



## **J/70 and MELGES 24 BACARDI WINTER SERIES**

**Event #1 December 14-15, 2024**

**Event #2 January 24-26, 2025**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**POSTED – DECEMBER 9, 2024**

*The organizing authority is Twelve USA, Inc. The regatta office and host facility location is: Shake-A-Leg Miami (SALM), 2620 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, Florida 33133. Race Committee for both regattas will be provided by Coconut Grove Sailing Club.*

#### **1. RULES**

1.1 The event is governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: Appendix R, and prescriptions to RRS 60.3, 61.4, 67, 70.5(a) and 76.1. The full text of the prescriptions will be posted on the official notice board (ONB).

1.3 US Sailing prescription Appendix V applies, as modified in SI 13.

1.4 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used by the Race Committee (RC), making relevant information available to all boats. This changes RRS 41(c). See Appendix A for rules and details

#### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETIORS**

2.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the ONB on Yachtscoring.com before 0900 on the day it will take effect, except that change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

**Event #1** - [https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board\\_summary.cfm?eid=16829](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=16829)

**Event #2** - [https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board\\_summary.cfm?eid=16830](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm?eid=16830)

#### **3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole at SALM.

3.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 60 minutes' in RACE SIGNALS.

#### **4. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

4.1 Three (3) races are scheduled per day, with a maximum of six (6) completed races for **Event #1** and nine (9) completed races for **Event #2**.

#### **4.2 EVENT #1**

Friday, December 13, 2024

1600-1900 Melges 24 and J/70 Check-in @ SALM

1600-1900 Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM

1730 Competitor's Meeting @ SALM

1800 Vakaros – RaceSense Briefing

Saturday, December 14, 2024

0800-0900 Late Check-in @ SALM

0900 Competitor's Meeting @ SALM

1055 Melges 24 First Warning Signal; J/70 Warning Signal to follow

Post Racing North Sails Debrief @ SALM

Post Racing Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM

1700 Bacardi Complementary Dinner @ SALM

Sunday, December 15, 2025

0900 Competitor's Meeting @ SALM

1055 Melges 24 First Warning Signal; J/70 Warning Signal to follow

1400 No warning signal will be made after this time.

Post Racing North Sails Debrief @ SALM

Post Racing Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM

1730 Prize Giving @ SALM

#### **4.3 EVENT #2**

Thursday, January 23, 2025

1600-1900 Melges 24 and J/70 Check-in @ SALM

1600-1900 Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM

1730 Competitor's Meeting @ SALM

## 1800 Vakaros – RaceSense Briefing

### Friday, January 24, 2025

0800-0900 Late Check-in @ SALM

0900 Competitor's Meeting @ SALM

1055 Melges 24 First Warning Signal; J/70 Warning Signal to follow

Post Racing North Sails Debrief @ SALM

Post Racing Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM

### Saturday, January 25, 2025

0900 Competitor's Meeting @ SALM

1055 Melges 24 First Warning Signal; J/70 Warning Signal to follow

Post Racing North Sails Debrief @ SALM

Post Racing Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM

1700 Bacardi Complementary Dinner @ SALM

### Sunday, January 26, 2025

0900 Competitor's Meeting @ SALM

1055 Melges 24 First Warning Signal; J/70 Warning Signal to follow

1400 No warning signal will be made after this time

Post Racing North Sails Debrief @ SALM

Post Racing Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM

1700 Prize Giving @ SALM

4.4 Location for check-in and additional information will be available at:

<https://bacardiinvitational.com/>

## **5. CLASS FLAGS**

5.1 Class flags will be the class insignia on a white background.

## **6. RACING AREA**

6.1 The racing area will be approximately 1 nm south/southwest of Biscayne Channel Mark G'1' (FL G 2.5s 5m "1").

## **7. COURSES**

7.1 The courses will be windward-leeward with weather offsets and leeward gates. See Appendix 1 - Courses.

7.2 No later than the warning signal the race committee will announce on VHF Channel 78 the approximate bearing and distance to the first mark.

## **8. MARKS**

8.1 The starting marks will be the RC signal vessel on the starboard end and a Pin Boat with Orange Flag

8.2 The finish marks will be an RC boat and a Pin Boat with Orange Flag.

8.3 Marks 1 and 1a (offset) will be a White Bacardi Cylinder (1) and a Orange Hippy Hop (1a) Marks 2S and 2P (gate) will be White Bacardi Cylinders.

8.4 A course change mark will be a green tetrahedron.

## **9. THE START**

9.1 Races will start in accordance with RRS 26. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC signal vessel at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on a Pin Boat at the port end.

9.2 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, RaceSense will begin a countdown to the start, prior to the warning signal for a race. (See the Vakaros RaceSense Sailor Manual in the event documents for review of operation.)

9.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

## **10. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

10.1 To change the next leg of the course the race committee will move the original mark or the finishing line to the new position, although it may not be in position before the leading boat begins the leg. The remainder of the course will be reconfigured.

10.2 Marks may be moved up to 10 degrees and 0.1 nm without accompanying race signals. The change will be announced on Channel 78 before the first boat reaches the mark although the changed mark may not yet be in place. This changes RRS 33 and RACE SIGNALS.

10.3 No course will be shortened (Flag S) to less than 3 legs. This changes RRS 32.

## **11. THE FINISH**

11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC signal vessel and the course side of an orange Robotic Mark

## **12. TIME LIMITS**

12.1 If no boat has passed the first mark in 30 minutes, or no boat sails the course and finishes by 90 minutes, the race shall be abandoned.

