



# Sailfish Club Ocean Challenge



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**Saturday & Sunday, December 8 - 9, 2012**

### 1. RULES

The race will be governed by:

**1.1** The races will be governed by the 2011-2012 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and the current IRC rules. A yacht that may have broken a rule of sailing may take a penalty at the time of incident by completing a 360 degree turn.

**1.2** Crew: IRC rule 22.4 is amended: There is no limitation on crew number or weight.

**1.3** Owner / Helmsman: During a race, including the starting sequence, a yacht shall be helmed by the owner or charterer except for brief periods (five minutes) or during an emergency.

### 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

**2.1** Notices will be posted online at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) and [www.sailfishclub.com](http://www.sailfishclub.com).

**2.2** VHF channel 72 will be used for communication.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 1200, **December 7, 2012**.

### 4. SKIPPER'S MEETING

A skipper's meeting will be held each morning at 0830 on the veranda of the Sailfish Club.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACE, STARTING AREA AND STARTING SEQUENCE

**5.1** Two or three races will be sailed on **Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup>** and two races on **Sunday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**.

**5.2** Races will be held in the Atlantic Ocean, offshore of Palm Beach, Florida. The starting area will be south of the Lake Worth Inlet.

**5.3** Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26 at 5 minute intervals. The IRC Class will start first followed by the Farr 400 Class.

### 6. THE COURSE

The race courses will be:

WL1: Windward/leeward (finish to leeward)

WL2: Windward/leeward/windward/leeward (finish to leeward)

WL3: Windward/leeward 3X (finish to leeward)

M-WL2: Windward/ leeward/ windward/ leeward/ windward (finish to windward)

NOTE: An offshore mark placed in deep water may be replaced with a vessel holding station displaying the flag "M". The GPS coordinates of this vessel will be broadcast before the start of the race.

### 7. START

Races shall be started in accordance with RRS 26 at 5 minute intervals. The race committee will sound three short blasts of a horn 1 minute before the starting sequence.

### 8. TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be 30 minutes to the first mark by the lead yacht.

### 9. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS FROM RACE COMMITTEE TO COMPETITORS

The race committee shall attempt to report visual signals and other pertinent information over VHF channel 72. This information is provided as a courtesy to competitors and does not in any way alter the responsibility to observe the race committee's visual signals which govern the conduct of the race. Errors or omissions involving such courtesy broadcasts shall not be grounds for redress.

## 10. PROTESTS

**(OVER)**

Protests shall be written on forms available at the Sailfish Club, and lodged with a RC member at the clubhouse within the protest time. This shall begin 60 minutes after the finish of all boats in the final race of the day and end 30 minutes later.

## 11. SCORING

A low point system will be used:

1<sup>st</sup>: 1 point

2<sup>nd</sup>: 2 points

3<sup>rd</sup>: 3 points

DNF: X + 1 point

DNS: X+ 2 points

DSQ: X+ 3 points

*X = the number of boats in class.*

In the event of ties, the yacht that beat the other the most times will have the advantage.

## 12. CONDUCT AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A yacht that retires from the race shall notify the race committee by VHF channel 72 or by telephone: (561) 844-0206 at the earliest opportunity.

**12.1** The skipper/owner shall be responsible for the conduct of his or her crew and/ or guests. In the event of breach of conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, or failure to comply with the request of any race officer, committee member, or agent of the Sailfish Club of Florida or the Cruising Club of America, the skipper/owner will be held responsible and his/her yacht shall be subject to protest and disqualification.

**12.2** As a condition of participating, my crew and I acknowledge the following: That sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury associated with it. We have read RRS 4, Decision to Race, and hereby acknowledge and agree that we are participating in this event entirely at our own risk.

We further acknowledge and agree that neither the organizing authority nor the race committee, nor their members, will be responsible for (a) any damage to the entered yacht or my other property, or (b) any injury to myself or my crew, including death, sustained as a result of the participation of myself, my crew, and the yacht in this event. I hereby waive any rights I may have to sue the race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) with respect to personal injury or property damage suffered by myself or my crew as a result of our participation in this event, including any claims arising as a result of the negligence of the race organizers, and hereby release the race organizers from any liability for such injury or damage to the fullest extent permitted by law. I have taken all necessary steps to ensure that myself, my crew, and the entered yacht are adequately prepared for all possible contingencies, including appropriate safety equipment as may be required by law or that a prudent seaman would consider advisable.

