



IC37 Winter Series – Fall Regatta

November 16,17,18,19

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 This regatta is organized under the authority of the Lauderdale Yacht Club and will be governed by the *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS) and the prescriptions of US Sailing.
- 1.2 If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.3 The International IC37 Class Association (IC37CA) Rules shall apply except as changed in the Notice of Race (NOR)
- 1.4 All competing boats shall carry a handheld VHF radio for safety purposes and race committee communication.
- 1.5 The U.S Sailing prescription to rule 63.2 is deleted
- 1.6 In accordance with IC37 CR H3.2, this event is classified as a B Regatta
- 1.7 OA supplied Velocitek units must be installed in the mast bracket and turned on while racing

2 COMMUNICATION: NOTICES, ANNOUNCEMENTS, VHF CHANNELS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Virtual Notice Board on the event website at <https:yachtscoring.com> and/or on an in-person Notice Board that will be located at the Lauderdale Yacht Club pavilion poolside beginning on Thursday, November 16, 2023.
- 2.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 hours on the day before it will take effect.
- 2.3 In addition to any notification regarding course location in SI 2.1, the Race Committee will broadcast the location of the starting area on channel 69 at least one hour prior to the schedule warning signal time for each day's racing. The Race Committee will use channel 69 for all communications afloat with competitors. In the event that channel 69 is occupied by commercial traffic, channel 71 will be used as an alternative.

3 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 3.1 Flag Signals will be flown from the Eastern flag pole at Lauderdale Yacht Club. In addition, an R/C vessel may also display Flag Signals afloat in the vicinity of the Pier 66 South launch/storage site.
- 3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore or at the Pier 66 South launch/storage site, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes in race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

4 SCHEDULE

The following is the anticipated schedule of the event (*LYC Winter Series FALL REGATTA*):

<u>Event</u>	<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>
Skipper's Meeting/Happy Hour	Thursday Nov 16	1800s	Poolside Pavilion Lauderdale YC
Warning Signal first race each day	Fri, Sat, Sun, Nov 17-19	1100	Racing area as announced or posted
Daily Race Winner Awards	Fri, Sat, Nov 17, 18	post sailing	Pier 66 South launch/storage site
No warning signal after:	Sun Nov 19	1400	Racing area as announced or posted
Awards	Sun Nov 19	post sailing	Pier 66 South launch/storage site

5 CLASS FLAG

- 5.1 The class flag will be displayed and described at the Skipper's Meeting and via VHF radio channel the morning before the warning of the first race on Friday, November 16.

6 VENUE / RACING AREA

The primary racing area will be the Atlantic Ocean approximately 1.5 miles South of the Port Everglades inlet, 1/2 mile offshore. In the event the Local Notice to Mariners precludes racing in the primary racing area, the course location will be approximately 1.5 miles North of the Port Everglades inlet, 1/2 mile offshore.

7 CHECK-IN and RETIREMENT

Prior to the warning signal for the first race each day, each boat shall check in with the Race Committee signal vessel by passing astern and announcing her bow/sail number. Boats retiring shall inform the Race Committee on the designated VHF channel as soon as possible.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagram in appendix A shows the two possible courses, the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the warning signal for each race, the Race Committee will display on a board the course to be sailed and the approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.
- 8.3 Mark LP/LS is a gate, In the event that one of the gate marks is missing, the single remaining mark shall be rounded to port.
- 8.4 In the event that the Race Committee utilizes an offset mark adjacent to mark W, notification will be made on a board indicating the course to be sailed.

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Marks W, and LS/LP will be orange inflatable buoys. In the event that an offset mark near mark W is utilized, it will be a smaller orange inflatable buoy. These marks (9.1) will either be standard inflatable Tetrahedrons or orange MarkSetBots.
- 9.2 The starting mark will be either an anchored Race Committee vessel displaying an orange flag or a yellow inflatable buoy. The finishing mark (SI 12.0) will be either an anchored Race Committee vessel displaying a staff with an orange flag or a yellow inflatable buoy. The inflatable buoy will be either a standard yellow buoy or a similar color MarkSetBot.
- 9.3 In the event of a change of course, SI 11 provides that marks W and LS/LP may be moved and remain orange inflatable buoys.
- 9.4 A limit mark will not be utilized.

10 START

- 10.1 The Start will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal vessel and either a staff displaying an orange flag on an anchored port end Race Committee vessel or on the course side of a port end anchored yellow inflatable buoy or MarkSetBot.
- 10.6 The Race Committee will attempt to notify OCS boats by VHF radio on the designated Race Committee channel and/or digitally via the Velocitek units. Failure of equipment, failure to hear a hail, delay in hailing or the order in which hails are given will not be grounds for a boat to request redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).
- 10.7 There may be multiple attention sounds before the warning signal; the Race Committee will attempt to indicate the estimated time of the next warning signal via the designated Race Committee channel.

