



## BERMUDA KEELBOAT NATIONAL & OPEN CHAMPIONSHIP

Royal Bermuda Yacht Club

October 20 – 21, 2018

### ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

The regatta is organized by the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (RBYC) with the endorsement of the Bermuda Sailing Association; under the authority of the respective Bermuda Class Associations.

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

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.

The notation '[NP]' means Rules that are not grounds for protest by a boat (This changes rule 60.1(a))

### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The Bermuda Sailing Association National Prescriptions and Code of Conduct shall apply and may be found at [www.sailing.bm](http://www.sailing.bm).
- 1.3. RRS Appendix T shall apply.
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between the NoR and these SI, the rules in these SI will take precedence.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SI will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by end of protest time limit on the day before it will take effect.

### 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. Schedule of racing as described in the NoR 6.

### 6. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

Class	Insignia	Description
J105		Red Flag with white class insignia
Vipers		White Flag with class insignia
IOD		Green Flag with white class insignia

## **7. RACING AREAS**

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The racing areas for all classes will be in the Great Sound and/or surrounding areas.

## **8. THE COURSES**

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- 8.1. Attachment #1 shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2. 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 Mark 1.

## **9. MARKS**

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Rounding marks shall be yellow tetrahedron marks. New marks, as provided in SI 12 will be red inflatable tetrahedral buoys (ITB).

## **10. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

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There are no areas in the intended race course that are obstructions.

## **11. THE START**

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- 11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 11.2. 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.
- 11.3. 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.
- 11.4. As a courtesy to competitors, the anticipated starting order will be indicated on the course board in descending order.
- 11.5. When Code Flag "W" is displayed with the warning signal, it will mean that spinnakers shall not be hoisted for that class during that race.
- 11.6. The RC may attempt to notify any boat that breaks RRS 29.1 by broadcasting their sail number on VHF channel 73. 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).
- 11.7. The RC may deploy a 'Keep Off' buoy astern of the RC Signal Boat.

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

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- 12.1. 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.
- 12.2. If the signal is displayed with a Class Flag, it will apply to that class only. This changes RRS 33.
- 12.3. When there is a change of course prior to the start, the RC will signal the change with the warning signal of the class starting in accordance with SI 11.1 but without repetitive sound signals.

## **13. THE FINISH**

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- 13.1. On Saturday October 20 the finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Signal Boat at the port end and the course side of the starboard-end finishing mark.
- 13.2. On Sunday October 20 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 of the finishing mark.

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

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- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. [NP][DP] A boat that has taken a penalty under rule 44.1 shall complete and sign the penalty acknowledgement log at the protest committee desk before the end of the protest time limit.

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

- 15.1. All times will be taken from GPS.
- 15.2. Time limits for each race shall be 90 minutes. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3. The target time for each race shall be 45 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 15.4. 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.

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

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at the RBYC located in an envelope on the official notice board. Completed protest forms shall be filed with the Protest Desk on the terrace not later than 60 minutes after the docking of the RC vessel. The end of Protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.2. The same protest time limit applies to all Protests by the RC about incidents they observe in the racing area and for Requests for Redress.
- 16.3. A notice will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after receipt of Protests to inform competitors there is a hearing in which they are parties to a Protest or named as witnesses.
- 16.4. The posting of hearing notices shall be considered notices as required by RRS 61 and 62.2.
- 16.5. On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
  - 16.5.1. within the Protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous scheduled day;
  - 16.5.2. no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- 16.6. On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

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## **17. SCORING**

- 17.1. Scoring shall be as described in NoR 9.

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## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1. [DP] Competitors shall check in with the RC Signal Boat by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the boat and hail their sail number until they are acknowledged.
- 18.2. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

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

- 19.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.
- 19.2. [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.

## **20. OFFICIAL BOATS**

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Official RC boats shall fly a blue or yellow RC flag.

## **21. SUPPORT BOATS**

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[DP] Support boats, including spectators, shall not be in the racing area from the time of the competitors warning signal until the race has finished or the RC signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment, unless specifically authorised by the RC as a matter of safety.

## **22. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS**

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[DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

## **23. RADIO/TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS**

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[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 mobile telephones.

## **24. TRASH DISPOSAL**

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Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

## **25. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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- 25.1. VHF channel 73 will be used by the RC for communication purposes.
- 25.2. Support boats are required to monitor VHF channel 73 and respond immediately to the instructions of the RC and safety boats.

## **26. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. 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.

# ATTACHMENT #1

**COURSE 1 – START, 1, FINISH**

**COURSE 2 – START, 1, 2, 1, FINISH**

**COURSE 3 – START, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, FINISH**

