



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for Melges 24's

**Bacardi Miami Sailing Week
March 10-13, 2010**

Miami, FL (Biscayne Bay)

1. RULES

- 1.1 The 2010 Bacardi Miami Sailing Week will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing for 2009-2012 (*RRS*).
- 1.2 RRS 42.2a is changed as follows: Unlimited trimming and easing of the spinnaker to promote a plane shall be allowed.
- 1.3 All competing boats shall carry a hand held VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving VHF channels (US) for safety purposes and Race Committee communication only. The Race Committee's VHF channel will be provided at the Skipper's Meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.4 A boat shall neither make nor receive radio transmissions (except from the specified race committee VHF channel) (including cellular telephone) while racing (*RRS* 41).
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between a rule in the NOR and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. (This changes *RRS* 63.7.)
- 1.6 Boats shall not put trash in the water.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the first floor of the Coconut Grove Sailing Club (CGSC).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes will be posted by 0830 on the day they will take effect, except that any changes in the Schedule of Races will be posted by the latest protest time limit on the day before they take effect (Sailing Instruction 16.2).
- 3.2 Oral changes to the Sailing Instructions may be given on the water. The Race Committee Signal Boat shall display Code Flag "L" and announce the change on the appropriate Race Committee VHF Channel in accordance with rule 90.2(c). Competitors may also approach the Committee Boat and verbally receive the change while Code Flag "L" is displayed.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main flagpole at the Coconut Grove Sailing Club.
- 4.2 Code Flag "L", when displayed ashore signifies that a change in Sailing Instructions or other notice to competitors has been posted on the Official Bulletin Board.
- 4.3 Code Flag "AP" when displayed ashore means that the start has been postponed. The Warning Signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after the lowering of this signal.
- 4.4 Code Flag "N" over "A" and 3 sounds when signaled ashore means that all racing is abandoned for today.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Up to 8 races are scheduled.
- 5.2 The scheduled time for the Warning Signal for the first race each day is 1100 hours.
- 5.3 The starting order shall be Melges 24's followed by the Melges 20 class.
- 5.4 The maximum number of races that may be sailed on any given day is four. The Race Committee Finishing Boat will signal its intent to run another race that day by displaying Code Flag "R" at the finish of a race. Code Flag "R" will be lowered with one sound one minute before the next Warning Signal is made. The Race Committee will also attempt to broadcast its intentions over the designated VHF channel.
- 5.5 On the final day of each regatta, no Warning Signal will be made after 1400 hours.

6. CLASS FLAG

- 6.1 The class flag will be the Melges 24 Insignia on a white flag.

7. RACING AREAS

- 7.1 All racing will be on Biscayne Bay in an area approximately 1 to 3 miles SSE of Brennan Channel Marker "1" (Fl.G 5sec 8ft).

8. THE COURSES

8.1 Courses will be as described below, and in "ADDENDUM #1-COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS".

8.2 Course Designations:

COURSE #3 - Windward, Leeward, Windward (Finish).

COURSE #4 - Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward (Finish).

COURSE #5 - Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward, Windward (Finish).

COURSE #6 - Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward, Windward, Leeward (Finish).

8.3 Courses will be posted on a Race Committee Signal Boat course board prior to the Warning Signal of each race. The number of the course to be sailed, the approximate magnetic compass bearing, and distance from the starting line to the first mark will be displayed (This changes *RRS* 27.1).

9. MARKS

9.1 Course Marks, except for the offset mark, will be 5 ft. inflatable tetrahedron marks.

9.2 The initial Windward mark and the Leeward marks will be orange tetrahedron marks.

9.3 The offset mark will be a 3 ft. round inflatable mark.

9.4 The Windward mark and the accompanying offset mark shall be left to port. If the Windward mark or the offset mark is missing, and no Code Flag "M" is displayed in its place, only the remaining mark shall be left to port.

9.5 When a "Leeward Gate" is employed, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

9.6 A single leeward mark shall be left to port.

10. THE START

10.1 Races will be started in accordance with *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.

10.3 The Race Committee Signal Boat may deploy a "keep away" buoy which shall rank as a starting mark. Any boat touching this buoy will have broken rule 31 and shall act in accordance with *RRS* 44.1. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the Signal Boat when approaching the line to start. The area between the limit mark and the Signal Boat does not rank as an obstruction for the purposes of *RRS* 18, 19 and 20.

10.4 A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS). (This changes *RRS* A4.1)

11. RECALLS

11.1 In the event of an individual recall, the sail numbers or identification of any boat or boats that are identified as OCS may be announced on the Race Committee VHF channel. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hails, or the length of time it takes to make a notification on the VHF radio will not be grounds for redress. (This changes *RRS* 29.1 and 62.1 (a).)

