

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**  
**Moth Nationals, Winter #1**  
**International Moth Class Association**  
**January 26-28, 2018**  
Upper Keys Sailing Club, Key Largo, Florida

**1. JURISDICTION AND RULES**

The regatta is governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing through 2016 (RRS), the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association (except as changed by these instructions.)

**2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

Posted on the "Official Racing Notices" bulletin board located beside buffet area in the UKSC Clubhouse.

**3. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Changes will be posted or announced at the skippers' meeting prior to the race.

**4. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

A) Skipper's meeting will be held at noon at the UKSC on Friday, January 26.

B) Scheduled time for the first warning signals:

1. Friday at 1:00 P.M.
2. Saturday at 12:00 P.M.
3. Sunday at 11:00 A.M.

C) At least one race but no more than five races will be held in each session at the Race Committee's discretion.

**5. THE COURSE**

A) There will be diagrams at the skippers' meeting showing the course.

B) The Start-Finish Line is not an obstruction to the course.

**6. MARKS**

Marks will be the UKSC race marks or balls.

**7. THE START**

A) Races will be started using the 3 minute dinghy sequence.

B) The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and a starting mark located astern of the committee boat.

C) Boats whose warning signal have not been made will avoid the starting area.

D) A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored "Did Not Start." (This changes Rule A4).

**8. THE FINISH**

A) The finish line will be the same line as the start line.

**9. TIME LIMIT**

If no boat has finished within 40 minutes of the start signal the race will be abandoned.

**10. PROTESTS**

A) A boat intending to protest shall always inform the other boat by hailing "Protest".

B) Protests must be delivered to the race committee no later than 1 hour after the committee boat docks.

**11. SCORING**

A) A minimum of one race must be completed to constitute a series.

The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply except that:

1. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
2. When from 5 to 8 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
3. When 9 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

**12. SAFETY**

Attention is called to Part 1- Fundamental Rules. A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether to start or to continue racing.

**13. PENALTY TURNS**

Rule 44.1 and 44.2 are each changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.