## 13. REGISTRATION

Registration is open to IRC rated yachts with a rating of 1.25 or greater. Register online at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) or download the entry forms at [www.SailfishClub.com](http://www.SailfishClub.com).

## 14. Committee

Sailfish Club Race Committee:

**Co-Chairman: Paul Gingras**

**Co-Chairman: Matthew Fifield**

Robb Allan

Timothy M. Givens

Katy Amling  
John Brim  
Larry Cole  
Bradford Gary

Sally Gingras  
David Vietor  
Sam Warriner

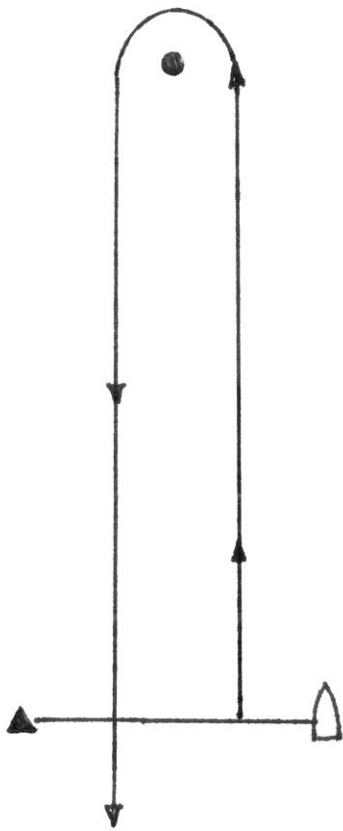


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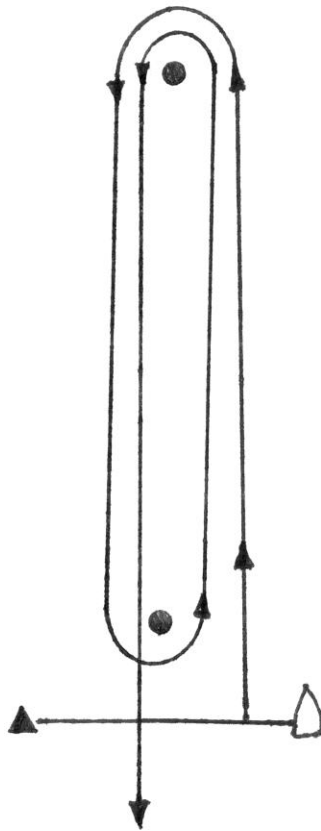


## COURSE DIAGRAM

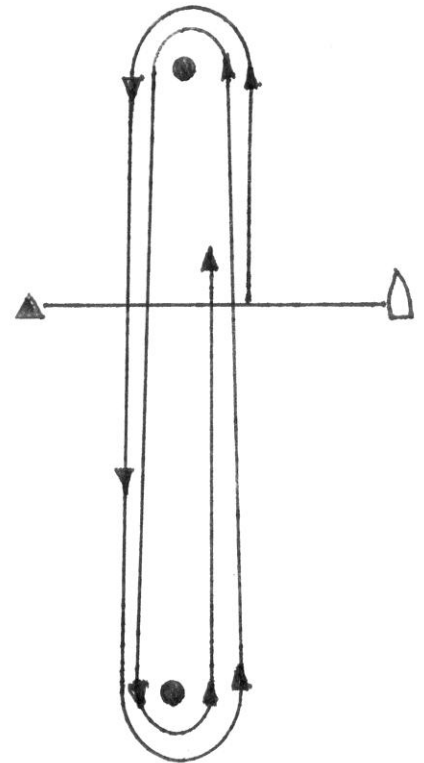
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WL 1



WL 2



M-WL 2

LAKE WORTH INLET SEA BUOY

26 46'21"N, 80 00'37"W

26 46.35'N, 80 00.631'W