



Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC)
Miami, Florida
March 8– March 10, 2018

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
A-Cat, Flying Tiger 7.5 and Melges 24

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The following prescriptions of US Sailing shall apply: *RRS* Appendix R, 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a) and 76.1.
- 1.3 The Class Rules of the respective classes, except as specifically changed in the Notice of Race (NOR) or in these Sailing Instructions (SI's).
- 1.4 The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) will apply.
- 1.5 Where there is a conflict between the NOR and the SI's, the SI's shall prevail. This changes *RRS* 63.7.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- Notices to competitors and results will be posted on two official notice board located as follows:
- a) on the lower level of the CGSC clubhouse; and
 - b) on the event's www.yachtscoring.com website

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes will be posted as provided in SI 2, above, before 0800 on the day they will take effect, except any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flag pole located at CGSC, and posted on the event website referenced in SI 2, above.
- 4.2 When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 60 minutes' in *RRS* Race Signals.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1 A competitors meeting will be conducted at CGSC on Wednesday, March 7, 2018 at 1800 hours in the Main Room, upstairs.
- 5.2 The First warning Signal March 8, 9 and 10 will be at 1055 daily.
- 5.3 There will be no warning signal after 1400 on Saturday, March 10, 2018 except that after the initial warning, any warning that follows one or more General Recalls may occur after 1400.
- 5.4 The initial daily starting order for each class shall be: Melges 1st start, A-Cat second start, Flying Tiger 75 third start.
- 5.5 After the first race each day finishes, the race committee may start a class out of sequence while others are still racing.
- 5.6 Flag A displayed, with no sound, while boats are finishing means 'No more racing today.'

6. RACE AREA

The above classes will sail on Alpha Circle which is north on Biscayne Bay. The lat/lon of the circle center is 25-43.02/80-11.70. See the laminated attachment found in the skipper's bag.

7. CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 Class flag for Flying Tiger 7.5 is: Code Flag 'F'
- 7.2 Class flag for Melges 24 is: Melges 24 insignia on a white flag



7.3 Class flag for A-Cat is: A-Cat insignia on a white flag

8. THE COURSES

8.1 No later than the warning signal, the race committee will designate the course by displaying the course identifier, approximate magnetic bearing and distance to the first mark. See example below:

4
180
1.0

8.2 The course diagrams are shown in Attachment I.

9. MARKS

9.1 The windward mark will be an orange inflatable with an orange inflatable offset mark laid to port of the windward mark. Both are to be rounded to port.

9.2 The leeward gate will be orange inflatable marks. If one of the gate marks is missing, boats shall round the existing leeward mark to port.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started by using *RRS* 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a staff displaying an orange flag on a port end line boat, or the course side of a yellow inflatable mark on the port end of the line.

10.3 An inflatable buoy may be tethered to the stern of the signal boat and will function as an extension of the vessel. Boats shall not pass between the vessel and the buoy.

10.4 A boat starting later than four (4) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes *RRS* A4.1.

10.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

11. RECALLS

When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee will attempt to notify the OCS boat(s) via race committee channel, VHF 74, by calling sail number(s) or any other identifier of the boat. Failure of a boat to see or hear the recall notification, and the timing and order of such hails, or the length of time it takes to make notification on the VHF channel will not be grounds for protest or redress. (This changes *RRS* 62.1 (a)).

12. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Changes will be made in accordance with *RRS* 33. New marks will be yellow inflatable marks unless the change is for the final leg of the race, in which case the finish line will be in the new position.

13. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of a nearby yellow inflatable mark to port of the committee boat; or between staffs displaying orange flags on race committee boats.

14. TIME LIMIT

14.1 Any race in which no boat in a class rounds the first windward mark within 45 minutes, or finishes within two hours of the start, shall be abandoned.

14.2 All boats not finishing within 15 minutes of the finish time of the first boat to finish a race, shall be scored "Time Limit Expired" (TLE). A TLE score for all boats still competing when the time limit



expires shall be one more point than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. (This changes *RRS 35*, Appendices A4.1, A4.2 and All).

