

Viper North American Championship Bacardi/Miami J24 Regatta March 9-13, 2010

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS 41 will be changed for J24s - a boat shall receive no outside assistance, except as provided for in RRS 41, after leaving her mooring or dock for the first race of each day until she returns to her mooring or dock. This changes the preamble to Part 4 of the RRS.
- 1.3 Viper Notice of Race 2.3.1 is changed to prohibit coaching while *racing*.
- 1.4 For J24s, RRS 42.3 (b) and (c) will be replaced by IJCA Rule 8.2.
- 1.5 Bow numbers will be assigned to each boat. Bow numbers shall be applied in accordance with instructions supplied with the numbers and shall remain affixed until after the boat hauls out at the end of the regatta.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the regatta notice board located at Coral Reef Yacht Club by the locker rooms.
- 2.2 The race committee will use VHF channel 68 to communicate with competitors on the water.

3 CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 2000 the day before the change is to take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole located at Biscayne Bay Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced by 'not less than 45 minutes' in the race signal.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Wed, Mar 10 (Vipers only)

1300 First Warning, subsequent races to follow

Thu, Mar 11 – Sat, Mar 13

1100 First Warning, subsequent races to follow

No warning after 1400 on Saturday

6 CLASS FLAG

Class flags will be a white flag with the class insignia.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in Biscayne Bay, Racing A, as shown in Attachment I.

8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams and descriptions in Attachment II show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs and the order in which marks are to be passed.
- 8.2 If only one leeward mark is present it shall be rounded to port.
- 8.3 The course identifier, approximate magnetic bearing and distance in nautical miles to the first mark will be displayed from the race committee signal boat prior to the warning signal for each race.

An example is shown below:

5	Five legs, finishing to weather
270	Approx magnetic bearing to weather mark
1.0	1.0 nm to weather mark

9 MARKS

- 9.1 Windward and leeward marks will be yellow cylinders. Starting mark will be a Bacardi orange cylinder. The offset mark will be a small orange ball. The finish mark will be a larger orange ball.
- 9.2 New marks, as provided in SI 12, will be orange cylinders.

10 THE START

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and either (a) the course side of the starting mark or (b) a staff displaying an orange flag on a boat at the port end.

11 RECALLS

- 11.1 When an individual recall is signaled, the race committee will attempt to hail OCS boats on VHF Channel 68, using bow numbers or other distinguishing features
- 11.2 The timing and order of such hails or the failure of a boat to hear the hail shall not be grounds for redress, changing RRS 62.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg, the race committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the old mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.

13 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the course side of the finishing mark.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 14.1 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 45 minutes, the race will be abandoned.
- 14.2 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 90 minutes.
- 14.3 Boats still racing more than 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5, and A11.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM FOR J24s

- 15.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 will apply when a boat may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2. The One-Turn Penalty will apply when a boat may have broken RRS 31.
- 15.2 The boat accepting a scoring penalty shall conspicuously display a yellow flag (code flag "I" is acceptable), with a hoist of not less than 150 mm and a fly of not less than 200 mm. This changes RRS 44.3(a).
- 15.3 A boat accepting a scoring penalty shall file a "Scoring Penalty Acceptance Form" available Judge Room at Shake A Leg. The form is to be lodged with the protest committee secretary within Protest Time. This changes RRS 44.3(b).
- 15.4 Add to RRS 64.1(d): If a boat receives a penalty when not racing, her penalty shall apply to the race designated by the protest committee.

16 PENALTY SYSTEM FOR VIPERS

- 16.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that a Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty except for breaches of RRS 18.
- 16.2 A boat that takes a penalty or retires shall complete an acknowledgement form in the Judge Room at Shake A Leg. The form is to be lodged with the protest committee secretary within Protest Time. This changes RRS 44.3(b).

17 POST RACE SCORING PENALTY AND PROTEST ARBITRATION

- 17.1 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, a short arbitration hearing will be offered prior to a protest hearing. After a written protest is delivered to the protest desk, one representative from each boat will meet with the arbitrator unless the protestor requests that the protest be withdrawn. No witnesses will be allowed. Protests not resolved by arbitration will be forwarded to a protest committee. (This changes Part 5, section B.)
- 17.2 The arbitrator will not be a member of the protest committee, but will be permitted to observe the testimony from the protestor and protestee and offer testimony if called upon by the committee. This changes rule 63.3(a).
- 17.3 A boat that accepts the arbitrator's opinion that she broke a rule of Part 2 shall receive a penalty score of 40% per RRS. The acceptance of an arbitrator's opinion cannot be grounds for redress.

18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1 Protest forms are available in the Judge Room at Shake A Leg. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit which is 60 minutes after the race committee finish boat docks after the last race of the day.

- 18.2 The race committee will post a list of penalties being assigned by the race committee prior to the end of protest time limit. The deadline for requesting redress based on these scores will be either 30 minutes after posting of the penalty notice or the protest time limit, whichever is later. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 18.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings and arbitration hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the Judge Room at Shake A Leg, beginning as soon as practical.
- 18.4 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered (a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day; (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

19 SCORING

- 19.1 Twelve races are scheduled. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 19.2 Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score except that if less than five races are sailed, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores.
- 19.3 Boats scored TLE will be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points.

20 SAFETY

- 20.1 Prior to the warning signal for the first race of each day in which it intends to compete, each boat is requested to check in by VHF or sail by the race committee signal boat and hail its sail number.
- 20.2 A boat retiring from a race or leaving the racing area early shall promptly notify the race committee either by hail, over VHF, or by telephone to the Event Chairman at 305-915-1438.

21 CREW

- 21.1 For Vipers, there shall be a minimum of two persons on board while racing. No changes to crew shall be allowed except with written approval of the Protest Committee.
- 21.2 For J24s, with permission, IJCA rule 5.3 is changed to permit a boat to sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are declared at registration or allowed with prior written approval of the Protest Committee.
- 21.3 Requests for replacement of crew and any reply shall be posted on the regatta notice board.
- 21.4 The same number of persons shall sail throughout the event.

22 RADIO EQUIPMENT

A boat shall neither make radio or other data transmissions while racing nor receive radio or mobile phone communication not available to all boats except for emergencies. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

Attachment I – Approximate Racing Areas



