



2024 Miller Fluster Cup

Saturday, May 11th, 2024

Fleet 5 Competitive Sailing Club

3610 Miramar Drive, Shoreacres, TX 77571



NOTICE OF RACE

As amended 5/9/2024, Changes in red

Join us for a fun day of “organized chaos” to honor Ryan Miller for his everlasting impact on J-24 Fleet 5 and J-24 District 14 racing. Although he is transferring to Seattle, his influence will continue to make Fleet 5 the best fleet in the IJCA.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 **DELETED**
- 1.3 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, shall be used. The arbitrator’s decision shall be final, and no protest shall proceed to a hearing.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be posted online at regattanetwork.com/event/28168 prior to May 9th.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The official notice board is at: regattanetwork.com/event/28168#_newsroom .
- 3.2 [NP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US Coast Guard required channels.
- 3.3 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be VHF Channel 68.
- 3.4 While racing, all boats are encouraged to communicate often and on VHF Channel 68.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to any keelboat with an anchor.
- 4.2 Possible Classes available are defined as follows: J/24, J/22, Ensign, PHRF Spinnaker, PHRF Non-Spin.
- 4.3 Boats may enter the event by registering online at regattanetwork.com/event/28168.
- 4.4 All registrations must be made online.
- 4.5 A minimum of two (2) boats are required to race as a class.
- 4.6 A class of fewer than the required number of entries will be regarded as having failed to form a class and may be assigned to another class.
- 4.7 All classes will race on one starting line, “all-at-once” starts. - “Le Mans” Start.

5. FEES

The fee to race in this event is \$10. Every skipper is also encouraged to bring a bottle of rum. The bottle must be empty before the boat crosses the finish line.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1 Registration will be available through Saturday, May 11th.
- 6.2 **Competitors briefing Saturday, May 11th at 1055 hrs. under the Beachcomber.**
- 6.3 The **Warning signal for all boats** will be at **1155 hrs.**
- 6.4 All boats must be at anchor with sails **on deck** and all crew at the stern of the boat **and aft of the traveler** prior to the Starting signal.
- 6.5 In the case of postponement, no warning signal will be made after **1605 hrs. (4 hrs. prior to sunset).**

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7. VENUE

Races will be held on Upper Galveston Bay in proximity of Houston Yacht Club, a.k.a. the recreational area North of the Bayport Shipping Channel and bounded by the Houston Shipping channel to the East.

8. COURSES

- 8.1 Anti-windward/leeward, or sometimes known as Distance Conundrum style.
- 8.2 An “organized chaos” activity will be required at each rounding mark.
- 8.3 The racecourse configurations will be posted in the Sailing Instructions.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

US Sailing Prescriptions, Appendix V1. and V2. are in effect.
Tim Johnson’s Third Rule of Sailing, “Stay on the Boat”, is also in effect.

10. SCORING

- 10.1 The scoring system is in accordance with RRS Appendix A.
- 10.2 The regatta is scheduled for one (1) race.

11. RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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.

12. INSURANCE

[NP] Each participating keel boat shall be insured with valid third-party **liability insurance** with a minimum coverage of \$300,000.00 per incident or the equivalent. Note: *Most* homeowner’s and renter’s insurance policies have such coverage, but actual boat insurance is always better.

13. PRIZES

Trophies for this event will be in the form of ethanol infused libations.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

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