



**AMORITA CUP**  
**October 13 – 14, 2018**  
**Organizing Authority (OA): Royal Bermuda Yacht Club**

**Sailing Instructions**  
**Posted: 11<sup>th</sup> October 2018**

Abbreviations:			
RBYC	Royal Bermuda Yacht Club	NoR	Notice of Race
OA	Organizing Authority (RBYC)	SI (s)	Sailing Instruction(s)
BSA	Bermuda Sailing Association (National Authority)	RC	Race Committee

*The notation '[DP]' means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

**1. RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020, including Appendix D – Team Racing Rules and the rules of the IOD Class except as modified by the NoR and these SIs.

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the terrace at the RBYC

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any changes to the SIs will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.2 Changes to the format may be made orally on the water in accordance with Rule 90.2 (c)

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the right yard-arm of the RBYC flagpole facing the water.
- 4.2 Flag AP displayed with one sound means: '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

**5. SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1 The Regatta will consist of a seven (7) race series.
- 5.2 Dates of Racing and number of races scheduled per day

Date	Number of Races Scheduled
Saturday October 13 <sup>th</sup>	3
Sunday October 14 <sup>th</sup>	4 (or as needed for a team to reach 4 points)

- 5.3 The scheduled time of the first warning signal each day will be 11:00 hours
- 5.4 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag defining the starboard end of the starting line will be displayed with one sound two minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

## **6. RACE AREAS**

- 6.1 The diagram in Attachment #1 shows the location of the racing areas.
- 6.2 The general location to be used will be provided at the Competitors' Briefing each morning.

## **7. THE COURSES**

- 7.1 The diagram in Attachment #2 shows the courses, including:
  - 7.1.1. The approximate angles between legs
  - 7.1.2. The order in which marks are to be passed, and
  - 7.1.3. The side on which each mark is to be rounded
- 7.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee (RC) Signal Boat will display the course number, and the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to the first mark ("W").

## **8. MARKS**

The starting mark will be an orange inflatable tetrahedron buoy (ITB). Rounding marks will be yellow ITB. New marks, as provided in SI 11 will be green ITB. The finishing mark will be an orange ITB.

## **9. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

There are no designated obstructions in the racing area.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 10.3 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.4 The RC may attempt to notify any boat that breaks RRS 29.1 by broadcasting their sail number on VHF channel 69. The following will not be cause for redress: failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast; a boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers; or failure of the RC to hail a boat's number. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.5 The RC may deploy a 'Keep Off' buoy astern of the RC Signal Boat.

## **11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 11.2 When there is a change of course prior to the start, the RC will signal the change with the warning signal but without repetitive sound signals.

## **12. THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.

### **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty for all violations of Part 2 except for violations that occur within the Zone around a mark, other than a starting mark, and where 44.1(b) applies. This changes RRS 44.1.

### **14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

14.1 All times will be taken from GPS.

14.2 Time limits for each race will be 90 minutes. If no boat has passed the windward mark "W" within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned.

14.3 The target time for each race will be 45 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

14.4 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

### **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 Protests and requests for redress that have not been decided afloat shall be notified to the RC within 60 minutes after the docking of the RC vessel.

15.2 When RRS D2 applies and the race umpires together with one other umpire (when available) decide that a boat has broken RRS 14 and there is damage or injury, they may penalize her team by half a race win without a hearing. The affected boat will be informed as soon as practical and may request a hearing. Any penalty after a hearing will be in accordance with RRS D3.1(d). This amends RRS 63.1.

15.3 When the protest committee decides that a breach of a rule, other than a rule of RRS Part 2, has had no significant effect on the outcome of a race, it may make any arrangement it decides is equitable, which may be to order a resail (if possible) or to impose no penalty. This amends RRS 64.1 and D3.1.

### **16. SCORING**

16.1 Scoring will be in accordance with Appendix D, except as modified by the sailing instructions.

16.2 For each race, the winning team will receive one (1) point; the losing team will receive zero (0) points.

### **17. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

17.1 [DP] Competitors shall check in each day with the RC signal boat by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the boat and hailing their sail number until they are acknowledged.

17.2 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

### **18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

18.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors after 1700 on October 11<sup>th</sup>, 2018 will not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.

