

59th Annual Lightning Miami Midwinter Regatta
23, 24, 25 March 2017

Coral Reef Yacht Club, Coconut Grove, Florida, USA

NOTICE OF RACE

1. **RULES:**

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority is Coral Reef Yacht Club (CRYC).
- 1.2 The regatta is governed by The Racing Rules of Sailing (2017 to 2020).
- 1.3 ILCA Constitution, By Laws, and Document Governing all Lightning Class Sanctioned Regattas apply.

2. **ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY:**

- 2.1 Eligibility is defined by the International Lightning Class Association.
- 2.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing online registration on Yacht Scoring or Wednesday, 22 March, 1300-1600, and Thursday, 23 March, 0800-0900 hours at CRYC.

3. **FEES:** The entry fee is \$275 USD. \$15 of the registration fee is contributed to the International Lightning Class.

4. **SCHEDULE:**

- 4.1 **Arrivals: March 21, 22 and 23. If you plan to arrive before March 21, you will need to notify Bill Mauk (contact info below).**
- 4.2 **Registration: At Yacht Scoring (or access through ILCA Racing Calendar) or Wednesday, 22 March, 1300-1600, Thursday, 23 March, 0800-0900 hours. Racing Packet pick up at Registration table at Coral Reef Yacht Club.**
- 4.3 **Competitors Meeting: Thursday, 23 March, 0930 hours at CRYC.**
- 4.4 **Dates of racing and number of races scheduled: 10 Races Scheduled**
 - a. **Thursday, 23 March: up to 3+ races—Warning 1130 hours**
 - b. **Friday, 24 March: up to 4+ races—Warning 1030 hour**
 - c. **Saturday, 25 March: up to 3+ races—Warning 1030 hours, no warning after 14:00**
- 4.5 **Meals: Included in entry fee: Wednesday, free beer; Thursday, after racing--free beer and Steak Dinner (other options available)/cash bar; Friday, after racing—nachos/ free beer—open evening; Saturday, after the last race— get out of town tacos CRC poolside.**
- 4.6 **Breakfast: (CRYC charge card only): Thursday, Friday and Saturday: 0730 – 0900 hours, at the CRYC poolside Anglers Reef.**
- 4.7 **Departure: If you plan to take your boat from CRYC after March 26 you will need to notify Bill Mauk (contact info below).**

5. **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:** Midwinter Regatta Sailing Instructions will be available online and at registration.

6. **BERTHING BOATS:** There will be two venues for dry sailing your boats— CRYC and right next door at the US Sailing Center.

7. **PARKING:** Limited parking at CRYC and parking available at the U.S. Sailing Center with security from 8 AM to 8 PM.
7. **VENUE:** The regatta will be on Biscayne Bay in the vicinity of the entrance to Dinner Key Channel.
8. **THE COURSES:** The courses to be sailed may be windward-leeward, Gold Cup or Olympic.
9. **SCORING:**
 - 9.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of The Racing Rules of Sailing will be used
 - 9.2 Ten (10) races are scheduled. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
 - 9.3 A boat's worst score will be discarded if six or more races have been completed.
 - 9.4 Should conditions make it impossible to complete the scheduled number of races, the regatta will be terminated and the results based on the races completed and scored.
10. **SCORNG PENALTY:**
 - 10.1 RRS/US prescription Appendix T Section A (Penalties at the time of the incident), Section B (Post-Race Penalties) and Section D (Arbitration) will apply.
 - 10.2 Per Appendix T1, RRS 44.1 and Lightning Documents Governing Article VIII-9 are changed to say: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 or rule 31 while racing. However, when she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than the starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two Turns Penalty."
11. **RADIO COMMUNICATION:** Use of hand held VHF radios will be permitted for communication from the Race Committee to competitors on a predetermined channel to be identified in the Sailing Instructions. The Race Committee intends to use VHF radio to identify OCS (On Course Side of the line) boats after starts and otherwise communicate with the fleet on the water. Failure to receive a hail, for a hail to be made, the order of hails made, or receive other communications to the fleet shall not be cause for redress.
12. **PRIZES:** Prizes will be given to skipper and crew for first through fifth places, highest placing Corinthian driver (Don Bliss Memorial) and Midfleet Champion.
13. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 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.
14. **FURTHER INFORMATION:** Bill Mauk, ILCA VP---Telephone: 305-741-6285, Email: billmauk@gmail.com; Coral Reef Yacht Club---Fax: 305-854-5911, Address: 2484 South Bayshore, Miami 33133, Website: www.coralreefyachtclub.org