



***Orange Bowl International Windsurfing Regatta
Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, Coconut Grove, Florida
December 27-30, 2017***

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC) is the Organizing Authority of the Orange Bowl International Windsurfing Regatta.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 2017-2020 Racing Rules of Sailing as changed by Appendix B, Windsurfing Competition Rules, including US Sailing prescriptions to rules 61.4, 67, 76.1, Appendix R, and the ***Techno 293*** class rules.
- 1.2 These sailing instructions (SI) and any amendments to them will take precedence over the notice of race in case of a conflict. (This changes Rule 63.7.)

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The participating Classes shall be:
 - * ***Techno Plus*** - Youth Boys & Girls under 19 years of age on December 31st, 2017
 - * ***Techno 293*** - U15/U17
 - * ***Techno Green Fleet*** –Boys & Girls with 1 year or less of racing experience.
May utilize any sail under 5.8 meters.
- 2.2 Age Divisions for Techno 293:
 - Techno 293 (U15) shall be under 15 years of age on December 31st, 2017
 - Techno 293 (U17) shall be under 17 years of age on December 31st, 2017

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the first floor lobby of the BBYC clubhouse.

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any change in the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board before 11:00 on Thursday and Friday, and before 09:30 on Saturday, or announced on the water prior to the warning signal of a race. If a change is to be made on the water, it will be announced from the race committee (R/C) signal boat, with display of flag **L** and one sound.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the BBYC flagpole.
- 5.2 All boards shall remain in the staging area while flag **O** is hoisted. No boards shall launch prior to the harbor start signaled by the drop of flag **O** with a sound signal.
- 5.3 Flag **AP** with two sounds, means racing is postponed. Do not leave the harbor. The first warning signal will display not less than 30 minutes after **AP** is lowered with one sound.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- **Wednesday**, December 27th, 2017 – Registration of competitors and support boats will be at Biscayne Bay Yacht Club between 16:00 and 19:30.
- **Thursday**, December 28th.... Competitor's Briefings at 11:00.
First Warning Signal 12:30. 3 or more races scheduled.
- **Friday**, December 29th..... First Warning Signal 12:30. 3 or more races scheduled.
- **Saturday**, December 30th..... First Warning Signal 11:00. Up to 3 races scheduled.
No Warning Signals will be made after 15:30. Awards at BBYC to follow racing.

7. SAFETY AND CHECK-OUT / CHECK-IN PROCEDURES

- 7.1 Each competitor must **sign out** at the R/C table before launching each day indicating their departure to the race course, and are required to **sign-in** upon their return to shore. If a competitor will not be racing, they must notify the R/C. Failure to follow Safety Check-Out/Check-In Procedures will result in the sailor being penalized pursuant to sailing instruction 15.6.
- 7.2 All competitors must **check in** before the first race each day by passing the R/C signal boat stern on starboard tack, hailing their board's sail number, until acknowledged by the race committee.
- 7.3 Each competitor must wear a properly secured US Coast Guard approved personal flotation device (PFD) or their national equivalent from the time the board leaves the dock until it returns to the dock. A safety whistle, to be used for emergency purposes only, shall be attached to the PFD.
- 7.4 A board which retires for breaking a rule, withdraws, or intends not to start a race must inform the nearest race committee boat as soon as possible.

8. CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 *Techno Plus* Fleet Class Flag.....LIGHT BLUE
Techno 293 U17/U15 Class Flag.....PINK
Techno Green Fleet Class Flag.....GREEN

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be on Biscayne Bay to the west of the Intracoastal Waterway in the vicinity of QR 16ft 3M '2' (Red Quick Flash marker north of Dinner Key Channel).
Marker is in the vicinity of: N25° 43.247' / W80° 12.492'

10. COURSES

- 10.1 The course will be designated by a red numeral displayed on a board located on the R/C signal boat.
- 10.2 SI Addendum No.1 describes and illustrates the courses.
- 10.3 The gate is not a mark of the course for Course 0, or for boards sailing on the downwind leg to finish.

11. MARKS

- 11.1 For *Techno Plus* fleet the rounding mark **WL** will be a *Yellow cylinder*, and the gate marks will be orange round marks. The starting mark will be a yellow cylinder.
- 11.2 For *Techno 293 U17/U15* fleet the rounding mark **WL** will be a *Yellow cylinder*, and the gate marks will be orange round marks. The starting mark will be a yellow cylinder.
- 11.3 For *Techno Green* fleet the rounding mark **WS** will be an *Orange cylinder*, and the gate marks will be orange round marks. The starting mark will be a yellow cylinder.

