THE BISCAYNE BAY YACHT CLUB

Invites you to participate in the 50th ANNUAL LIME CUP RACE WEEKEND



RACE #1 – SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17TH, 2016
KEY BISCAYNE TO FT. LAUDERDALE - 23 NAUTICAL MILES
RACE #2 – SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18TH, 2016
FT. LAUDERDALE TO MIAMI - 18 NAUTICAL MILES

PART A - GENERAL INFORMATION

The Annual Lime Cup Ocean Races Weekend, sponsored by Biscayne Bay Yacht Club continues this year with a NEW FORMAT. For 2016, the race will offer divisions for the following ocean racing classes; boats with ORC Club handicaps, boats with PHRF of Southeast Florida handicaps, and boats requesting BBYC Assigned Rating (ARC) non spinnaker handicaps. All Divisions will be scored using Time-on-Time scoring. The race weekend will consist of two races with the combined corrected times for both of the races determining the Division/Class winners.

The 2016 Lime Cup and Lime Cup perpetual trophy will be awarded to the boat winning the **ORC** Division. The Avocado Cup will be awarded to the winner of the **PHRF** Division. The Mango Cup will be awarded to the winner of the BBYC **ARC** non spinnaker Division.

Race #1 will be held on Saturday, September 17th, racing from a start near the eastern end of Biscayne Cannel at the southern end of Key Biscayne, approximately 23 nm to a finish just south of Ft. Lauderdales Port Everglades.

Race #2 will be held on Sunday, September 18th, racing from a start just south of Port Everglades, approximately 18 nm down the beach to a finish near Government Cut in Miami.

Special offer for visitors dockage at BBYC: For visiting boats from yacht clubs outside of the Miami area who enter the races, the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club is offering a limited number of slips or raft-up at their dock facilities. Requests for dockage at BBYC must be made prior to the event by contacting BBYC dock chairman Tom Byrne at (305) 785-5056 or byrne.t@ewm.com. Dockage is limited, and will be available on a first come first saved basis. Dockage fees will be based on boat length.

Activities in Ft. Lauderdale: The Race Committee Signal boat will be berthed at the **Pier 66 Marina** following racing on Saturday. A traditional gathering around the pool & pool bar adjacent to the marina is planned after racing. Competitors should make their own arrangements for dockage and lodging in Ft. Lauderdale. For dockage reservations, call the Pier 66 Marina dockmaster at 954-728-3578. For room reservations, the hotel website is http://pier66.hyatt.com or call 954-525-6666.

Activities in Miami at BBYC: Biscayne Bay Yacht Club will host their traditional Lime Cup Free Daiquiri party beginning at 5:30 pm on Sunday. A Lobster Dinner will be available for all skippers, crew & friends to purchase. Trophy presentations are scheduled for 6:30 pm with dinner served from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. Early dinner reservations are requested. (e-mail reservations to bbyc@biscaynebayyachtclub.com or call 305-858-6303). A cash bar will be available, and guests may charge with credit cards.

PART B - NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Regatta will be under the management of the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC), which shall have full authority to manage all matters relating to the Regatta.
- 1.3 All boats shall conform to current US Coast Guard Safety Regulations.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 The Regatta is open to auxiliary powered monohull sailboats at least 22 feet LOA which have a current valid **ORC Club**, **PHRF of South East Florida**, or have applied for a **BBYC ARC** non spinnaker rating, and which have completed, the official online entry form on YachtScoring.com (http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2842), and paid the appropriate entry fees by the entry deadline.

3. RACING DIVISIONS

- 3.1 Divisions will be established for boats with a valid rating from one of the following;
 - **ORC Club** with an Offshore / Coastal TOT factor of 0.8500 or greater. (ORC Club ratings can be applied for online by visiting http://www.orc.org/index.asp?id=25).
 - PHRF of SE Florida with a spinnaker rating no greater than 210 seconds per mile.
 - BBYC Assigned Rating Division will be offered for non spinnaker boats handicapped with ratings assigned by a BBYC Rating Committee and no greater than 210 seconds per mile. Boats needing a BBYC Assigned non-spinnaker rating may obtain a rating from the BBYC Lime Cup Race Committee by downloading a BBYC ARC application form and delivering it to the BBYC Lime Cup Race Chairman, Ken Batzer prior to the entry deadline of Sunday, September 11th, 2016. Email to; kenbatzer@biscaynebayyachtclub.com or call 954-275-0839).

4. ENTRIES

4.1 Entries close at 1400 hours on Sunday, September 11, 2016, and must be completed online at YachtScoring.com (http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2842) by that time and date. For boats entering by August 28th, 2016, the early entry fee is \$80.00. Boats entering after August 28th, and before the entry deadline of September 11th, the entry fee is \$100.00. The Race Committee reserves the right to accept or reject an entry at any time prior to the first warning signal of each race day. An additional late entry fee of \$25.00 will be assessed for any entries accepted by the Race Committee after Sept. 11th, 2016.

5. SKIPPERS MEETINGS

- 5.1 There will be a skippercs meeting at the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club, on Thursday, September 15th, 2016 at 1830 hours.
- 5.2 Division/Class assignments, handicap sheets, and the starting sequence for the races will be distributed at the skippers meeting, and on the Lime Cup Race website page at http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2842.
- A crew list will be required to be completed by the skipper online at YachtScoring.com, or at the skippers meeting. The minimum crew shall be 4 people. Crew substitutions may be made by notifying the Race Committee before the first warning signal each race day.

