardi open bar, Saturday night dinner, Friday and Sunday happy hour snacks, and promotional regatta items)	\$425
Snipe - Event Entry (daily Bacardi open bar, Saturday night dinner, Friday and Sunday happy hour snacks, and promotional regatta items)	\$285
5 Storage days - Crane Usage, Park Storage – Mandatory	\$100

5.5 The entry fee is refundable, minus a \$75 handling fee, if notification of cancellation is received and acknowledged by **February 20, 2025**. Entry fees will not be refunded after this date, unless the organizing authority decides to cancel the event in which case all entry fees will be refunded.

5.3 The event will be capped at 65 boats for the J/70 and Melges 24 classes, and 75 boats for the VX One, Viper 640, and Snipe classes. Once these limits have been reached, a waiting list will be established.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 Boats will comply with class rules regarding the number of crew, however, there will be no crew-weigh-in or crew weight restrictions.

6.2 Substitution of crew during the event is not allowed without written permission of the Jury.

6.3 For J/70 or Melges 24 boats to enter as “Corinthian,” all competitors on the boat must be Category 1 eligible as defined in World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code, Regulation 22, and meet the requirements of their class for Corinthian status. The crew must sign an eligibility affidavit when registering on yachtscoring.com

6.4 For J/70 and Melges 24 Class, “Mixed+” gender teams shall be comprised of at least 50% female crew.

6.5 A 2025 BACARDI INVITATIONAL REGATTA wristband is required for entry into the hospitality area. Wristbands will be distributed at check-in. Each competitor must present a valid photo ID with an event voucher to receive a wristband. If no valid photo ID is presented, the individual will receive an “under 21” wristband and will be precluded from consuming alcoholic beverages. Guest wristbands will be available for purchase at check-in and at the hospitality tent entrance each evening.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats are required to display the event sponsor’s advertising in accordance with World Sailing Advertising Code, Regulation 20. Materials and instructions for application will be provided at

check-in. Display of any other advertising on a boat, other than that permitted in Regulation 20.7, and that which conflicts with the event's title sponsor, requires the written consent of the OA.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1 Nine (9) races are scheduled for the event.

8.2 Up to three (3) races are scheduled per day.

8.3 The order of starts for each race circle will be stated in the sailing instructions.

8.4 Wednesday, March 5, 2025

1000 -1800 Check-in (All Classes) @ SALM

1730 Skipper's Meeting (All Classes) @ SALM

Thursday, March 6, 2025

0900 J/70 and Melges 24 competitors briefing @ SALM

0900 Viper 640, VX One and Snipes competitors briefing @ Regatta Park

1030 First Warning Signal for both race circles; subsequent warning signals to follow

Post-Racing Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM

Friday, March 7, 2025

0900 J/70 and Melges 24 competitors briefing @ SALM

0900 Viper 640, VX One and Snipes competitors briefing @ Regatta Park

1030 First Warning Signal for both racing circles; subsequent warning signals to follow

Post-Racing Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM

Saturday, March 8, 2025

0900 J/70 and Melges 24 competitors briefing @ SALM

0900 Viper 640, VX One and Snipes competitor briefing @ Regatta Park

1030 First Warning Signal for both racing circles; subsequent warning signals to follow

1400 No warning signal will be made after this time.

Post-Racing Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM

1800 Prize Giving @ SALM

8.5 A schedule with locations for check-in and additional information will be available online at: <https://bacardiinvitational.com/>

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 A boat shall be prepared to submit to the Jury her current class measurement certificate upon request.

9.2 No measurement or equipment inspection is scheduled, however, a boat may be inspected by the OA at any time for compliance with class rules, if so directed by the Jury.

10. RACING AREA

10.1 All racing will take place on Biscayne Bay.

10.2 Specific details regarding racing course locations will be in the sailing instructions.

11. COURSES

11.1 The courses will be windward-leeward with a weather offset mark and leeward gates. Course diagrams will be appended to the sailing instructions.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 US Appendix V1, Penalty At the Time Of An Incident, will be in effect. The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 28 or 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while within the *zone* around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

12.2 RRS 44.3(a)(b) will not be in effect. The '30%' Scoring Penalty in Appendix T is changed so that the penalty is reduced to 25% for fleets with more than 20 or more boats, or 20% for fleets with 30 or more boats, racing. Such penalties must be approved by the Jury. A request to take a post-race penalty in accordance with Appendix T may be made at the protest desk.

