LAUDERDALE YACHT CLUB

CLUBSWAN 28 PRE GOLD CUP

Ft. Lauderdale Pier 66, 7-8 November 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES.

1.1 This event will be governed by:

a) the Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028 (RRS),
b) the ClubSwan 28 Class Rules unless they are amended within this Notice of Race, in accordance with RRS 87.
c) The Nation League for ClubSwan 28 Boat of the year scoring system applies
d) World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Appendix for Inshore Racing, subject to possible amendments by class rules.
e) RRS 47 is in force (see NOR 20)
f) only the US Sailing Prescriptions detailed in SI Appendix 4 shall apply;
g) In the event of a discrepancy between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions take precedence. (this changes RRS rule 63.5 (c)2).
h) The notation '[NP]'in a rule of this Notice of Race (NOR) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1

1.2 The organizing committee reserves the right to have required on every participating boat a tracking or positioning device. The correct installation and use during the regatta, following the instructions handed out during the registration confirmation and the skipper's briefing, is responsibility of the crew.

1.3 Every entry and exit from the port is under the jurisdiction of the port management.

1.4 Every crew member must be in compliance with its own Sailing Federation National Authority Rules.

1.5 Lauderdale Yacht Club is the Organizing Authority (**OA**).

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS.

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online Official Notice Board (ONB), on the website of the regatta https://www.nautorswan.com/clubswan-racing/events/2026/clubswan-28-usa-event-gold-cup/
No other way of Official Notice Board will be active. Courtesy notices may also be sent via WhatsApp when practicable. Failure to send or receive courtesy notices will not be grounds for redress.

2.2 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the online Official Notice Board two hours before the warning signal of the first race on the day it will take effect, except that any change in the schedule of races will be posted before 20.00 hours of the day before it will take effect.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE.

3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the Main Flagpole, located on Sanlorenzo Balcony

overlooking the boat docks.

3.2 When code flag "AP" is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 minutes'. This changes RRS AP Race Signals.

3.3 In addition to the "AP" over "A" signal, when "AP" over "H" is displayed, no boat is authorized to leave the harbour. This changes RRS AP Race Signals.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES.

4.1 The intended program and schedule of races will be as follow, but the Race Committee/ OA reserves the right to change the schedule at its discretion, taking into account weather conditions or all other factors which may impact the fairness of the racing.

Saturday, November 7th	08.45	Skipper Briefing
	11.00	First Warning Signal Race Day 1
Sunday, November 8th	08.45	Skipper Briefing
	11.00	First Warning Signal Race Day 2

4.2 A maximum of 5 races are scheduled, of which at least 1 has to be completed for the event to be valid.

4.3 When fewer than five (5) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
When five (5) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

4.4 No more than 3 races per day will be sailed.

4.5 The Race Committee will inform via VHF 69 its intention to start another race. Omission or failure in the emission or reception of that communication shall not be grounds for a request for redress. [This changes RRS 61.1(a))]

4.6 On the last scheduled day of the event no warning signal will be made after 16:30.

5. RACING AREAS, VHF CHANNELS

5.1 The venue will be Pier 66, Ft. Lauderdale

5.2 The racing area will either be approximately 1 nautical mile north or south of the Port Everglades inlet, approximately ½ mile offshore. The location will be shared every day via VHF and Regatta WA channel.

6. CLASS FLAGS

Red flag with the ClubSwan 28 logo

7. COURSES & SHORTENED COURSES.

7.1 The Appendix 2 shows the course, including the order in which the marks are to be passed or rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Bearing and Distance to Mark W will be announced on a board on the race committee vessel and broadcast by VHF.

7.2 SHORTENED COURSES: Races may be shortened at any mark, provided that a shortened race has a minimum of 3 legs. (2 windward and 1 leeward). This changes RRS 32.