11.2 The Race Committee may hail the sail number of boats who are over the line in the last one (1) minute of the starting sequence after the I or Z Flag has been lowered (verbally or via the assigned race committee VHF Channel). Failure of a boat to hear her recall notification, and the timing and order of such hails will not be grounds for redress. (This changes *RRS* 29.1 and 62.1 (a).)

12. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 If the change is for a windward leg, the new mark will be a yellow inflatable tetrahedron for the first change. If subsequent changes to that leg of the course are signaled, the yellow and orange marks will be alternated. If the change is for a leeward leg, orange gate marks will be moved into the new position, unless the change is for the final leg of Course 4.

13. FINISH

- 13.1 The Finish line for **Windward finishes** (Courses 3 & 5) will be between staffs displaying orange flags on Race Committee boats or between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a nearby inflatable mark.
- 13.2 The Finish line for **Leeward finishes** (Courses 4 & 6) will be between staffs displaying orange flags on Race Committee boats or between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a nearby inflatable mark.

14. PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF PART 2

- 14.1 The Penalty for Breaking a Rule of *RRS* Part 2 is changed in that if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 her penalty will be a One-Turn Penalty including one tack and one jibe. (This changes *RRS* 44.1.)

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 Any race in which no boat rounds the first windward mark within 45 minutes, or finishes within two (2.0) hours of the start shall be abandoned. Any boats not finishing within 45 minutes of the finish time of the first boat will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired). The TLE score for such boats shall be one point more than the number of boats that finished within 45 minutes of the first boat. (This changes *RRS* 35, A4.1 & A4.2.)

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 A boat intending to protest is requested to notify a Race Committee Finish Boat of its intention and the identity of the protested boat(s) as soon as possible after finishing.
- 16.2 Protest forms will be available at the Jury desk at "Shake-A-Leg". Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to the Jury desk within the protest time limit. The time limit is one (1) hour after the Race Committee Finish Boat docks or when a race is abandoned ashore. Protest hearings will be conducted at "Shake-A-Leg" as soon as possible and in the approximate order in which they were filed.
- 16.3 It is each boat's sole responsibility to check the Jury notice board at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Should any party fail to appear when called for a hearing, the Jury may proceed in accordance with *RRS* 63.3(b). Representatives of boats who are parties to hearings and their witnesses shall remain on call in the vicinity of the Jury desk until excused by the Jury.
- 16.4 Conduct of Hearings: Video and photos taken from any support and/or coach boat shall not be used as evidence at protest hearings. This alters *RRS* 63.6.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point Scoring System, as provided in *RRS* Appendix "A" shall apply, except as changed in this section of these Sailing Instructions as follows.
- 17.2 Up to eight (8) races are scheduled, of which two (2) must be completed to constitute a regatta. If six (6) or more races are completed in a regatta, a boat may exclude her worst score.

18. N/A

19. TEAM AND PRIVATE SUPPORT BOATS

- 19.1 Support and Coach boats are required to register with the Race Committee prior to each regatta at Registration. All coach and support boats shall monitor the Race Committee's VHF channel while in the sailing area so they may be contacted by the Race Committee. The Race Committee's VHF channel will be provided at the Skipper's Meeting and posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 19.2 Support and Coach Boats are required to conform to class rules concerning their activities on the water.

20. HAUL OUT RESTRICTION

- 20.1 Per NOR section 7.0, all boats are to remain in the water at CGSC for the duration of each regatta.
- 20.2 No boats shall be hauled out during a regatta except according to the written terms and with permission of the Principal Race Officer or the Chief Judge for the event.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1 Daily prizes for the first, second and third place boats in the day's races.
- 21.2 Prizes for the first, second & third place boats overall.

22. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 22.1 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to start a scheduled race shall promptly report this to the Race Committee via hailing or calling on the designated VHF channel, and receive acknowledgement. If this is not possible, she shall promptly report her actions to the Jury desk on shore at "Shake-A-Leg".

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 23.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See *RRS 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 regattas in this Series.

ADDENDUM #1
COURSE ILLUSTRATIONS

EXAMPLE: COURSE BOARD DISPLAYED ON R/C SIGNAL BOAT

Sail Course #4 - windward, leeward, windward, leeward (Finish) 4

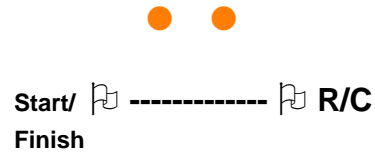
With **Offset** at the weather mark, and a **Gate** at leeward mark. 1.8 nm. 120°

The Weather mark is **1.8 miles** from start at **120°** magnetic.

COURSE # 3



COURSE # 4



COURSE # 5



COURSE # 6

