



J/70 and MELGES 24 BACARDI WINTER SERIES

Event #1 December 14-15, 2024

Event #2 January 24-26, 2025

NOTICE OF RACE

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[To be amended as needed for 2025 Rules changes](#)

The organizing authority (OA) is Twelve USA, Inc. The host facility and regatta office are at Shake-A-Leg-Miami (SALM), 2620 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, FL, 33133.

1. RULES

1.1 These events will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).

1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: RRS 61.4, Appendix R, and prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a) and 76.1. The full text of the prescriptions will be posted on the Online Notice Board (ONB).

1.3 In accordance with RRS 60.5c1, except for breaking a *rule* of Part 2 and RRS 2, 28 or 31, the protest committee may impose a discretionary penalty less than disqualification.

1.4 During check-in, the OA will provide J/70 boats with bow numbers and instructions for application.

1.5 Boats will shall be in compliance with class rules, except at they may be changed by the notice of race, sailing instructions or amendments.

1.6 If there is a conflict between the notice of race and sailing instructions, the sailing instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.5c.

1.7 Boats will shall be in compliance with class rules except as they may be changed by this notice of race, sailing instructions or amendments.

1.8 The Vakaros RaceSense system may be employed by the race committee for the J70 and Melges 24 fleets. This modifies RRS 41(c). Should the OA choose to implement RaceSense, further details will be provided in a subsequent NOR amendment.

2. COMMUNICATION

2.1 The ONB will be online at:

Event #1 - https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=16829

Event #2 - https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=16830

2.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating with the race committee on US VHF Marine Channels.

2.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on a VHF radio channel to be specified in the sailing instructions.

2.4 From the first warning signal until the end of a boat's last race of the day, a boat shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions not available to all boats, except in an emergency.

2.5 In order to communicate with the fleets on each racing circle, 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. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

3.1 The sailing instructions will be available on-line on the ONB on December 7th, 2024 for WS1 and January 17, 2025 for WS2.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to J/70 and Melges 24 boats.

4.2 Entry for Bacardi Invitational **Winter Series Event #1** will be online at:
https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=16829

4.3 Entry for Bacardi Invitational **Winter Series Event #2** will be online at:
https://yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email.cfm?eid=16830

4.4 Entry is not completed until all fees are paid, all crew have signed the waiver of liability and proof of insurance has been provided.

4.5 Per RRS 46, the Person in Charge shall submit, at check-in, a cell phone number for immediate communication with the boat while ashore.

5. FEES

5.1 The deadline for entry and payment for Winter Series #1 is November 13, 2024

5.2 Late entries will be subject to an additional \$100.00 late fee.

5.3 To streamline the entry process this year the storage fees have been incorporated into the entry fee.

5.4 Entry Fees are as follows:

Description	Fee
J/70 - Event Entry (daily Bacardi open bar, Saturday night dinner, Friday and Sunday happy hour snacks, and promotional regatta items)	\$380
Melges 24 - Event Entry (daily Bacardi open bar, Saturday night dinner, Friday and Sunday happy hour snacks, and promotional regatta items)	\$450
4 days Storage - Dockage, trailer storage, Crane Usage – Mandatory	\$ 200

5.5 The deadline for entry and payment for Winter Series #2 is December 23, 2024.

5.6 Late entries will be subject to an additional \$100.00 late fee.

5.7 To streamline the entry process this year the storage fees have been incorporated into the entry fee.

5.8 Entry Fees are as follows:

Description	Fee
J/70 - Event Entry (daily Bacardi open bar, Saturday night dinner, Friday and Sunday happy hour snacks, and promotional regatta items)	\$430
Melges 24 - Event Entry (daily Bacardi open bar, Saturday night dinner, Friday and Sunday happy hour snacks, and promotional regatta items)	\$500
5 days Storage - Dockage, trailer storage, Crane Usage – Mandatory	\$ 250

5.9 The entry fee for each event is refundable, minus a \$75 handling fee, if notification of cancellation is received and acknowledged at least two weeks prior to the start of the regattas

5.10 The event will be capped at 40 boats for WS1 and 50 boats for WS2. Once these limits have been reached, a waiting list will be established.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 Boats will comply with class rules regarding the number of crew. There will be no weigh-in or crew weight limitations.