12. THE START

- 12.1 Appendix B is changed, all classes will be started using WRC 26 System 1 (as modified below).
- 12.2 Multiple, short sound signals with display of a class color means, "The class is to come to the starting area". There will be an interval between sequences.
- 12.3 **Start sequence;**

Minutes Before Starting Signal	Visual Signal	Sound Signal	Means
3	Class Flag	One	Warning Signal
2	P, I, U, or Black Flag	One	Preparatory Signal
1	Preparatory Flag Removed	One Long	One Minute to Start
0	Class Flag Removed	One	Starting Signal

- 12.4 The starting line for all classes will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the R/C signal boat and a yellow cylinder to port of the R/C signal boat.
- 12.5 A board starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored, 'Did Not Start' (DNS) without a hearing. (This changes RRS 63.1 and A4.1.) In RRS 29.1 the word four is replaced with five.
- 12.6 A board whose preparatory signal has not been made will keep clear of the starting area.
- 12.7 The R/C may make an announcement regarding the approximate number of boards on the course side of the starting line, but will not hail individual sail numbers. Failure to make an announcement or failure of a board to hear it will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat and a staff displaying a blue flag on an adjacent R/C boat (or an inflatable mark) on the starboard side of the R/C signal boat.
- 13.2 Flag H displayed with no sound while boards are finishing means, 'No more racing today.'

14. TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 The time limit for the first board to sail the course and finish is 45 minutes.
- 14.2 Boards failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes after the first board sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4, and A5.

15. PROTESTS & PENALTIES

- 15.1 Immediately, or as soon as practical, after finishing or retiring from the race in which the infraction occurred, a protesting board will notify the R/C finish boat until acknowledged.
- 15.2 The R/C shall post on the official notice board the docking time of the signal boat, the sail numbers of all protesting boards and boards being protested, requests for redress, and penalties assessed by the R/C.
- 15.3 Protest forms will be available at the R/C table. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the docking time of the R/C boat.
- 15.4 Protests will be posted on the official notice board within 15 minutes of the end of protest time. This posting constitutes notification required in RRS 61.1(b) and 63.2.
- 15.5 Protests will be heard in the approximate order in which they were received.
- 15.6 Boards breaking SI 7.1 (Safety Check-Out or Check-In) will receive a 5 point scoring penalty for the nearest race without a hearing. This changes RRS 4.1 and A5.

16. SCORING

- 16.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2 The worst score may be excluded upon completion of 6 races.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 Prizes will be given to the top places in each fleet.

18. SUPPORT PERSONS

- 18.1 All *Support Person* boats must register with organizing authority and provide boat identification during registration hours at BBYC between **16:00 – 19:30** on Wednesday, December 27th, 2017.
- 18.2 All *Support Person* boats must display a red flag issued by the organizing authority at registration at all times when they are in the vicinity of the course.
- 18.3 All *Support Person* boats must monitor Channel 68 at any time they are in the vicinity of the course, and comply with all reasonable requests from the R/C.
- 18.4 *Support Persons* will not be on the race course or starting area from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boards have finished or the R/C signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Failure to comply with this requirement may result in disqualification of the competitor(s) associated with the *Support Person* and/or eviction of the *Support Person* and boat from BBYC. The R/C may issue warnings on VHF of potential rule infringement.
- 18.5 If flag R is displayed on the R/C signal boat with repetitive sound signals all *Support Person* boats shall monitor VHF channel 68, and be prepared to assist in support.

19. GREEN FLEET COACHING

- 19.1 Coaching of **Green Fleet** skippers while racing is permitted; however, coaching shall be limited to the bottom half of the fleet in any race. Coach boats shall neither create wakes nor otherwise interfere with competitors. Violation of this instruction may result in any penalty which the jury deems appropriate.

20. ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

- 20.1 Competitors are prohibited from discharging any refuse overboard. Competitors may place trash aboard Support Boats. The penalty for breaking this rule is at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 20.2 The USCG alerts participants to be aware of the presence of manatees in the race area. Should injury or death of a manatee occur, immediately report the incident to the Florida Marine Patrol's "Manatee Hot Line" at 1-800-DIALFMP.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

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ADDENDUM No. 1 COURSES

Marks of the courses:

WL – Yellow cylinder windward mark 

WS – Orange cylinder windward mark 

Gate – Orange round leeward mark(s) 

Start line mark – Yellow cylinder 

Finish line – R/C boat (or inflatable mark)

To Starboard of Signal boat (opposite side from start line)

BLUE COURSE: Sail to WL (Yellow cylinder mark)

#0 – Start – WL – Finish

#1 – Start – WL – Gate – WL – Finish

#2 – Start – WL – Gate – WL – Gate – WL - Finish

PINK COURSE: Sail to WL (Yellow cylinder mark)

#0 – Start – WL – Finish

#1 – Start – WL – Gate – WL – Finish

#2 – Start – WL – Gate – WL – Gate – WL - Finish

GREEN COURSE: Sail to WS (Orange cylinder mark)

#0 – Start – WS – Finish

#1 – Start – WS – Gate – WS – Finish