13. SCORING

13.1 If six (6) or more races are completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.

13.2 RRS A2.1; the word 'series' is deleted and replaced by 'event'.

13.3 RRS A2.2 shall not apply.

13.4 RRS A5.2 first sentence is changed to: "A boat that did not start, sail the course or finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area for that race."

13.5 Points for J/70 and Melges 24 Corinthian classes will be based on fleet scores.

13.6 For J/70 and Melges 24, a boat's overall score for the 2024-2025 BACARDI INVITATIONAL WINTER SERIES will be her score for Event 3 added to her lowest score from Event #1 or #2.

13.7 To qualify for the J/70 and Melges 24 Classes top Corinthian or top Mixed+ series trophies, the boat's crew status (Corinthian or Mixed+) must be the same in each of the boat's two best qualifying events.

14. SUPPORT PERSON

14.1 A *support person* agrees while on the water to monitor the race committee on their race circle's assigned VHF channel, to assist the race committee if requested, and accepts the provisions of RRS 4.1(b), Acceptance of the Rules.

14.2 From the time of the first warning signal of the day, until a boat has finished the last race of the day, support vessel and their crew may have no contact with their team.

14.3 Support persons shall stay 100 meters outside the racing area while any boats are racing on their course.

14.4 The race committee or Jury may warn a *support person* who, in their opinion, is about to infringe on a race before protesting under RRS 60.2 or 60.3(d).

14.5 Towing to and from the racecourse is permitted only if the Class rules allow it.

15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

15.1 Boats will be afloat prior to their first warning signal for the event and shall not be hauled-out until completion of the final race of their class, except with the written permission of the Jury.

16. LAUNCHING - BERTHING - HAULING - TRAILER STORAGE

16.1 Launching, berthing, hauling and trailer storage will be at Shake-A-Leg Miami, US Sailing Center Miami, Biscayne Bay Yacht Club and City of Miami Regatta Park. Contact: www.bacardiinvitational.com.

17. RISK STATEMENT

17.1 In addition to RRS 3, by participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. Among others these risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent catastrophic injury by or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

18. WAIVER OF LIABILITY

18.1 Prior to participating in this event every owner, competitor, and support person shall sign a waiver of liability available at the registration desk upon check in.

19. INSURANCE

19.1 A boat shall be insured with current third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of not less than \$100,00/300,000 per incident. A copy of the boat's insurance coverage page will be submitted prior to or at check-in. Please email to: info@bacardiinvitational.com

20. PRIZES

20.1 For **all Classes**, event prizes will be given to the first, second and third place teams for the overall 2025 BACARDI INVITATIONAL REGATTA.

20.2 For the **J/70 and Melges 24 Classes**:

20.2.1 In addition to the OVERALL prizes in NOR 19.1, Corinthian class event prizes will be given for first, second and third place teams. Corinthian boats are also eligible to receive overall fleet trophies.

20.2.2 Class prizes will be awarded to the top Mixed+ team.

20.2.3 As this event is the conclusion of the 2024-2025 BACARDI INVITATIONAL WINTER SERIES, Class prizes will be given to the Overall Winter Series winner, the Overall Winter Series top Corinthian team, and the Overall Winter Series Mixed+ team.

20.3 Additional prizes may be awarded.

21. MEDIA RIGHTS

21.1 Competitors give absolute right for video footage and photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial, or advertising purposes.

22. EVENT MANAGEMENT AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Event Director: Sara Zanobini sara@bacardiinvitational.com

Regatta Chairman: Mark Pincus mwpincus@aol.com

J/70 + Melges 24 Classes PRO: Mark Foster mfoster@gmail.com

Viper 640, VX One Classes PRO: Shannon Bush swmadero@aol.com

Snipe Class PRO: TBC

Event information can be found at www.bacardiinvitational.com info@bacardiinvitational.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR BOAT STORAGE

To streamline the entry process this year the storage fees have been incorporated into the entry fee.

- 5 days of storage are included in the Entry Fee for all classes

If you are planning on arriving or leaving early please use this link to reserve and pay for the extra days. <https://form.jotform.com/242315127341143>