Marco Island Yacht Club
2025 Commodore's Cup
December 4-6, 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS), and the class rules of the West Florida Performance Handicap Racing Fleet (WFPHRF)

1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: The prescription to the preamble of Part 5, prescriptions to RRS
65.1, 70.3(b), 76.1, 88.2, and Appendix V.

1.7. If there is a conflict between the SIs and the notice of race, the SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.5(c).

2. Notices to Competitors:

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board online at the regatta website: https://theclubspot.com/regatta/y1iarPyRjd

2.2 The Race Committee (RC) will use VHF 72 to communicate with competitors on the water.

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions:

3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

3.2 Oral changes to these SIs may be given on the water by hail from the RC Signal vessel in accordance with RRS 90.2(c). The RC Signal vessel will display code flag L with one sound and communicate the changes before the next warning signal.

4. Signals Made Ashore:

4.1 When flag AP is announced "one minute is replaced with not less than 60 minutes in race signals AP.

5. Schedule

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Day	Date	Time	Event/Activity
Friday	Dec. 4	1700	Skippers Meeting – MIYC
Saturday	Dec. 5	0955	First Warning
		1700	Awards Dinner - MIYC

5.2 Up to 4 races are scheduled.

6. Racing Areas:

The racing area will be in the Gulf of America, west of Marco Island in the vicinity of the JW Marriott.

7. Courses:

7.1 The courses are shown in Attachment A.

7.2 The course shall be windward-leeward for the Spinnaker Class and Multi Hull.

7.3 The course shall be Olympic Triangle for the True Cruising, Non-Spinnaker, and MultiCruiser classes.

7.4 No later than the warning signal, the RC Signal vessel will announce the course to be sailed, the approximate compass bearing and the distance of the first leg over the official VHF channel 72. Failure to receive this information shall not be considered improper action or omission on the part of the RC.
committee under RRS 61.4(b).

8. Starting Sequence and Flags:

Start 1	Spinnaker and Multi-Hull	Class Flag #1	Winward Leeward
Start 2	Non Spinnaker and MultiCruiser	Class Flag #2	Triange
Start 3	True Cruising	Class Flag #3	Triangle

9. Marks:

9.1 Mark 1, 2, and 3 will be orange tetrahedrons.

9.2 The start/finish line will be a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal vessel and course side of a yellow inflatable mark. A small buoy maybe attached to the RC Signal vessel and is to be considered part of the mark.

10. Start / Finish

10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

10.2 The Starting/Finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal vessel and the course side of a yellow inflatable mark.

11. Change of the Next Leg of the Course:

The angles from marks 1, 2, or 3 may be changed up to 10 degrees and up to .1n for wind/current differences without signals or change marks. This is added to RRS 33.

12. Time Limits and Target Times:

12.1 The target time for races is 45 to 60 minutes. Failure to meet the target time shall not be considered an improper action or omission of the race committee under RRS 61.4(b).

12.2 The time limit for the first boat to sail the course and finish is 75 minutes.

12.3 Boats that are still racing but fail to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE (Time Limit Expired) without a hearing. This is added to RRS 35, 60.5(b), A4, A5 and A10.

13. Penalty System:

13.1 RRS Appendix V1 and V2 shall apply.

14. Protests and Requests for Redress:

14.1 A boat intending to protest shall hail the other boat at the time of the incident, clearly stating "Protest" as soon as possible after the occurrence.

14.2 The protesting boat shall report the protest to the Race Committee immediately after finishing the race in which the incident occurred.

14.3 The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the RC Signal vessel docks and will be posted online on the Official Notice Board.

15. Scoring:

15.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a regatta.