11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move an existing mark (or move the finishing line to a new position). The new mark be moved into position before the first boat rounds the previous rounding mark and the Race Committee will notify such change in accordance with RRS.
- 11.2 The Race Committee may change the course by up to ten (10) degrees in bearing and/or 0.2 nm in length without a signal. This changes RRS 33.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish for course 4 shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal vessel and either the course side of the finish mark or an anchored Race Committee vessel displaying an orange flag. For course 5 the finish shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee vessel and the course side of mark W.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 The first sentence of RRS 44.1 is changed to read “A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while *racing*”
- 13.2 A boat that takes a penalty shall notify the Race Committee signal vessel as soon as possible after the last boat finishes and before the warning signal of the next race of the day.

14 TIME LIMITS

The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish will be two hours from the starting signal. If no boat has passed the first windward mark (W) 45 minutes after the starting signal, the race shall be abandoned.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 15.1 Protests and requests for redress shall be submitted electronically to the Race Committee and/or the Protest Committee within one hour of the docking time of the Race Committee signal vessel at Lauderdale Yacht Club. This time will be posted on the official notice board near the Pavilion poolside at Lauderdale Yacht Club and may also be posted online. This changes RRS 61.3 and RRS 62.2.
- 15.2 Notices will be posted as soon as possible to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties. Hearings will take place at Lauderdale Yacht Club in a designated room. The Protest Committee will attempt to schedule hearings in the order of receipt. Representatives of boats who are parties to a hearing and their witnesses, if any, shall remain on call in the vicinity of the protest rooms.
- 15.3 When a boat has been involved in an incident that may be subject to protest, it is her responsibility to check the protest notices at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Failure of any boat to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the Protest Committee as grounds for proceeding under RRS 63.3 (b).
- 15.4 Breaches of SI7, SI 17, and SI20 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a)

16 SCORING

- 16.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat’s score will be the total of her race scores. When six or more races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.1.

17 SUPPORT PERSONS AND BOATS

The IC37 Class Rule H.4 does not apply. Support boats should remain outside of the laylines on the leg between either the start and/or LP/LS and mark W. After the warning signal for each race, support boats should remain outside of the starting box which is defined as 50 meters to leeward and 50 meters to either the port or starboard end of the starting line. Support and spectator boats shall monitor the Race Committee designated VHF channel and in the event of a request for assistance by the Race Committee, shall respond to an in person or radio hail.

- 17.2 Anchoring on Coral Reefs, Hardbottom or Seagrass is prohibited under Florida law.
- 17.3 Special provisions are in effect for the protection of, including but not limited to: Manatee, Sea Turtle & Sawfish, as well as critical habitat, including but not limited to Johnson Sea Grass, Staghorn and Elkhorn corals.

17.4 Attention is made to the existence of local boats displaying dive flags which may be in the vicinity of the race course. All vessels MUST remain at least 100 yards from any vessel displaying a dive flag.

18 PRIZES

15.1 Race trophies for the Fall Regatta will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each class (or greater at the discretion of the Organizing Authority).

15.2 The LYC Winter Series overall trophies will be awarded for the 1st place series score in each class.

19 MEDIA WAIVER AND DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

19.1 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. All skippers and crew should familiarize themselves with RRS 3, Decision To Race. The Organizing Authority and all its Committee members will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20 NOTES

20.1 Support boats are welcome to dock at Lauderdale Yacht Club for either racing functions or social activities. Transient space on the North Dock adjacent to the pool area is available on a first come-first served basis. NOR Amendment #1 provides information for competitors to make arrangements for visiting teams. For docking assistance contact Bob Garey, Bob.Garey@LYC1938.org or (954) 527-2209 ext 241.

20.2 The Principal Race Officer for the Fall Regatta will be Tom Lihan. He can be contacted at (954) 993-4088 or thomaslihan@comcast.net. Feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns regarding logistics or anticipated racing schedule.

(pending course sheet attachment which will be available no later than 1200 on Thursday November 16. Two courses will be used, either a 4-leg Windward/Leeward or a 5-leg Windward/Leeward/Windward finish to weather)

16 SUPPORT AND SPECTATOR BOATS

- 16.1 Except when providing safety assistance to a competitor, support boats shall not be in the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The racing area is defined as 75 yards away from the outside of the exterior lay lines of the race course, including the windward mark and finish lines.
- 16.2 All support and spectator boats shall monitor the designated VHF channel for requests from the Race Committee to assist with fleet safety. Support boats may enter the race area at the request of the Race Committee, or when they deem it necessary to provide outside safety assistance to a boat in obvious distress.
- See the [Safety Protocols Addendum](#) for further reference.
- 16.5 Competitors may not drop off or retrieve gear from Race Committee boats. Competitors may drop off trash on Race Committee boats.
- 16.6 Support and coach boats are subject to additional rules in the [Safety Protocols Addendum](#). Support and Coach boats' overnight dockage will be subject to an assignment from the Lauderdale Yacht Club Marina Director. Boats left in slips or areas without authorization from the Marina Director or Regatta Chair may be removed from the venue and stored offsite at the owner's expense.