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 15.1 *RRS 44.1* is changed so that a Two-Turn-Penalty is replaced with a One-Turn-Penalty except for breaches of *RRS 18*.
- 15.2 *RRS 44.3* (a) and (b) will apply.
- 15.3 Alternatively, a boat may take a Scoring Penalty in compliance with Rule 44.3(c) for breaking a rule of Part 2 prior to a jury hearing by acknowledging in writing breaking a rule. If approved by the jury, the penalty shall be 20% of the number of boats entered in that class (rounding 0.5 upward), but shall not be less than 5 places nor worse than DNF.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 A boat intending to protest is requested to notify a race committee boat of its intention, and the identity of the protested boat(s), as soon as possible after finishing.
- 16.2 Protest forms may be obtained from the regatta desk on the lower level of the CGSC clubhouse. Protests and request for redress must be delivered to that desk within sixty (60) minutes after the race committee signal boat docks at CGSC.
- 16.2 Preliminary scores and actions by the race committee will be posted within sixty (60) minutes after the race committee signal boat docks.
- 16.3 Scoring inquiry forms will be available at the regatta desk. The representative of a boat with a scoring inquiry shall be the owner of the boat or the helmsman.
- 16.4 Breaches of SI's 10.5, 18, 20, 21, 22, 23 and *RRS 55* will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes *RRS 60.1(a)*.
- 16.5 On the last day of the regatta, a request for re-opening a hearing shall be delivered: (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting re-opening was informed of the decision on the previous day; (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting re-opening was informed of the decision on that day.
- 16.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes *RRS 62.2*

17 SCORING

- 17.1 There are 9 races scheduled. One race constitutes a series.
- 17.2 The Low Point Scoring System shall apply with the following exception:
When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the total of her race scores. When 6 or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

18 SAFETY

- 18.1 Each boat is expected to carry a VHF and monitor channel 74.
- 18.2 A safety and first-aid notice is provided to each skipper. It is the responsibility of the skipper to be familiar with it and to review it with his/her crew.
- 18.3 Each boat is required to check in prior to the first warning each day by sailing past the stern of the race committee vessel on starboard tack.
- 18.4 Boats may also check in using VHF 74.
- 18.5 A boat retiring from a race or leave the racing area is requested to notify the race committee on VHF 74. Notification can also be made to the PRO: Ron Rostorfer via cell phone: 954-401-5335.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW/EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of crew shall not be permitted without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be permitted without prior written approval of the race committee.



20 LAUNCHING AND HAUL OUT REQUIREMENTS

- 20.1 Flying Tiger: All boats will be launched by 1700 hours on March 7, 2018 and remain in the water at Dinner Key Marina for the duration of the event. Launching and trailer storage is at Regatta Park in Coconut Grove. All boats/trailers are required to leave Regatta Park by Sunday March 11, 2018.
- 20.2 Melges 24: All boats will be launched by 1700 hours on March 7, 2018 and remain in the water at Dinner Key Marina for the duration of the event. Launching can be done from Shake-A-Leg (yearly contracts), Seminole ramp or USSC in Coconut Grove. All boats must stop at the Registration Desk located at CGSC first floor to pay and retrieve form OA permits for trailer storage. All boats must leave Regatta Park by Sunday March 11, 2018.
- 20.3 A-Cats: Daily launching is available from Seminole Ramp in Regatta Park. All boats shall come out of the water daily after racing unless granted prior written permission by the race committee. Storage will be at Regatta Park. All competitors are required to stop by the Registration Desk located at CGSC first floor to pay and retrieve form OA permits for trailer storage. All boats must leave Regatta Park by Sunday March 11, 2018.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

- 21.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support persons shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished, retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in a discretionary penalty by the protest committee.
- 21.2 Trash may be placed in support or race committee boats.

22 DIVING AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in a discretionary penalty by the protest committee.

23 RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data transmissions that are not available to all boats. Failure to comply with this instruction may result in a discretionary penalty by the jury.

24 PRIZES

Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place for each class, along with four special prizes awarded by Sponsors

25 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, CGSC, the race committee, protest committee, sponsors or any other affiliated authority ("race organizers") will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury of any competitor including death, sustained because of practice for, or participation in, this event on the water or ashore. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from all liability associated with the competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

Ron Rostorfer, PRO

March 4, 2018



Attachment I

Course Diagrams – A-Cat, Flying Tiger 7.5, and Melges 24