15.2 A TLE score shall be two more points than the number of boats in class that have sailed the course and finished within the time limit

16. Safety Regulations:

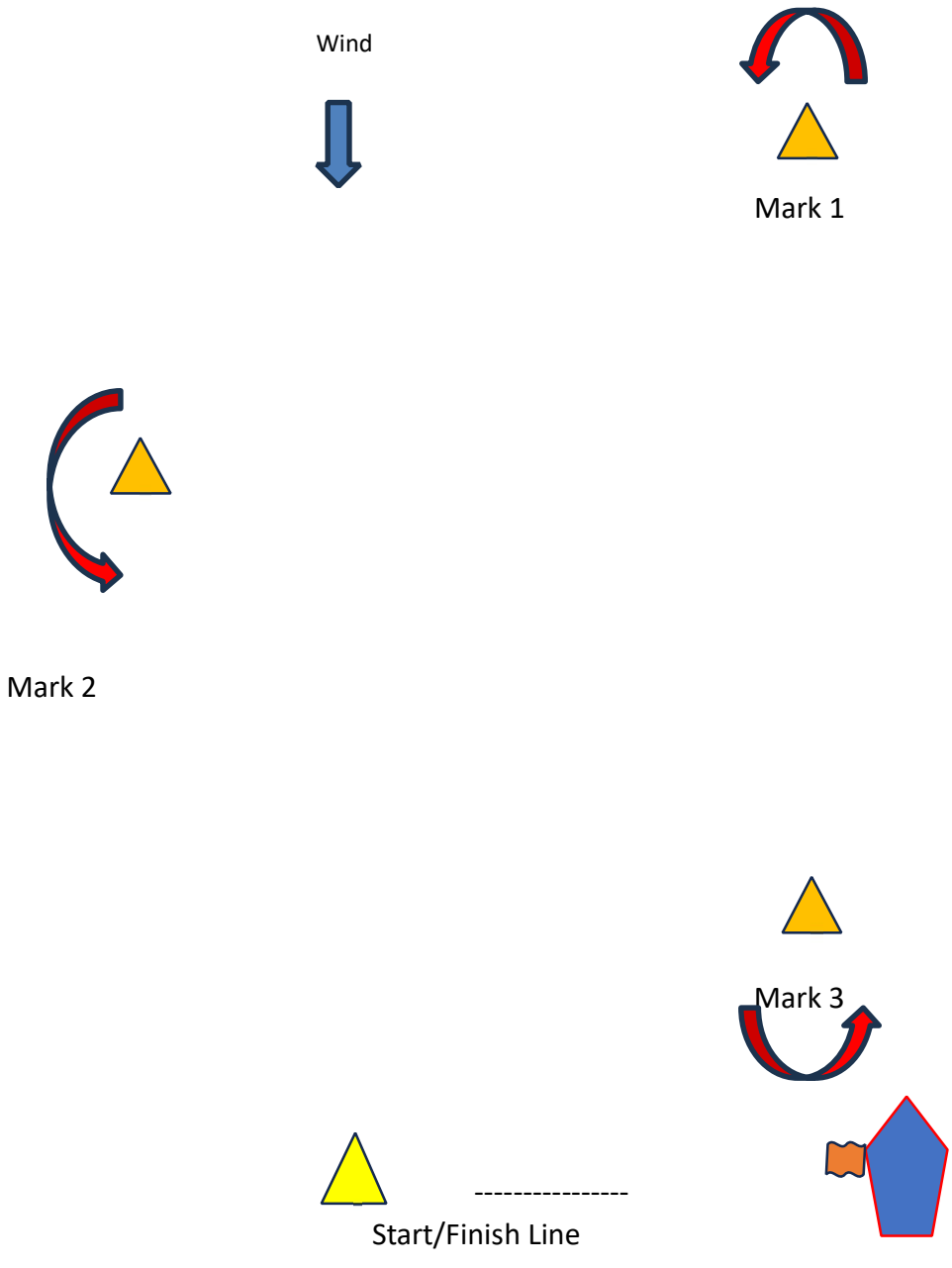
16.1 Before the warning signal of the first race, each boat shall sail past the stern of the RC Signal vessel and hail her bow number until acknowledged by the RC.

16.2 A boat that retires from a race or does not intend to compete in a race or returns to the racing area shall notify the RC as soon as possible by hail or VHF transmission.

17. Contact Information:

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ATTACHMENT A – COURSE



	Windward / Leeward		**Triangle**
W/L	**Start – 1 – 3 – 1 – Finish** **2 Laps**	**T**	**Start – 1 – 2 – Finish** **1 Lap Triangle**

Round Marks 1, 2 and 3 to PORT