



BACARDI INVITATIONAL REGATTA

1-3 APRIL 2027

NOTICE OF RACE

POSTED – 1 SEPTEMBER, 2026

The organizing authority (OA) is Twelve USA, INC. The host facility and regatta office are at Shake-A-Leg Miami (SALM), 2620 South Bayshore Drive, Miami, Florida 33133.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The following US Sailing prescriptions will apply: Appendix R and V1, The prescription to the preamble of Part 5, and prescriptions to RRS 65.1, 70.3(b) and 76.1, 88.2. The full text of the prescriptions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.3 Arbitration shall be offered in accordance with RRS APPENDIX T. Appendix T1(b) is modified as described in notice of race 12.2.
- 1.4 Except for breaking a rule of Part 2 or RRS 2, 28 or 31, the protest committee may impose a discretionary penalty less than disqualification.
- 1.5 If there is a conflict between the sailing instructions and notice of race, the sailing instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.5(c).
- 1.6 Boats shall comply with their class rules, except as modified by this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions, or any amendments.
- 1.7 The Vakaros RaceSense system will be used for the VX One, Melges 24 and J/70, fleets. Instructions will be posted on the ONB and included in an appendix to the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.8 The OA may require bow numbers on J/70 boats. Bow numbers, along with application instructions, will be provided at check-in.
- 1.9 In case of a conflict between the BCIR documents and the J70 Midwinter documents, the J70 Midwinter documents will govern for J70s

2. COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 The official notice board (ONB) will be online at:
https://www.yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary/50961



- 2.2 To facilitate communication with each fleet on their respective racing circle, the organizing authority (OA) will establish a WhatsApp group for each fleet or racing circle. QR codes for joining these groups will be posted on the ONB.
- 2.3 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communication with the race committee on US VHF marine channels.
- 2.4 On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio. The designated channel will be stated in the sailing instructions.
- 2.5 From the first warning signal until a boat has completed her final race of the day, a boat shall not make or receive voice or data communication (except for Vakaros RaceSense) that is not available to all boats, except in case of emergency or when communicating with a support person.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 The sailing instructions will be available on-line on the ONB on March 18, 2027

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to J/70, Melges 24 and VX One boats. The J/70 class will compete as part of the J/70 Midwinter Championship.
- 4.2 4.2 Entry for the 2027 Bacardi Invitational Regatta shall be submitted online at:
- 4.3 An entry will not be considered complete until all entry fees are paid, all crew members have signed the waiver of liability, and proof of insurance has been provided.
- 4.4 In accordance with RRS 46, the Person in Charge shall provide, at check-in, a cell phone number for immediate onshore communication with the boat
- 4.5 All competitors are required to check in at Shake a Leg no later than 8:30 am , prior to the competitor's meeting on Thursday April 1, 2027. The following documents must be presented at check-in:
- Proof of current class membership.
 - Crew list.
 - Support boat information.

5. FEES

- 5.1 The deadline for entry and payment is March 1, 2027.
- 5.2 Late entries received after this date will incur an additional \$100 late fee.
- 5.3 Entry fees for the 2027 Bacardi Invitational Regatta are as follows:

Description	Fee
J/70 - See J/70 Midwinters NOR	
M24 - Event Entry (daily Bacardi open bar, Saturday night dinner, happy hour snacks and regatta merchandise)	\$575
VX One - Event Entry (daily Bacardi open bar, Saturday night dinner, happy hour snacks and regatta merchandise)	\$475



5.4 Entry fees are refundable, less a \$100 handling fee, if written notice of cancellation is received and acknowledged by the organizing authority no later than March 1, 2027.

5.5 Entries will be capped at 70 boats for the J/70 and Melges 24 classes and 50 boats for the VX One class. Once a class limit is reached, a waiting list will be established.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 Boats will comply with class rules regarding the number of crew, however, there will be no crew-weigh-in or crew weight restrictions.