Lime Cup Part B - Page 2

6. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

6.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the BBYC clubhouse, and on the YachtScoring.com Lime Cup Race website page. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1800 hours on the day before the race.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

7.1 Signals ashore will be made on the YachtScoring.com Lime Cup website page, at the flagpole on the east lawn of BBYC, and/or on the Race Committee Signal Boat berthed at Pier 66 Marina in Ft. Lauderdale on Saturday evening.

8. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 8.1 The Regatta will consist of two races scheduled as follows:

 Race #1 Saturday, September 17th. First Warning signal at 1000 hours.

 Race #2 Sunday, September 18th. First Warning signal at 1000 hours.
- 8.2 The starting signal for each Division may be the warning signal for the next Division.

9. COMMUNICATIONS

9.1 The Race Committee will use VHF channel 72 to communicate with the fleet.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 Race #1- Saturday: The course will be from the starting line .5 mile east of channel marker #2 at the eastern end of Biscayne Channel, to the Miami Sea Buoy (RW %W+ Mo (A) W 8s 7M RN) leaving it to port, and proceeding North to the finish line. Competitors shall not cross the Government Cut channel or interfere with any commercial traffic entering, or exiting the channel.
- 10.2 Race #2 Sunday: The course will be directly from the starting line to the finish.

11. START

- 11.1 Race #1 Saturday: The starting line will be approximately .5 nm east of Biscayne Channel Marker #2 (R BN FL R 2.5sec 5M) and will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an inflatable mark.
- 11.2 Race #2 Sunday: The starting line will be located approximately 1.75 nautical miles south of the Port Everglades entrance and .5 nautical miles offshore, and will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an inflatable mark.
- 11.3.1 Any boat(s) that has not started within 10 minutes after the start of the last Division each day will be scored DNC.

12. FINISH

- 12.1 Race #1 Saturday: The finish line will be approximately 1.75 nautical miles south of Port Everglades entrance and approximately .5 nm offshore, and will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and an inflatable mark.
- 12.2 Race #2 Sunday: The finish line will be approximately 1.5 nautical miles north east of Miamics Government Cut, and will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the south anchorage Nun Buoy %2+.
- 12.3 Race #2 Sunday ALTERNATE FINISH.
 If there is no Race Committee boat on station at the finish, boats should finish in a southerly direction within 100 feet of, and passing to the east of anchorage Nun Buoy "B". Accurate GPS finish time should be taken when Nun "B" bears 270° magnetic. Boats should report finish time to the Race Committee on VHF 72 or by cellular phone to 954-275-0839 immediately upon finishing.

Lime Cup Part B - Page 3

13. OBSTRUCTION

13.1 All Boats are reminded that a diverce flag represents an **OBSTRUCTION**. Boats are required to keep clear by 150 yards all divers down flag signals.

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 Race #1 Saturday: If no boat has finished by 1700 hours, the race shall be abandoned. If a boat has not finished by 1800 hours, it will be scored % ime Limit Expired+(TLE).
- 14.2 Race #2 Sunday: If no boat has finished by 1500 hours, the race shall be abandoned. If a boat has not finished by 1600 hours, it will be scored % ime Limit Expired+(TLE).
- 14.3 **TLE Score**; A %LE+score for all boats not finishing within the time limit shall be one more point than the number of boats that have finished within the time limit. (This changes *Rules* 35, Appendix A 4.1 and A 4.2).

15. PROTESTS

- 15.1 Protests shall be filed with the Race Committee no later than 1 hour after the Signal Boat arrives at the dock each day.
- 15.2 All protests will be heard at BBYC at approximately 1700 hours Sunday, September 18th, 2016.

16. SCORING

- For the **ORC Division**, a boats Offshore Coastal Time-on-Time handicap will be applied as a factor of the boats elapsed time for each race.
- 16.2 For the **PHRF and ARC Divisions**, Time-on-Time (TOT) scoring will be used. Time allowances for PHRF and ARC Division boats will be calculated using the following conversion formula: **650** /(**550 + PHRF Rating**)
- 16.3 For the PHRF and ARC divisions, a boats calculated rating allowance will be applied as a factor of the boats elapsed time for each race.
- 16.4 Final race results for awards will be computed by combining the elapsed corrected time for both races. Boats with the lowest combined corrected time in each Division will be declared winners.

17 PRIZES

- 17.1 There will be 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place awards in each Division for the boats with the lowest corrected times for the two races combined.
- 17.2 The Commodore Harold E. Kendall Lime Cup Perpetual Trophy will be awarded to the ORC Division boat with the lowest corrected time for the two races combined.
- 15.5 The awards presentation will be at BBYC at approximately 1830 hours on September 18th, 2016

18. CONTACTS

- 18.1 Lime Cup R/C Chairman Ken Batzer may be reached by calling 954-275-0839, or e-mail to kenbatzer@biscaynebayyachtclub.com.
- 18.2 Biscayne Bay Yacht Clubs phone number is 305-858-6303. Please remember to make your Lime Cup Lobster dinner reservations before or at the Skippers Meeting.