



98th STAR BACARDI CUP
Miami, FL, U.S.A.
March 3 - 9, 2024

The organizing authority (OA) is Twelve USA, INC. The host is Coral Reef Yacht Club (CRYC). Berthing will be available at CRYC and the United States Sailing Center.

NOTICE OF RACE
POSTED - SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

To be amended as needed for 2025 Rules changes

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) and RRS 33(b) to limit leg length changes to within the parameters of the format being sailed.
 - 1.4.3. STCR 34.3 (Courses) will be amended as described in Notice of Race 10.
 - 1.4.4. STCR 34.6.3 changes RRS 35 and A5 will be changed to provide that boats not finishing within the limits established in the STCR after the first boat sails the course and finishes within the time limits therein will be scored TLE as defined therein.
 - 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. The Sailing Instructions may also change other *rules* if warranted.
- 1.7. 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.
- 1.8. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.9. 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 further details will be provided in a subsequent NOR amendment.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available online after February 23, 2025.
- 2.2. In order to communicate ashore with the fleets, the OA will organize a WhatsApp group for each fleet/racing circle. Fleet/racing circle specific QR codes will be available at Check-in.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB at YachtScoring.com and may be displayed in the breezeway at CRYC. Failure to post notices at CRYC will not be grounds for redress.
- 3.2. On the water, the Race Committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF channel 71.
- 3.3. [DP] From the first warning signal until after her last race of the day, except in an emergency or to communicate retirement, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication not available to all

boats.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Entries are open to all active, life and isolated skippers and must be eligible in accordance with STCR 26.1. Crews must comply with STCR 26.2. Boats must comply with STCR 21.
- 4.2. Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line application: https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=16828 , by March 2, 2025. In order to receive regatta communication (see NOR 1.7) you must provide an email address.
- 4.3. Only skippers and crew eligible to compete under World Sailing (WS) Eligibility Code, Regulation 19, are to compete in this regatta.
- 4.4. A Competitor is not entered and will not receive a score until: (a) All fees are paid; (b) Proof of insurance is provided (c) Participants waiver is signed.

5. FEES

- 5.1. The entry fee is USD \$375.00.
- 5.2. Entry fees are due at time of entry, but not later than March 2, 2025, and payable via credit card: https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=16828
- 5.3. A late entry fee of USD \$100.00 will be assessed on entries received after February 1, 2025, given conformance to NOR 3.3
- 5.4. 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 OA decides to cancel the event in which case all entry fees will be refunded.
- 5.5. A Bacardi Cup wristband is required for entrance into hospitality areas. Wristbands will be distributed during check-in. Each competitor must present a valid photo ID together 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 prohibited from consuming alcoholic beverages.
- 5.6. Additional wristbands can be purchased for an additional \$100.00.

6. ADVERTISING [DP]:

- 6.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA. If this rule is broken, then the WS Advertising Code applies.

7. SCHEDULE

Sunday, March 2, 2025	1600 – 1900	Check-in @ CRYC
	1600 – 1901	Bacardi Happy Hour / Welcome @ CRYC
Monday, March 3, 2025	0800 – 0900	Late Check-in @ CRYC
	0930	Competitor’s Meeting / Announcements
	1155	Warning Signal, Race 1
	1800	Star Class Private Cocktail Party – Bacardi Building Coral Gables

Tuesday, March 4, 2025	0945	Competitor's Briefing (CRYC Pool deck or VHF 71)
	1155	Warning Signal, Race 2
	1600	Bacardi Happy Hour @ CRYC
Wednesday, March 5, 2025	0945	Competitor's Briefing (CRYC Pool deck or VHF 71)
	1155	Warning Signal, Race 3
	1630	Bacardi Mid Week Party @ SALM
Thursday, March 6, 2025	0945	Competitor's Briefing (CRYC Pool deck or VHF 71)
	1155	Warning Signal, Race 4
	1600	Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM
Friday, March 7, 2025	0945	Competitor's Briefing (CRYC Pool deck or VHF 71)
	1155	Warning Signal, Race 5
	1600	Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM
Saturday, March 8, 2025	0945	Competitor's Briefing (CRYC Pool deck or VHF 71)
	1155	Warning Signal, Race 6
	1700	Bacardi Happy Hour
	1800	Awards Ceremony @ SALM

7.1. Six (6) races are scheduled. Three (3) races are required to constitute an event.

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

8. VENUE

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

9. THE COURSES

9.1. The courses to be sailed will be in accordance with STCR 34 and will be further described in the sailing instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

11. SCORING

11.1. The event shall be scored in accordance with RRS A.

11.2. 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.

12. BERTHING AND HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

12.1. Launching, berthing, hauling and trailer storage site information will be available on the event website. Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the boat park.

12.2. Boats may be hauled out during the regatta.

13. PRIZES

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

14. TEAM AND PRIVATE SUPPORT PERSONS AND VESSELS

- 14.1. Per STCR 31.1.4, boats shall receive no outside assistance from any support vessels, including towing, once she has left the dock for the day until her finish of the last race of the day, except in the case of emergency and/or towing supplied by the OA and available to all participants.
- 14.2. 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.
- 14.3. Per RRS 37, support vessels and persons shall carry a functioning VHF and monitor VHF channel 71 and, if requested, shall assist the Race Committee.
- 14.4. All support vessels shall be equipped with a functioning engine safety cut-out switch (kill switch) which shall remain attached to the support person at the helm at all times while the engine is running. Failure to comply may be misconduct and/or result in expulsion from the event.
- 14.5. The Sailing Instructions and/or the OA may further limit the activities and location of the support vessels.

15. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 15.1. In addition to RRS 3, DECISION TO RACE, the safety of a boat and her entire management shall be the responsibility of the owner(s) and the owner's representative. Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. 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 or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**
- 15.2. The event organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, technical committee, host club, sponsors, or any other participating 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 participation in these events.

15.3. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the event organizers from any and all liability associated with participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

15.4. Prior to participating in this event every owner(s), competitor and support person shall sign the waiver of liability at the registration desk on March 2nd, 2025.

16. INSURANCE

16.1. Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000.00 per incident or the equivalent.

17. MEDIA RIGHTS

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

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

Event Director: Sara Zanobini sara@bacardiinvitational.com

Regatta Chairman: Mark Pincus mwpincus@aol.com

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Star Class Representative: Stu Hebb Stuarthebb@gmail.com

Launching/berthing information on the event website:

www.bacardiinvitational.com/logistics or email info@bacardiinvitational.com