6.2 Substitution of crew during the event is not allowed without written permission of the protest committee.

6.3 For J/70 or Melges 24 boats to enter as "Corinthian," all competitors on the boat must be Category 1 eligible as defined in World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code and meet the requirements of their class for Corinthian status. The crew must sign an eligibility affidavit when registering on yachtscore.com

6.4 For J/70 and Melges 24 Class, "Mixed+" gender teams shall be comprised of at least 50% female crew.

6.5 A 2027 BACARDI INVITATIONAL REGATTA wristband is required for entry into the hospitality area. Wristbands will be distributed at check-in. Each competitor must present a valid photo ID with an event voucher to receive a wristband. If no valid photo ID is presented, the individual will receive an "under 21" wristband and will be precluded from consuming alcoholic beverages. Guest wristbands will be available for purchase at check-in and at the hospitality tent entrance each evening.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1 Boats are required to display the event sponsor's advertising in accordance with World Sailing Advertising Code. Materials and instructions for application will be provided at check-in. Display of any other advertising on a boat, other than that permitted in Regulation 20.7, and that which conflicts with the event's title sponsor, requires the written consent of the OA.

8. SCHEDULE

8.1 Eight (8) races are scheduled for the event.

8.2 Up to three (3) races are scheduled per day.

8.3 The order for the start of each fleet will be stated in the sailing instructions.

8.4 Wednesday, March 31, 2027

1000 -1800 Check-in (All Classes) @ SALM

1730 Skipper's Meeting (All Classes) @ SALM

Thursday, April 1, 2027

0900 J/70 and Melges 24 competitors briefing @ SALM

0900 VX One competitors briefing @ CGSC

1030 First Warning Signal for both race circles; subsequent warning



signals to follow Post-Racing Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM

Friday, April 2, 2027

0900 J/70 and Melges 24 competitors briefing @ SALM

0900 VX One competitors briefing @ CGSC

1030 First Warning Signal for both racing circles; subsequent warning signals to follow
Post-Racing Bacardi Happy Hour @ SALM

Saturday, April 3, 2027

0900 J/70 and Melges 24 competitors briefing @ SALM

0900 VX One competitors briefing @ CGSC

1030 First Warning Signal for both racing circles; subsequent warning signals to follow
1400 No warning signal will be made after this time.

1800 Dinner & Prize Giving @ SALM

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

9.1 A boat shall be prepared to submit to the protest committee her current class measurement certificate upon request.

9.2 No formal inspection process is scheduled, however, a boat may be inspected by the OA at any time for compliance with class rules, if so directed by the protest committee.

10. RACING AREA

10.1 All racing will take place on Biscayne Bay.

10.2 Specific details regarding racing course locations will be in the sailing instructions.

11. COURSES

11.1 The courses will be windward-leeward with a weather offset mark and leeward gates. Course diagrams will be appended to the sailing instructions.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 US Appendix V1, Penalty At the Time Of An Incident, will be in effect. The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 28 or 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while within the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty."

12.2 RRS 44.3(a)(b) will not be in effect. The '30%' Scoring Penalty in Appendix T is changed so that the penalty is reduced to 25% for fleets with more than 20 or more boats, or 20% for fleets with 30 or more boats racing. Such penalties must be approved by the protest committee. A request to take a post-race penalty in accordance with Appendix T may be made at the protest desk.

12.3 Penalties while in the zone of the windward mark or on the offset leg shall be delayed and



taken at the first reasonable opportunity on the downwind leg after clearing the zone of the offset mark. This change is added to RRS 44.2.

13. SCORING

- 13.1 If five (5) or more races are completed, each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, excluding her worst score.
- 13.2 RRS A2.1; the word 'series' is deleted and replaced by 'event'.
- 13.3 RRS A2.2 shall not apply.
- 13.4 Points for J/70 and Melges 24 Corinthian classes will be based on fleet scores.
- 13.5 For J/70 and Melges 24, a boat's overall score for the 2027 BACARDI INVITATIONAL WINTER SERIES will be her score for Event 3 added to her lowest score from Event #1 or #2. **For the J/70 class**, Event #3 will also serve as the 2027 J/70 Midwinter Championship and will be scored as a standalone championship.
- 13.6 To qualify for the J/70 and Melges 24 Classes top Corinthian or top Mixed+ series trophies, the boat's crew status (Corinthian or Mixed+) must be the same in each of the boat's two best qualifying events.
- 13.7 For the Melges 24 Class, boats participating in the Melges 24 North American Championship, held in January during Winter Series Event #1, will have their results from that event count as their Winter Series #1 scores.