12.2 The finishing window is 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the finishing window, and not subsequently penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired without a hearing, one point more than the last boat to finish within the time limit. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 RRS 44.1 is replaced by US Sailing prescription V1, PENALTY AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT.

13.2 US Sailing Prescription V2, POST RACE PENALTIES will be in affect with the penalty reduced to 20% for a fleet of thirty boats or larger. Such penalties must be approved by the Protest Committee.

13.3 After a hearing, except for rules of part 2 and RRS 31, for rules that do not specify a penalty, the penalty will be at the discretion of the protest committee.

#### **14. HEARING REQUESTS**

14.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat docks, or the race committee signals no more races today, or 60 minutes after no more racing is signaled ashore, whichever is later.

14.2 Hearing requests for protest and redress, reopening of hearings shall be submitted by logging into the 'Owner's Corner' on:

**Event #1** [https://yachtscoring.com/ownerarea/owner\\_login.cfm](https://yachtscoring.com/ownerarea/owner_login.cfm)

**Event #2** [https://yachtscoring.com/ownerarea/owner\\_login.cfm](https://yachtscoring.com/ownerarea/owner_login.cfm)

14.3 Scoring inquiries should be submitted on the main page of the event website on Yachtscoring.com. Boats requesting to take a scoring penalty may fill out a form at the protest desk, located near the hanger at SALM.

14.4 Actions of the race committee, including starting penalties, intent to protest, requests for redress, retirements and boats reported taking a Scoring Penalty will be posted on the ONB prior to the protest time limit.

14.5 Notices will be posted on the ONB no later than 10 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties, providing the time of the hearing. Parties, with their witnesses, should report to the protest desk by that time.

#### **15. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

15.1 Boats will CHECK-IN prior to their first race of the day by sailing on starboard past the stern of the race committee vessel until the boat receives an acknowledging hail of the bow number.

5.2 A boat that withdraws or retires from a race for any reason shall notify the race committee by VHF or direct hail before departing the racing area, or if not practicable by notifying the race committee by cell phone as soon as possible.

#### **16. SCORING**

16.1 If five (5) or more races are completed, there will be (1) race excluded in accordance with RRS A2.1.

16.2 RRS A2.1, the word 'series' is deleted and replaced by 'event'.

16.3 RRS A2.2 shall not apply.

16.4 RRS A5.2 is changed to: "A boat that did not start, sail the course or finish, retired or was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that came to the starting area for that race."

16.5 Points for Corinthian boats will be based on fleet scores.

16.6 A boat's overall score for the 2024-2025 BACARDI INVITATIONAL WINTER SERIES will be the score for Event 3 added to her lowest score from Event 1 or 2.

## **17. RACE COMMITTEE COMMUNICATION**

17.1 The race committee will use VHF radio channel 78.

17.2 The race committee cell phone number is: Mark Foster +1-361-816-9801

17.3 The OA will organize a WhatsApp group for fleet communication. A QR code to join this group will be available at Check-In and on the Official Notice Board.

## **20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

20.1 Substitution of competitors during the regatta, including any change in the number of crew members, will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Protest Committee.

20.2 Requests for substitution shall be made in writing at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **21. OFFICIAL VESSELS**

21.1 RC vessels will display RC flags.

## **22. PRIZES**

22.1 Prizes will be awarded per the Notice of Race for overall first, second and third place. For each event, Corinthian class event prizes will be given for first, second and third place.

22.2 For each event, trophies will be awarded to the top Mixed+ team and OnePro team.

22.3 For the OVERALL 2024-2025 BACARDI INVITATIONAL WINTER SERIES, a trophy will be awarded to the Overall Series winner, the Overall top Corinthian Series winner, the Overall top Series Mixed+ team, the Overall top Series OnePro team.

## **23. WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

23.1 Prior to participating in **Event #1 and Event #2** every owner(s), competitor and support person shall sign the waiver of liability available at the Registration desk.

## **24. INSURANCE**

24.1 Each boat shall carry third-party liability insurance with coverage of at least \$100,000/300,000 per incident. Documentation must be provided at check-in.

24.2 Boats borrowing an Atlas 2 are responsible for its replacement in case of damage.

## **25. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

25.1 Boats shall be afloat by the end of late check-in.

## **26. RISK STATEMENT**

26.1 In addition to RRS 3, by participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. Among other these risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue among others

resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury by or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

## **27. FURTHER INFORMATION**

For additional information, please contact:

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## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS APPENDIX A**

### **[NP]Rules and Instructions for Using the Vakaros and RaceSense System**

A.1 The visual identification of boats infringing RRS 29 and RRS 30 by the RC is replaced with electronic identification through the Vakaros RaceSense system, modifying RRS 29.1, 30.1, 30.2, 30.3, and 30.4.

A.2 Instructions for using the electronic device will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

A.3 Each boat shall have a Vakaros Atlas 2 device configured for RaceSense at check-in, mounted on the aft side of the mast at all times while racing. Each boat must either provide a working Atlas 2 at check-in for RaceSense configuration or rent one directly from Vakaros if unavailable.

A.4 Competitors shall take all reasonable measures to keep the system safe and operational, and promptly notify Vakaros staff on the water or ashore of any device issues.

A.5 Any failure of the Atlas 2, RaceSense system, or communication systems will not constitute grounds to request redress by a boat or the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 60.1(b), 60.3(b).

A.6 If firmware updates to Atlas 2 devices are required between scheduled race days, notice will be sent to all boats via email and/or SMS.

