



Key West Cup

February 25-27, 2022

In memory of Luiz Kahl



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS v2

1 RULES

1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS); the 2021 GL52 Winter Series Rules and the 2021 ORC Rule.

1.2 The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Macatawa Bay Yacht Club (MBYC). At the time of scheduling these races, it is our understanding that the races can be run in compliance with all lawful government-imposed restrictions. However, each team shall be responsible for taking those measures that may be necessary to be in compliance and shall release MBYC, the Race Committee and the Protest Committee from any obligations to monitor or enforce such restrictions.

1.3 If there is a conflict between the NOR and the SI, the SI shall prevail.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 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 the race will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3.2 Any changes posted will also be emailed to the email contact on the competitor's entry.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which will be electronic, at <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14859>

3.2 Boats shall monitor VHF 79 at all times from 1030 on race days until 30 minutes after finishing.

3.3 Support boats shall not use any form of signaling within 10 minutes of the preparatory signal and during racing.

3.4 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make *voice, text, email, WhatsApp* transmissions and shall not receive *voice, text, email, WhatsApp* or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be announced by the race committee on VHF 79, beginning at 1030.



5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 The scheduled time for the first warning signal each day is 1200 hours.

5.2 Daily racing schedule:

Thursday February 24: 1300 hours: Practice Starts and a practice race.

Friday - Sunday February 25-27: Racing, with up to 3 races per day up to a maximum of 8 races. There will be no warning signal after 1400 hours on Sunday.

5.3 Requests for extra time before the first warning signal will not be considered except in the case of a medical emergency.

5.4 A boat is allowed one request per day to make repairs or transfer an owner or injured crew, for up to 20 minutes after the first race of the day. The boat should make the request to the race committee and state the reason for the delay.

6 RACING AREA

Southwest of Key West. The center of the racing area will be at approximately 24° 30.5'N 81° 50.7'W

7 COURSES

Will be Windward / Leeward: 4 legs will be sailed with marks to be left to port. The Race Committee may set a leeward gate or a windward offset mark. If only one gate mark is in place or offset mark is in place, boats should round the single leeward mark, or windward mark, leaving it to port. The gate marks may be the start line marks. The leeward mark or gate, if set to windward of the start/finish, is not a mark of the course for the first leg or a final downwind leg.

8 MARKS

Marks will be Mark/Set/Bot self-propelled marks, or inflatable marks.

9 THE START

9.1 The starting line will be between the course side of a Mark/Set/Bot, or an inflatable mark at the port end and the course side of a Mark/Set/Bot or an inflatable mark at the starboard end. There will be a race committee signal boat stationed outside the starboard end of the starting line to call any boats OCS.

Boats shall not pass between the starboard end of the line and the race committee boat. If a boat sails between the starboard end of the line and the race committee signal boat, she shall take a one turn penalty, including one tack and one gybe. The race committee signal boat will not have an orange flag.

9.2 RRS 26 is changed such that flag signals will be replaced by sound signals as follows:

5 minutes	Warning	1 sound
4 minutes	Preparatory	1 sound
1 minute		1 long sound
Start		1 sound



Organizing Authority

9.3 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at the starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will raise an X flag in accordance with RRS 29.1 and attempt to broadcast her name, bow or sail number on VHF 79. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course the race committee will move the original mark(s) (or the finishing line) to a new position and announce the change on VHF 79.

11 THE FINISH

The finish line will be the starting line, but maybe a shorter line.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

Appendix V1 and V2 will apply *except that V1 is changed such that the second sentence is deleted.*

13. TIME LIMITS

The time limit for a race is 90 minutes. If no boat has passed the windward mark within 30 minutes, the race will be abandoned.

14 HEARING REQUESTS

- 14.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee signal boat docks.
- 14.2 Protests will be heard at a time and place to be announced.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Scoring will be based on ORC Time on Time, Triple Number Windward / Leeward ratings. See *Scoring Protocol under Documents & Forms on the official notice board*).
- 15.2 Each yacht's score shall be the sum of all her race scores with no discard.
- 15.3 One race completed constitutes a regatta.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 See NOR 2.0.
- 16.2 A boat that retires from the race will notify the race committee as soon as possible on VHF 79.

17 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 17.1 See NOR 4.0 and 5.0
- 17.2 Boats shall notify the race committee when substituting crew or equipment.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Race Officer, Dick Neville rneville@innovprop.com
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