6.2 Substitution of crew during the event is not allowed without written permission of the protest committee.

6.3 For a boat to enter the Corinthian class, all competitors on the boat must be Category 1 eligible as defined in World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code, Regulation 22, and meet the requirements of their class for Corinthian status. The crew must sign an eligibility affidavit on the event page on www.yachtscoring.com

6.4 A 2024-2025 BACARDI WRISTBAND is required for entry into the hospitality area. Wristbands will be distributed at check-in. Each competitor must present a valid photo ID 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 precluded from consuming alcoholic beverages. Guest wristbands will be available for purchase at check-in and at the hospitality tent entrance each evening.

6.5 'Mixed+' gender teams shall be comprised of at least 50% female crew.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1 Boat are required to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing Advertising Code, Regulation 20. Materials and instructions for application will be provided at check-in. Display of any other advertising on a boat, that conflicts with the event sponsor, requires the written consent of the OA.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1 Six (6) races are scheduled for Winter Series 1 and nine (9) races for Winter Series 2.

8.2 Up to three (3) races are scheduled per day.

8.3 EVENT #1

Friday, December 14, 2024

1600-1900 Melges 24 & J70 Check-in @ SALM

1600-1900 Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM

Saturday, December 15, 2024

0800-0900 Late Check-in @ SALM

0900 Competitor's Meeting @ SALM

1055 Melges 24 First Warning Signal; J/70 Warning Signal to follow

Post-Racing Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM

1700 Bacardi Complimentary Dinner @SALM

Sunday, December 16, 2024

0900 Competitor's Meeting @ SALM

1055 Melges 24 First Warning Signal; J/70 Warning Signal to follow

1400 No warning signal will be made after this time.

Post-Racing Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM

1730 Prize Giving @ SALM

8.4 EVENT #2

Thursday, January 23, 2025

1600-1900 Melges 24 & J70 Check-in @ SALM

1600-1900 Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM

Friday, January 24, 2025

0800-0900 Late Check-in @ SALM

0900 Competitor's Meeting @ SALM

1055 Melges 24 First Warning Signal; J/70 Warning Signal to follow

Post-Racing Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM

Saturday, January 25, 2025

0900 Competitor's Meeting @ SALM

1055 Melges 24 First Warning Signal; J/70 Warning Signal to follow

Post-Racing Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM

1700 Bacardi Complimentary Dinner @SALM

Sunday, January 26, 2025

0900 Competitor's Meeting @ SALM

1055 Melges 24 First Warning Signal; J/70 Warning Signal to follow

1400 No warning signal will be made after this time.

Post-Racing Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM

1700 Prize Giving @ SALM

8.5 A schedule with locations for check-in and additional event information will be available online: <https://bacardiinvitational.com/>

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 A boat shall be prepared to submit a valid class measurement certificate to the protest committee upon request.

9.2 There will be no measurement or equipment inspection, however, a boat may be inspected by the OA at any time for compliance with class rules, if so directed by the protest committee.

10. VENUE

10.1 The sailing venue will be on Biscayne Bay, in the vicinity of Dinner Key Channel marker Fl G 2.5s 5M "1."

11. COURSES

11.1 The courses will be windward-leeward with a weather offset mark and leeward gates. A racing area chart and course diagrams will be appended to the sailing instructions.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 Penalty At The Time Of An Incident. The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One -Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two - Turns Penalty."

12.2 Post-Race Penalties.

12.2.1 Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident. RRS 44.1(a) applies.

12.2.2 The Post-Race Penalty is 30%, or 25% for fleets with 20 or more boats, or 20% for fleets with 30 or more boats, as calculated in RRS 44.3(c).

12.2.3 A boat requests a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the protest desk a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.

13. SCORING

13.1 Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score if five (5) or more races are successfully completed.

