



Key West Cup

February 22-26, 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS); the 2023 GL52 Winter Series Rules and the 2022 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

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 Any changes posted will also be emailed to the email contact on the competitor's entry.
- 2.3 Changes to a sailing instruction may be made on the water This changes RRS rule 90.2.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board which will be electronic, at: [GL52 Key West Cup @Yacht Scoring](#)
- 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 1 minute of the warning signal and during race.
- 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

- 4.1 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:
- Wednesday February 22: 1300 hours: Practice Starts and a practice race.
 - Thursday - Sunday February 23-26: 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

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

7 COURSES

- 7.1 Will be Windward / Leeward: 4 legs will be sailed with marks to be left to port.
- 7.2 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.
- 7.3 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

- 8.1 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.
- 9.2 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.
- 9.3 **RRS 26** is changed such that flag signals will be replaced by sound signals as follows:
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| 5 minutes | Warning | 1 sound |
| 4 minutes | Preparatory Up | 1 sound |
| 1 minute | Preparatory Down | 1 long sound |
| Zero | Start | 1 sound |
- 9.4 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

- 10.1 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. Marks may be moving into position after the announcement.

11 THE FINISH

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

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 **RSS 44 has been changed.** All penalties requiring Two Turns shall be replaced with One Turn.
- 12.2 **Post-Race Penalties Appendix V2, US Sailing Prescriptions,** applies if a boat so chooses.
- 12.3 Incidents at the windward mark or offset: Boats may take a penalty **after** passing the offset mark in order to remain clear of all other competitors. Doing so will fulfil the requirement of taking the penalty as soon as possible. This amends **RRS 44.2**

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 *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 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or when remaining races have been abandoned. The Protest Time Limit will be posted to the Official Notice Board on YachtScoring event site.
- 14.2 Protest Forms may be completed and emailed to Dale Gort [dgort234@gmail.com] or given to the PRO at the event. Any videos, documents or tracking data should be emailed so that they can be formatted properly for sharing during the hearing. It will not be reviewed by the Jury until the hearing.
- 14.3 A courtesy email will be sent to the parties involved in the protest using email address that has been entered as "Owner" during registration.
- 14.4 Protests will begin at approximately 1800 hours each day. Location and final schedule with start times will be announced when all protests have been filed. Protest Hearings on the last day of racing will be scheduled as soon as possible.
- 14.5 The protest will be heard via video link with Judges. Both parties to the protest shall be in the same meeting location with the PRO.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Scoring will be based on ORC Time on Time, Five Band (5) Band Windward / Leeward Handicaps per GL52 Scoring Protocol by PRO.
- 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.
- 16.1 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

18.1 For further information please contact the Principal Race Officer, Brendan Hagman,
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