18.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

### **19. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

19.1 On the water, a boat can be instructed by a member of the RC to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

19.2 [DP] At the conclusion of racing each day, all competitors are required to submit a damage form to the RC no later than 60 minutes subsequent to the docking of the RC Signal Boat at the RBYC. Forms for this purpose will be distributed at the Competitors' Briefing on Saturday.

## **20. OFFICIAL BOATS**

- 20.1 Official RC boats shall be described to competitors at the Competitors' Briefing, and will fly a blue or yellow RC flag.
- 20.2 Official Umpire boats will be identified by displaying a flag with the letter U displayed on a white background.

## **21. SUPPORT BOATS**

Except in the case of an emergency - all support boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

## **22. PRIZES**

- 22.1 The first team to amass four (4) points will be awarded the Amorita Cup
- 22.2 In the event that it is not possible to complete sufficient races to allow a four (4) point winning result, the Amorita Cup will not be awarded.

## **23. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 23.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 23.2 VHF Channel 69 will be used by the RC for communication purposes.
- 23.3 Support boats are required to monitor VHF Channel 69 to render assistance in an emergency as requested by the RC.

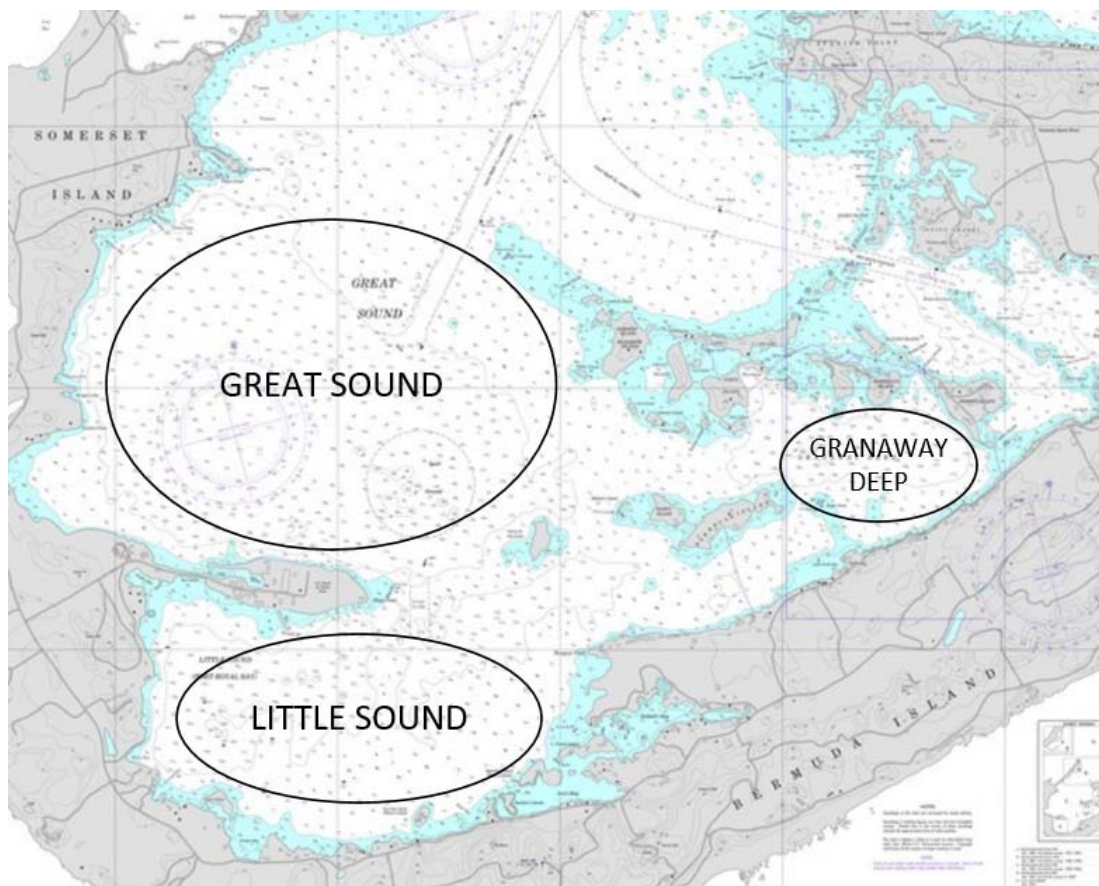
## **24. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