14. SUPPORT PERSONS AND VESSELS

- 14.1 A support person agrees while on the water to monitor the race committee on their race circle's assigned VHF channel, to assist the race committee if requested, and accepts the provisions of RRS 4.1(b), Acceptance of the Rules.
- 14.2 From the time of the first warning signal of the day, until a boat has finished the last race of the day, support vessel and their crew may have no contact with their team.
- 14.3 Support vessels shall stay 100 meters outside the racing area while any boats are racing on their course.
- 14.4 The race committee or International Jury may warn a support person who, in their opinion, is about to infringe SI 14 before calling a hearing under RRS 62.1.
- 14.5 All support and coach boats must register with the Organizing Authority (OA) by email prior to the regatta and comply with the Class Coach and Support Boat Rules (Attachment A). Storage and dock space at Shake-A-Leg Miami are not guaranteed for support boats, as priority will be given to competing sailboats. To register, support and coach boat operators must send an email to info@bacardiinvitational.com before the event, including the following information:
 - Driver's name
 - Driver's mobile phone number
 - Boat make, model, and color
- 14.6 Failure to submit this information in advance may result in limited or denied access to the venue for storage or docking during the event.
- 14.7 Team leaders, coaches, and other support personnel shall stay outside the racing area (defined as 100 meters outside the lay lines of the course including the start area) and comply with

other requirements as specified in the Sailing Instructions. These requirements begin from the warning signal of the first race of the regatta until the finish of the last race of each day of the regatta. Individual competitors may not use support boats at any time during this time unless such support is available to all competitors or is authorized by the Race Committee. Failure to comply with any of these requirements may result in all boats associated with the infringing support persons being penalized without a previous written warning. This changes RRS 62.4.

- 14.8 Spectator boats shall not communicate with competitors on the water unless the RC requests that they do so for safety reasons.
- 14.9 Full support person/vessel rules will be given in the SIs.
- 14.10 Towing to and from the racecourse is not permitted.

15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 15.1 Boats will be afloat prior to their first warning signal for the event and shall not be hauled-out until completion of the final race of their class, except with the written permission of the Jury.

16. LAUNCHING - BERTHING - HAULING - TRAILER STORAGE

- 16.1 Launching, berthing, hauling, and trailer storage will be available at Shake-A-Leg Miami, Biscayne Bay YC, Coconut Grove Sailing Club, the US Sailing Center and Regatta Park.
- 16.2 Additional storage information will be available at www.bacardiinvitational.com. Each boat will be responsible for reserving and paying for its own storage. More details will be available in September. Competitors will receive an email notification once the storage arrangements are finalized and reservations can be made.

17. RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1 In addition to RRS 3, by participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. Among others 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 by or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

18. WAIVER OF LIABILITY

- 18.1 When registering, each competitor will be required to sign a waiver for loss, damage or injury to persons or property incurred in conjunction with the regatta, on the property of the club, or on the water, or during participation in any individual race of the regatta, or from the actions of the Organizing Authority, its officers, the protest committee, the technical committee, the race management team and any sponsors of the Regatta and their members, officers, governors and agents, from liability for such damage or injury.
- 18.2 Signed liability waiver (skipper and crew) which can be completed at the online registration site on https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_registration_email/50961

19. INSURANCE

- 19.1 A boat shall be insured with current third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of not less than \$100,000/300,000 per incident. A copy of the boat's insurance coverage page shall be submitted prior to or at check-in on the registration site.

20. PRIZES

20.1 For all Classes, event prizes will be given to the first, second and third place teams for the overall 2027 BACARDI INVITATIONAL REGATTA.

20.2 For the J/70 and Melges 24 Classes:

- In addition to the OVERALL prizes in NOR 19.1, Corinthian class event prizes will be given for first, second and third place teams. Corinthian boats are also eligible to receive overall fleet trophies.
- Class prizes will be awarded to the top Mixed+ team.
- As this event is the conclusion of the 2027 BACARDI INVITATIONAL WINTER SERIES, Class prizes will be given to the Overall Winter Series winner, the Overall Winter Series top Corinthian team, and the Overall Winter Series Mixed+ team.

20.3 Additional prizes may be awarded.

21. MEDIA RIGHTS

21.1 Competitors give absolute right for video footage and photographs of themselves or their boat to be published in any media for press, editorial, or advertising purposes.

22. EVENT MANAGEMENT AND FURTHER INFORMATION

Event Director: Sara Zanobini sara@bacardiinvitational.com

Regatta Chairman: Mark Pincus mwpincus@aol.com

J/70 + Class PRO: Mark Foster mfooster@gmail.com

Melges 24 + VX One Classe PRO: Carol Ewing lightning@snappydsl.net

Event information can be found at www.bacardiinvitational.com info@bacardiinvitational.com