



BCYC Club Racing 2022
Boca Ciega Yacht Club Organizing Authority
January 23rd through June 19th, 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

1.1 The races shall be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be addressed at the skippers meeting and posted on the club white board.

2.2 Changes to the sailing instructions may be made on the water by the race committee via VHF marine radio.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notice to competitors will be addressed at the skippers meeting and posted on the club white board.

3.2 On the water the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 5.

3.3 Except for safety situations, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio communication not available to all boats. This restriction applies to mobile phones also.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

4.1 11:00 AM Skippers meeting
12 NOON Warning signal for first race

4.2 Two races are planned each day. Additional races will be sailed if circumstances allow.

4.3 No warning signal will be made after 14:30

4.4 A minimum of 3 boats are required to race.

5. CLASS FLAGS

5.1 Color of Class Flag will be determined at the skippers meeting.

6. COURSES

6.1 A course diagram will be displayed at the skippers' meeting. Government marks and club owned buoys will be used.

6.2 The race committee may shorten the course by announcing the change on the VHF marine radio and move the signal vessel to a point where boats may be finished safely.

7. MARKS

7.1 Government marks and club owned orange or lime green buoys will be used.

8. THE START

8.1 As a courtesy the race committee may broadcast the starting sequence over VHF marine radio. Otherwise RRS 26 will be followed.



8.2 The starting line is between the signal boat displaying orange flag on starboard end and a floating orange mark at the port end.

8.3 If any boat's hull is on the course side before the start they must return to the starting side and restart. An attempt will be made to hail the boat or boats. Failure to make the correction will result in DSQ

8.4 A boat that does not start within 15 minutes of the starting signal will be scored DNS

8.5 Wind requirements for starting or abandoning races shall include a minimum of 3 knots across the course and not to exceed 25 knots sustained.

9. THE FINISH

9.1 The finish line is between the signal boat displaying a blue flag on the starboard side of the line and a floating orange mark at the port end.

10. TIME LIMITS

10.1 First Mark time limit: 30 minutes, race time limit: 60 minutes

10.2 A race shall be abandoned if no boat has rounded the first mark within the first mark time limit unless a "shorten course" has been announced to competitors on the VHF marine radio.

11. PROTEST

11.1 Protest forms are available from the Race Committee.

11.2 The protest time limit is one hour after the signal vessel docks.

12. SCORING

12.1 Sailboats will be scored using WFPHRF valid certificate RLC ratings.

12.2 A sailboat without a current rating will be assigned a BCYC PHRF rating, based on the WFPHRF rules.

12.3 All scoring inquiries must be made within 24 hours after scores are posted. Site of posting will be determined by the race chair. Every attempt will be made to post scores in the monthly Windword.

13. SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1 Prior to the first signal, all boats shall pass by the stern of the signal vessel on starboard tack to check in by hailing name and sail number.

13.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

13.3 Racers are encouraged to carry lifesaving equipment on their boats.

13.4 A competitor or support person shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

14. PRIZES

14.1 First through third place will be awarded once each racing season.

14.2 Additional awards may be given throughout the season.