

BASIC SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Upper Keys Sailing Club, Key Largo, Florida

1. JURISDICTION AND RULES

The regatta is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing through 2009-2012 (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (except as changed by these instructions.)

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- A) Posted on the "Official Racing Notices" bulletin board located beside the heads in the UKSC Clubhouse
- B) as available on the UKSC website.

3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes will be posted or distributed at the skippers' meeting prior to the race.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

See Notice of Race. If no Notice of Race exists:

- A) Skipper's meeting at 12:00 PM, warning signal for first race at 12:55 PM.
- B) Number of races will be announced at Skipper's meeting, but is subject to change at Race Committee's discretion.

5. CLASS FLAG

A red flag will be used for the start sequence in lieu of a class flag.

6. THE COURSE

There will be diagrams at the skippers' meeting showing the course.

7. MARKS

Marks will be the UKSC race marks or balls, or permanent marks as designated by the Race Committee.

8. THE START

- A) Races will be started using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- B) The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and a starting mark located abeam of the committee boat.

C) Boats whose warning signal has not been made will avoid the starting area.

D) Race committee MAY add a courtesy horn 6 minutes before the start, and will usually announce this at the skippers' meeting. This horn is NOT required nor is it grounds for protest.

E) A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start." (This changes Rule A4).

10. THE FINISH

A) The finish line will be the same line as the start line UNLESS otherwise announced by the PRO at the skippers' meeting.

B) The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made one minute after the last racer finishes.

11. TIME LIMIT

If no boat has finished within three hours of the start signal the race will be abandoned.

12. PROTESTS

A) A boat intending to protest shall always inform the other boat by hailing "Protest" at the first opportunity and displaying a Protest flag.

B) Protests must be delivered to the race committee no later than 1 hour after the last boat finishes racing.

13. SCORING

A) The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply unless otherwise noted in the Notice of Race.

B) A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a series unless otherwise noted in the Notice of Race.

14. SAFETY

Attention is called to Part 1- Fundamental Rules. A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether to start or to continue racing.