



**2019 RSX North American Championship
Including the 2019 RSX Youth North American Championship**

**Biscayne Bay Yacht Club
Coconut Grove, Miami, USA
January 22 – 23, 2019**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The RSX Class is the Organizing Authority

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. No National Authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.5. Decisions on Measurement Protests: RRS 64.3(a) shall not apply.
- 1.6. The following Class rules shall be deleted: C.6.5(b), C.7.1(d) and C.7.4(b).

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. All RSX sailors may compete in the Championship, however only nationals of North America are eligible for the North American titles – men, women, and youth (under 22 years and using an 8.5m sail)

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

4. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any change in the sailing instructions (SI) will be posted on the official notice board before 11:00 on Friday and Saturday, and before 9:30 on Sunday, or announced on the water prior to the warning signal of each race. If a change is to be made, it will be posted on the official notice

board, or announced from the race committee (RC) 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. Flag AP Answering Pennant with two sounds, means: "Racing is postponed. Do not leave the harbor." The first warning signal will displayed not less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered with one sound.

6. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| • Monday, January 21 | Registration | 17:30 – 19:30 |
| • Tuesday, January 22 | Competitors Meeting | 10:30 |
| • Tuesday, January 22 | First Warning Signal | 12:00 |
| • Wednesday, January 23 | First Warning Signal | 12:00 |
| • Wednesday, January 23 | Latest Warning Signal | 5:30 |
| • Wednesday, January 23 | Prize Giving & Lunch | Shortly after racing |

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

- 7.1. All competitors must check-in by passing the stern of the Race Committee on starboard tack hailing the board's sail number, until acknowledged by the race committee.
- 7.2. A safety whistle, to be used for emergency purposes only, will be attached to the PFD.
- 7.3. 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

RSX Men - WHITE

RS:X Women and Youth using 8.5m sails – LIGHT BLUE

9. RACING AREA

- 9.1. The racing area will be on Biscayne Bay to the west of the Intracoastal Waterway in the vicinity of Q R 16 ft 3M "2" (Red Quick Flash north of Dinner Key Channel).

10. COURSES

- 10.1. The course will be designated by a red numeral displayed on a board located on the RC signal boat.
- 10.2. SI Addendum No.1 describes and illustrates the courses.

11. MARKS

- 11.1. Marks of the course shall be yellow cylinders for start/finish line and the windward mark, orange balls for the leeward gate.

12. THE START

- 12.1. Appendix B will be used.
- 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. The starting line for all classes will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat and a yellow cylinder to port of the signal boat.
- 12.4. 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, and extends time for displaying flag X pursuant to RRS 29.1 from four minutes to five minutes.
- 12.5. A board whose preparatory signal has not been made will keep clear of the starting area.

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 RC boat (or an inflatable mark) on the port side of the signal boat.
- 13.2. Flag H displayed with no sound while boards are finishing means, “No more racing today.”
- 13.3. Boards penalized during a race will have their sail number displayed on a board on the signal boat at the finish.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1. Time limits and target times are in minutes and as follows:

	<i>Time Limit</i>	<i>Mark 1 Time Limit</i>	<i>Finish Window</i>	<i>Target Time</i>
All Races	40	15	15	20-25

- 14.2. If no board has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race committee will abandon the race.
- 14.3. Competitors failing to finish within the time stated in the Finish Window, after the first competitor in that group sails the course complying with all requirements of RRS 28, will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS & PENALTIES

- 15.1. As soon as practical after finishing or retiring from the race in which the infraction occurred, a protesting board will notify the RC finish boat until acknowledged.
- 15.2. The RC 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 RC.
- 15.3. Protest forms will be available at the RC table. The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the docking time of the RC 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.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 16.2. The worst score will be excluded upon completion of 6 races.
- 16.3. A minimum of three races shall constitute a Championship.
- 16.4. The Race Committee shall attempt to run 6 races.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Prizes will be given for top three men and women and the highest placing youth.

18. SUPPORT PERSONS

- 18.1. 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 RC.
- 18.2. *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 RC 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 RC may issue warnings on VHF of potential rule infringement.

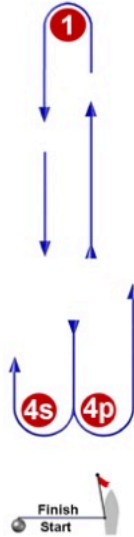
19. ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS

- 19.1. Competitors are prohibited from discharging any refuse overboard. Competitors may place trash aboard RC and Support Boats. The penalty for breaking this rule is at the discretion of the protest committee.
- 19.2. 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 1-888-404-FWCC (1-888-404-3922).

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 20.1. 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.

Course Diagram



Course: Windward/Leeward

Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish
L3	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish
L4	Start - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - 4s/4p - 1 - Finish