13.2 RRS A2.1, the word "series" is deleted and replaced by "event."

13.3 RRS A2.2 shall not apply.

13.4 RRS A5.2 is changed to: "A boat that did not start, sail the course or finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area for that race."

13.5 Points for the Corinthian class boats will be based on fleet scores.

13.6 A boat's overall score for the 2024-2025 BACARDI INVITATIONAL WINTER SERIES will be her score for Event #3 added to her lowest score from Event #1 or #2.

13.7 To qualify for the top Corinthian or top Mixed+ series trophies, the boat's crew status (Corinthian or Mixed+) must be the same in each of the boat's two best qualifying events.

14. SUPPORT PERSON

14.1 A *support person* agrees while on the water to monitor the race committee on VHF channel to assist the race committee, if requested, and agrees to accept the applicable provisions of RRS 4.1(b), Acceptance of The Rules.

14.2 The race committee or protest committee may warn a *support person* who, in their opinion, is about to infringe upon a race before protesting under RRS 60.2 or 60.3(d).

14.3 **Towing to and from the racecourse is permitted only if the Class rules allow it.**

15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

15.1 Boats will be afloat prior to the first warning signal of the event and will not be hauled-out until the final race of their class, except with the written permission of the principal race officer or protest committee.

16. LAUNCHING - BERTHING - HAULING - TRAILER STORAGE

16.1 For Event 1 and Event 2, all launching, berthing, hauling, and trailer storage will be primarily conducted at Shake-A-Leg Miami (SALM) unless competitors have made other arrangements on their own.

16.2 Storage fees for each event will be included in the entry fees to streamline the registration and storage application process for competitors. For Winter Series 1, four (4) days of storage will be included in the entry fees. For Winter Series 2, five (5) storage days will be included in the entry fees. If competitors plan to stay beyond these days, they will need to pay an additional storage fee. Additional storage fees can be paid at the following link:

<https://form.jotform.com/242315127341143>

16.3 For in-between storage between regattas and seasonal storage arrangements, please email sara@bacardiinvitational.com. Each request will be presented to Shake-A-Leg Miami and reviewed depending on space availability.

17. RISK STATEMENT

17.1 In addition to RRS 3, by participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. Among other 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 among others resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury by or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

18. WAIVER OF LIABILITY

18.1 Before participating in Event #1 and Event #2, every owner, competitor, and support person must sign the waiver of liability, which will be available at the registration desk on the day of check-in

19. INSURANCE

19.1 A boat shall be insured with current third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of not less than \$100,000/300,000 per incident. A copy of the boat's insurance coverage page shall be submitted prior to or at check-in. Please send to info@bacardiinvitational.com

20. PRIZES

19.1 For each event, Class event prizes will be given for overall first, second and third place.

19.2 For each event, Corinthian class event prizes will be given for first, second and third place.

19.3 For each event, trophies will be awarded to the top Mixed+ team and top One-Pro Division.

19.4 For the OVERALL 2024-2025 BACARDI INVITATIONAL WINTER SERIES, a trophy will be awarded to the Overall Series winner, the Overall top Corinthian Series winner and the Overall top Series Mixed+ team and Overall top Series One-Pro Division.

19.5 Additional prizes may be awarded.

21. MEDIA RIGHTS

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

21. EVENT MANAGEMENT AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Event Director: Sara Zanobini sara@bacardiinvitational.com

Regatta Chairman: Mark Pincus mwpincus@aol.com

J/70 + Melges 24 Classes PRO: Mark Foster mfoster@gmail.com

Event information can be found at www.bacardiinvitational.com info@bacardiinvitational.com

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION FOR BOAT STORAGE

To streamline the entry process this year the storage fees have been incorporated into the entry fee.

- 4 days of storage are included in the Entry Fee for EVENT #1
- 5 days of storage are included in the Entry Fee for EVENT #2

If you are planning on arriving or leaving early please use this link to reserve and pay for the extra days. <https://form.jotform.com/242315127341143>