8 MARKS

8.1 The starting and finishing marks will be orange inflatable robotic marks with yellow covers.

8.2 Marks W, Wo, Wi (when laid) will be orange inflatable robotic marks

8.3 Marks GP and GS will be orange inflatable robotic marks with yellow covers.

9. THE START AND THE FINISH

9.1 Races will be started using RRS 26 with the following change: the countdown to the start on the Atlas2 or Edge from RaceSense will be the official time. Signal Flags will still be displayed by the Race Committee Vessel.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an Orange flag on the Race Committee vessel and the course side of a nearby starting marks, unless:

(a) If a Race Committee vessel is displaying a code flag F, the starting and finishing line will be between two inflatable robotic marks.

(b) If code flag F is displayed, no part of a boat's hull shall be in the triangle formed by both ends of the Race Committee vessel and the closest starting mark during the last minute before her starting signal.

(c) If the Race Committee postpones or abandons a race because its position has been affected by a boat or by an infringement of 9.2(b), that boat will get a scoring penalty of 2 points.

9.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes of her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4, A5.1.

9.4 In the case of unfavorable conditions, the RC Boat at the starting and/or the finishing line may maintain her position by using the engine. This shall not be grounds for requesting redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

9.5 Vakaros Race Sense technology will be in use.

(a) [DP] [NP] Each boat shall have a Vakaros Atlas 2 configured for RaceSense in the same position at the top of the mast instrument bracket unless the use of a "puck" antenna no longer requires so. The display shall be active at all times while racing.
(b) [DP] [NP] Competitors shall do their best to keep the system safe and operational. They shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible (when not racing), on the water or ashore, about any issues encountered with the device. Competitors are permitted to cover parts of the display.
(c) [NP] Any failure of the Atlas 2 device, the RaceSense system or communication systems shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 61.1 (a).

9.6 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Race Committee vessel and the course side of the finishing mark or between two orange inflatable robotic marks with yellow covers.

10 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

10.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark(s) to a new position and announce the change on VHF 69. On any change of course, the bearing and distance will be determined either from the windward mark or the right gate looking upwind. This changes Rule 33.

10.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the race committee boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.

11 SPARE

12. PENALTY SYSTEM.

12.1 Delete rule 44.2 and replace with penalty below:
After getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, a boat takes a penalty by

promptly making the required turn as follows.
(a) Before starting, or when on a leg of the course to a windward mark, or a finish, a boat shall promptly sail clear, and as soon as reasonably possible gybe and luff to a close-hauled course.
(b) On a leg of the course to a leeward mark, a gate, or the finishing line when finishing on a downwind leg, a boat shall promptly sail clear, and as soon as reasonably possible tack and bear away to a course that is more than 90 degrees from the true wind.
(c) On a leg of the course to offset a boat shall promptly sail clear, and as soon as reasonably possible:
i) gybe and luff to a close-hauled course, or
ii) tack and bear away to a course that is more than 90 degrees from the true wind.
(d) In a long-distance race, a boat shall promptly sail clear and as soon as reasonably possible do a turn, including one tack and one gybe.

12.2 Penalties for breaches of a rule other than a rule of Parts 1 or 2 of the RRS may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the protest committee.

13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES.

13.1 Time limits and target time are as follows:

Target Time	*Time Limit*	*Time Limit for Mark W*
45´	90´	20´

If no boat has passed Mark W within the Mark W time limit the race will be abandoned. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This change RRS 61.1(a).

13.2 The boats not finishing within 15' from the finish of the first boat, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This change RRS 35, A4, A5 and 61.1(a)

14. SPARE

15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS.

15.1 Notices of protests by the *committee* will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2(d).

15.2 For the purpose of RRS 63.5(d) the authority is the chief measurer of the event, appointed by the organizing authority.

15.3 Hearing Request forms are available on the ONB

15.4 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day.

16. SCORING.

16.1 Event scoring system will be the Low Point Scoring System, as described in Appendix A4 of the RRS.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS. [NP][DP]

17.1 Boats must be equipped with a VHF radio transceiver of at least 25 watts of power. The following channels, as a minimum requirement, are mandatory: 9, 16, and the regatta assigned channels.