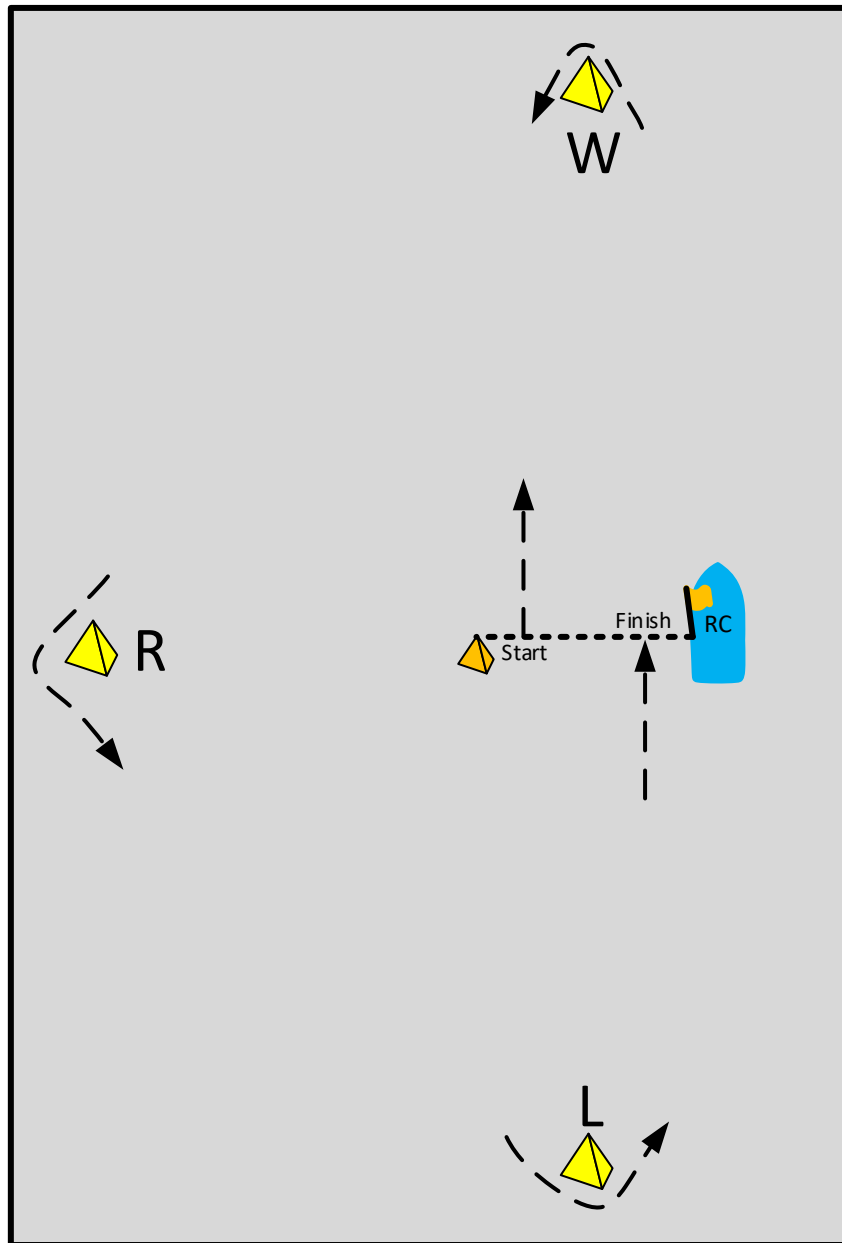
## **25. INSURANCE**

Each boat shall carry Third Party Liability Insurance with a minimum of US /BD \$500,000 (or equivalent) coverage per incident (submitted with entry), valid for all skippers who are to sail that boat during the regatta. It will be the responsibility of the BCA to provide evidence, satisfactory to the OA, of such insurance cover.

# Attachment #1: Racing Areas



## Attachment #2: Courses



Course	Description
1	Start – W – L – Finish
2	Start – W – L – W – L – Finish
3	Start – W – L – W – L – W – L – Finish
4	Start – W – R – L – Finish
5	Start – W – R – L – W – L - Finish