

MSYSP Christmas Regatta

Sailing Instructions Dec 21st, 2024

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing, NOR & SI's.

2. Entries

Competitors may enter by delivering a completed entry form [and paying the entry fee] before 9 am on the 21th of December 2024.

3. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the whiteboard on the clubhouse deck.

4. Schedule

0930-1015 Registration/Check-In

1030 Skippers Meeting

1100 Warning Signal for the First Race

1500 No Warning Signal after 1500

Starting will be as per Rule 26 with the Warning Signal made three (3) minutes before the start.

5. Racing Area

The racing area will be decided the day of the event to be announced at the Skipper's Meeting. The venue for racing will primarily be Buttonwood Sound, Key Largo, FL.

6. Courses and Marks

Courses will be displayed at the skipper's meeting.

Rounding, start and finish marks will be determined at the Skippers meeting

7. Race Starts and Finish

1. The start and finish lines will be between a staff with a flag on the signal boat and an orange buoy mark.
2. Competitors shall keep 10 meters clear (30') from the starting line when the other fleets are in sequence.
3. The start/finish lines are closed; do not sail through unless you are in pre-start maneuvers, starting or finishing.

8. Protests

All protest must be hailed to the signal boat upon finishing the race to which they pertain.

9. Retiring

Boats retiring from a race, or the remainder of the regatta must notify a member of the RC before returning ashore.

13. Time Limit

Boats failing to finish within 5 min of the first finisher in their class will be scored DNF.

14. Scoring

Scoring: Low Point Scoring System of App. A: one throw-out after 5 races. One race constitutes a regatta.

15. Risk

RRS 3 states: “ The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue is hers alone.” By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. 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 resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.