17.2 Boats not leaving the harbour for the races of the day (DNC) shall inform the Race Office as soon as possible.

17.3 Boats not starting or retiring from a race (DNS - DNF) shall inform the Race Office or the Race Committee as soon as possible. All boats shall return only to their allocated moorings.

17.4 Boats arriving for any reason at a point ashore other than the ones or that cannot reach the harbour on their own are requested to report immediately to VHF 69.

17.5 Safety procedures in case of an emergency can be found on the ONB.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT. [NP][DP]

18.1 Changes to crew list shall be made in writing to the Race Committee, indicating the name and ID or Passport number of the substitute crew member and shall be lodged at the Race Office earlier than 120 mins. from the warning signal of the day it refers to. Only substitutions approved by the Race Committee will be accepted. Substitutes shall be subject to weight control.

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [NP][DP]

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee or the technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 EVENT ADVERTISING [NP][DP]

Boats shall display event advertising/branding supplied by the organizing authority as per Appendix 2 of the Sailing Instructions, according to WS regulation 20.4.1 .

21. OFFICIAL BOATS

21.1 The official boats are as follows:
Race committee vessel
Race committee ribs
Press

21.2 Vessels used by press, photograph, VIP's, etc are not under the jurisdiction of the race committee.

22 SAIL NUMBER AND IDENTIFICATION [NP][DP]

The sail number on the mainsail of a boat must correspond to the number declared on the entry form. Penalty for non-compliance will be at the discretion of the protest committee.

23. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS [NP][DP]

Boats shall not be hauled out before 09:30h of the day of the first warning signal, except with and according to the terms of prior written authorization of the Technical Committee.

24. TRASH DISPOSAL [DP]

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash shall be disposed in the containers on land. Discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail will not be considered a breach of rule 47.

25. RADIO COMMUNICATION [NP][DP]

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to smartphone or tablets.

26. PRIZES.

The prize list will be posted on the online Official Notice Board (ONB).

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY.

The Organizing Authority (OA) and any person or entity involved in the organization of the event will not accept any liability for loss, damage, injury or nuisances to people or things, both on the water or ashore, occurring as a result of taking part in the event announced in this Notice of Race, whether

or not they are consequence of any proper or improper action of the OA and any person or entity involved in the organization.

By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity that carries risks. These risks include the possibility of dealing with strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in the weather, breakdowns / damage to equipment, manouvering mistakes, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance due to yacht instability and fatigue with resulting in an increased risk of injury. The risk of permanent and serious injuries or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes is inherent in the sport of sailing.

Competitors and their support persons participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 (decision to race).

28. SAFETY AND REQUIRED ENVIRONMENTAL

Anchoring on Coral Reefs, Hardbottom or Seagrass is prohibited under Florida law; Special provisions are in effect for the protection of, including but not limited to: Manatee, Sea Turtle & Sawfish, as well as critical habitat, including but not limited to Johnson Sea Grass, Staghorn and Elkhorn corals. Vessels flying a dive flag in the vicinity of the race area require a minimum 100 yard separation from all other vessels (and competitors).

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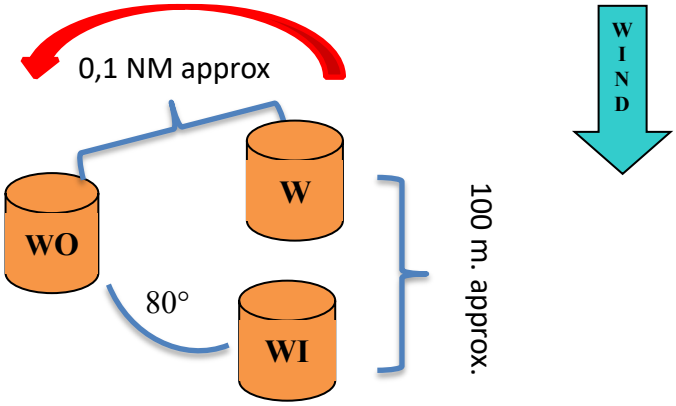
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RACE AREA

