



**2017 SAMI Bud Light Regatta  
April 7 - 9, 2017**

**Organizing Authority (OA) – Sailing Association of Marco Island (SAMI)  
Marco Island Yacht Club, Marco Island, FL**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)**

Revised April 7, 2017

*The notation [DP] in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

**1. RULES**

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

**2.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Marco Island Marine Association (MIMA) patio area (adjacent to the Dockmaster's office) and at the Old Marco Lodge and Crab house (Sunday April 9<sup>th</sup> only.)

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**3.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900h on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000h on the day before it will take effect.

**3.2** Changes to the sailing instructions (if any) will be broadcast on Saturday, April 8th starting at 0915h on VHF channel 72.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

**4.1** Signals will be made from shore

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**5.1** Saturday, April 8, 2017

0955 Warning Signal for the first race of the day

- A maximum of 4 races is scheduled for each class.
- No warning signal will be made after 1500h.

**5.2** Sunday, April 9, 2017

1055 Warning Signal for the first start of the Pursuit Race

**6. CLASS FLAGS, CLASS STREAMER and ORDER OF START**

**6.1**

Class	Class Flag	Class Streamer
Spinnaker A Spinnaker B	Numeral Pennant "1"	Green Blue
Non-Spinnaker	Numeral Pennant "2"	Orange
True Cruising	Numeral Pennant "3"	White
Multi-Hull	Numeral Pennant "4"	None

**6.2** Each class must fly the appropriate class streamer on the backstay or other conspicuous location, from their warning signal until they finish. [DP]

**6.3** Additional classes may be announced at the Competitors' meeting and by VHF as per SI 3.2.

**6.4** Multiple classes may be started together at the discretion of the Race Committee.

**6.5** The organizing authority reserves the right to keep like boats together, even if this action overrides the boats separation by rating. Where needed, the boat shall continue to use its actual rating for all purposes, except it shall sail in the class assigned to it.

**7. RACING AREA**

**7.1** The racing area will be offshore of Marco Island beach in front of the Marriott Hotel



## **8 THE COURSES**

### **SATURDAY, APRIL 8<sup>TH</sup>**

- 8.1** The diagrams in Addendum A show the courses, including 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, the race committee signal boat will display the course, approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

### **SUNDAY APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>**

- 8.3** The course for the Pursuit Race will be chosen from the courses listed in Addendum A
- 8.4** No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat will display the course, approximate compass bearing and distance of the first leg.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1** Mark 1 will be an orange inflatable
- 9.2** Marks 2, 3, 4, and 5 will be yellow inflatables
- 9.3** The starting and finishing marks will be yellow inflatables.
- 9.4** The Race Committee may announce the sail number or boat name of each OCS boat on the applicable VHF channel 72. Failure of the RC to make an announcement, failure of hearing such announcements and the timing and the order in which boats are announced shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).
- 9.5** To draw attention to the warning signal for a subsequent race, the Race Committee may make short sound signals. The Race Committee may announce the upcoming warning signal on the applicable VHF channel 72 approximately one minute before the upcoming warning signal.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1** The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.2** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]
- 10.3** A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1** To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

## **12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1** The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1** For the Multihull class, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 13.2** For boats with a spinnaker flying, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty as long as the boat flies the spinnaker again immediately after taking the penalty.

## **14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 14.1** The time limits for the first boat to finish for each class will be:  
a) Seven mile race – 2 hours  
b) Greater than seven miles – 3 ½ hours
- 14.2** Boats failing to finish within 45 minutes after the first boat in its class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1** Protest forms are available from the Protest Committee at the Marco Island Yacht Club. Protests and requests for redress or requests to reopen a hearing shall be delivered Marco Island Yacht Club within the appropriate time limit which is 60 minutes after the signal boat has docked. The docking time will be posted on the official notice board at the Marco Island Marine Association (MIMA) patio area (adjacent to the Dockmaster's office) only.



- 15.3** Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at MIMA Dockmaster's Office.
- 15.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.5** Breaches of instructions 6.2, 10.2, 17, 18 and 19 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 15.5** A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 15.6** A request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 16** **SCORING**
- 16.1** Race results will be calculated using the Time on Distance scoring method.
- 16.2** For the SW Florida BOTY series, the race results will be re-scored as per the SW Florida BOTY method.
- 16.3** One race is to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.4** No races shall be excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.
- 17** **SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 17.1** Check-Out and Check-In: Boats must check in and received acknowledgement from the race committee before the first race of each day. [DP]
- 17.2** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]
- 18** **EVENT ADVERTISING**
- Boats are restricted to advertising as per World Sailing Regulation 20.
- 19** **RADIO COMMUNICATION**
- 19.1** Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This restriction does not apply when a crew member may place or receive calls of a personal nature that do not involve the exchange of information which could affect the boat's outcome in a race.
- 20** **PRIZES**
- 20.1** Prizes will be given to each boat placing first, second and third in each class with five or more entries; to those placing first and second in classes with four entries and to the first place competitor in classes with three entries.
- 20.2** Additional awards may be presented.
- 21** **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**
- Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.
- 22** **INSURANCE**
- Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$300,000 USD per incident or the equivalent.