

2016 BUD LIGHT REGATTA – SAILING ASSOCIATION
OF MARCO ISLAND

Liability Disclaimer: Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The race organizers (the organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor, or in the case of minors, each competitor's parent or guardian agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

1. Rules

1.1 The Regatta is governed by the rules as defined in the 2009-2012 *Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), the class rules of the West Florida Performance Handicap Racing Federation (WPHRF) and these Sailing Instructions. Advertising is restricted per ISAF Category A regulation.

1.2 The Organizing Authority is the Sailing Association of Marco Island.

1.3 Notices to the competitors and changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official bulletin board or by VHF broadcast per RRS 90.2 (c). The official bulletin board will be located at the Marco Island Marine Association (MIMA) patio area (adjacent to the Dockmaster's Office) on Friday and at the Old Marco Lodge and Crab House on Saturday.

1.4 There will be no signals made ashore.

2. Classes and Start Sequences A minimum of three entries will constitute a class.

2.1 Divisions for starting and warning signal class flags will be:

1st Start International Signal Flag "1"

Spinnaker A

Spinnaker B

2nd Start International Signal Flag "2"

Non-Spinnaker

3rd Start International Signal Flag “3”
True Cruising

4th Start International Signal Flag “4”
Multi-hull

- 2.2 Class streamers will to be flown from the backstay or its equivalent.
- 2.3 Classes may be further divided or starts combined depending upon the number of entries received. Final class designations will be announced at the Skipper's Meeting or by VHF broadcast per RRS 90.2(c).
- 2.4 Subsequent starts may not be in the same starting order as indicated in 2.1.
- 2.5 To avoid undue delay in starting subsequent races, classes that have finished their race may be started before all classes have finished the preceding race. Notification will be made by VHF broadcast.
- 2.6 The 2nd Substitute displayed at a finish indicates that the RC will attempt to start another race for that class.

3. Schedule of Races:

- 3.1 The scheduled time for the first warning signal on Saturday will be 09:55 hrs.
- 3.2 The RC will attempt to run at least two races for all classes on Saturday. The RC has the freedom to run more or less races for any class.
- 3.3 No warning signal will be made on Saturday after 1500 hrs; no warning signal will be made on Sunday after 1400 hrs.

4. Racing Area and Courses

- 4.1 The racing area will be in the Gulf of Mexico, off Marco Island, approximately 1.3 miles off of Keewaydin Island, midway between Capri Pass and Gordon Pass.
- 4.2 The diagrams in the Addendum “A” show the courses for both days of the regatta.
- 4.3 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display on the course board, the course, bearing and distance to the first mark.
- 4.4 Marks will be orange or yellow balls, cylinders, tetrahedrons, or tomatoes. The starting and finishing mark(s) will be orange or yellow balls, cylinders or tetrahedrons. See addendum A.

4.5 RC line boats may deploy a tethered standoff buoy. If so, the line mark shall be the combination of the RC boat and the tethered standoff buoy. See RRS 31.1.

5 Check-in Code flag “L” will be displayed, with one sound signal, from approximately thirty minutes prior to the first warning signal of the day until five minutes prior to the first warning signal of the day.

5.1 All boats are to check-in by passing to the stern of the RC Signal Boat on a starboard tack, hailing the boat’s name, class entered, and sail number. Checking in via VHF radio is not preferred.

6. The Start The RC will attempt to operate on GPS time.

6.1 The start will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC boat and the course side of the port end starting mark.

6.2 The RC may make a series of sound signals one minute prior to the warning signal for the first of a series of starts.

6.4 In a series of starts, the warning signal for each succeeding class will be made not less than one minute after the starting signal for the preceding class.

6.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

7 Recalls.

7.1 The RC will attempt to notify boats that are on the course side at the start (OCS) or are in violation of RRS 30, first by VHF, and then by hailing. This changes RRS 29.1 and RRS 30.

8 Time Limits, Shortening Course and Finishing

8.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on an RC boat and either a staff with an orange flag on a RC line boat or an inflatable line mark.

8.2 A boat that withdraws from a race shall notify the RC by VHF radio or by hail such boat may seek assistance in making the notification.

8.3 The time limits for the first boat for each class to finish will be (a) two hours for a race that is less than seven miles, and (b) three and one-half hours for a race that is more than seven miles. Boats failing to finish within forty-five minutes after the first boat in its class has finished will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) or per 7.5. This changes RRS 35 & A4.1.

8.5 The RC may assign a finish position to the last finisher(s) provided that the boat’s position(s) can be determined in a reasonable manner. A boat(s) whose finishing position has been so established will be notified by VHF or hailed by an RC boat. When another race is to be run, the assigned

finish boat(s) are to return immediately to the starting area. Finishes assigned in this manner will not be subject to redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

- **Penalties, Protests and Requests for Redress**

9.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress will notify the RC by hailing or by VHF before leaving the racing area. This changes RRS 61.

9.2 A boat that takes penalty turns will report this to the RC by VHF before leaving the racing area. This changes RRS 31.2 and 44.2.

9.3 The protest time limit is one hour after the RC docks. The docking time will be posted on the official bulletin board located at the Dockmaster's Office at MIMA (Marco Island Yacht Club).

9.4 Protest and Redress Forms are available from the Protest Committee (PC) or the RC. Written protests shall be delivered to the PC or RC within the one hour time limit. Written requests for redress will be delivered no later than the protest time limit or two hours after the incident, whichever is later.

9.5 Protest hearing notices will be posted within thirty minutes after the protest limit time has expired.

10. Scoring

10.1 One race will constitute a Regatta. RRSA4, the low point system, will be used for scoring. All races will be counted equally. No race will be excluded. These changes RRSA2

11 Radio and Cell Phone Telecommunication

11.1 Except for emergency purposes and calls to the RC per this SI, while racing a boat shall neither make radio transmissions nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to cell phones.

11.2 Boats shall be equipped with a working Marine VHF radio and are advised to have a cell phone on board. Depending upon radio traffic, the RC will attempt to communicate, on VHF channels in the following order: 72 and 68. Information received from the RC on any channel shall be considered as being information available to all competitors.

11.3 Failure to hear hails by the RC and the timing and order of such hails will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).