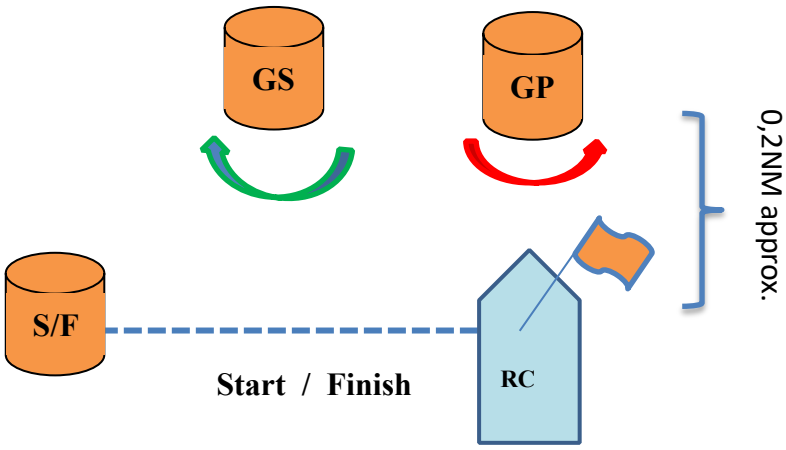


APPENDIX 2

RACE COURSE

COURSE : Start – WI – W – WO – WI - GP/GS– WI -W – WO – WI - Finish (Downwind).





Except at a Gate all course marks shall be left to port. When at the gate there is only one mark shall be round to port. This changes RRS 28.

Note: These drawings are schematic. The distances and mark positions are not to scale.
This information is approximate. A different distance of the leg or bearing shall not be ground for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a)

APPENDIX 3
BRANDING

BOW STICKERS



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APPENDIX 4
US SAILING PRESCRIPTIONS

The US Sailing prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing in this Appendix shall apply.

Part 5 To the preamble of Part 5 add

US Sailing prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

Rule 65.1 Add to Rule 65.1

US Sailing prescribes that

(a) A boat that retires from a race or accepts a penalty does not, by that action alone, admit liability for monetary damages.

(b) A protest committee shall find facts and make decisions only in compliance with the rules. No protest committee or US Sailing appeal authority shall adjudicate any claim for monetary damages. Such a claim is subject to the jurisdiction of the courts.

(c) A basic purpose of the rules is to prevent contact between boats. By participating in an event governed by the rules, a boat agrees that responsibility for monetary damages arising from any breach of the rules shall be based on fault as determined by application of the rules, and that she shall not be governed by the legal doctrine of 'assumption of risk' for monetary damages resulting from contact with other boats.

Rule 70.3(b) To Rule 70.3(b) add

US Sailing prescribes that its approval is required. Go to ussailing.org/rules and click the 'No Appeal' link for more information or to obtain approval.

Rule 76.1 After rule 76.1 add

US Sailing prescribes that an organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age. However, an organizing authority or race committee may exclude a competitor who is a citizen of, or holds a World Sailing ID as an MNA member of, a country listed on the US Sailing website under 'Exclusion' at ussailing.org/rules.

Rule 86.3 After rule 86.3 add

1. *US Sailing prescribes that:In exception to rule 86.1, an organizing authority may request, and US Sailing may authorize, proposed changes to the racing rules for a specific event. The authorization shall be stated in a letter of approval to the organizing authority, and the letter shall be posted on the official notice board.*

2. *The proposed rule changes shall be stated in the notice of race and sailing instructions, and the organizing authority shall promptly report the results of the test to US Sailing if the approval letter so states.*

Rule 88.2 After rule 88.2 add

US Sailing prescribes that the notice of race or sailing instructions may change or delete any prescriptions except: this prescription, the prescription to the preamble to Part 5, and the prescription to rules 65.1, 70.3(b), and 76.1.