



BERMUDA NATIONAL MATCH RACING CHAMPIONSHIP
ROYAL BERMUDA YACHT CLUB
MARCH 24th 2019

ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

The series is organized by the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (RBYC) with the endorsement of the Bermuda Sailing Association (BSA).

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Event will be governed by:
 - a the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), including Appendix C.
 - b the rules for Handling Boats (SI Addendum C) which also applies to any practice sailing.
 - c BSA prescriptions and Code of Conduct will apply.
- 1.2. International One Design (IOD) Class rules will not apply.
- 1.3. Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- 1.4. Add after the first sentence of Appendix A5 'When one of the boats in a match fails to sail the course in accordance with rule 28.1, she shall be scored DNF without a hearing.'
- 1.5. Delete RRS C6.3 and replace with: A boat intending to request redress because of circumstances that arise while she is racing or in the finishing area, shall clearly display a red flag as soon as possible after she becomes aware of those circumstances, but no later than two minutes after finishing or retiring.
- 1.6. When the umpires proceed under RRS C8.6 they will follow the guidance in SI Addendum E.

2. ENTRIES and ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1. Only skippers listed in SI Addendum A are eligible for the event.
- 2.2. To remain eligible each team shall have completed registration, paid the \$500 damage deposit and completed crew weigh-in.
- 2.3. The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to maintain eligibility.
- 2.4. Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or Protest Committee (PC).
- 2.5. After the warning signal for a match, the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 2.6. When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 2.7. When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the RBYC terrace.
- 3.2. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the main RBYC flagpole.
- 3.3. Skippers shall attend a competitors' briefing 0930 on March 24th on the RBYC terrace.

4. AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Amendments to the SI made ashore will be posted at least 60 minutes before the start of any race affected and will be signed by the Race Committee (RC) and the umpires' representatives.
- 4.2. Amendments made afloat will be signalled by the display of flag 3rd substitute with three sound signals. An umpire may communicate these either verbally or in writing.

5. BOATS and SAILS

- 5.1. **Boats**
 - a the event will be sailed in IOD type boats.
- 5.2. **Sails**



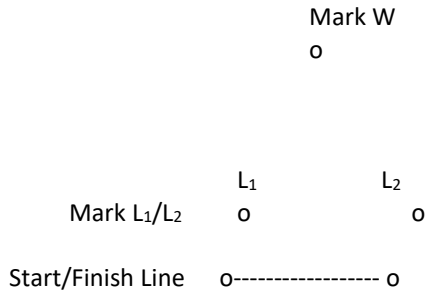
- a the sails to be used will be allocated by the RC.
 - b competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 5.3. the sail combination to be used will be signalled from the RC boat with or before the attention signal. The signals will have the following meanings:
- | Signal | Sail combination to be used |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| None | Jib, Full Mainsail, Spinnaker |
| Flag W | Jib, Full Mainsail, No Spinnaker |
- 5.4. Other restrictions or instructions may be given to the boats verbally by an umpire. Flag 3rd substitute is not required.
- 5.5. The RC will decide which boats are to be used for each stage and when they decide a boat should not be used, the skipper assigned that boat will be given the temporary use of another boat.
- 5.6. The RC may permit a substitute boat when it is satisfied that the original boat is damaged and that repairs in the time available are not practical.
- 6. IDENTIFICATION and ASSIGNMENT OF BOATS**
- 6.1. Boats will be identified by name.
 - 6.2. Boats will be drawn at the beginning of each stage or as decided by the RC.
 - 6.3. Boats will be exchanged in accordance with the pairing list and race schedule.
- 7. EVENT FORMAT and STARTING SCHEDULES**
- 7.1. The event format and match pairing lists are detailed in SI Addenda A and B. The matches to be sailed in a flight will be displayed in order of starting on the RC boat.
 - 7.2. In a knock-out series between two skippers:
 - a they will alternate assigned ends for each match. Unless designated in the pairing list, the initial assigned ends will be determined by a draw. This changes RRS C4.1.
 - 7.3. when the series has been decided, further matches between these two will not be sailed.
 - 7.4. crews will exchange boats after odd matches of the series, unless otherwise agreed by both skippers.
 - 7.5. The racing day is scheduled as March 24th.
 - 7.6. The latest time for an attention signal will be 1600.
 - 7.7. The RC may change the format, terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impracticable to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.
 - 7.8. The intended time of the first attention signal is 1100.
 - 7.9. Each subsequent flight will be started as soon as practicable after the previous flight.
 - 7.10. When a match cannot start at its intended time, the signals and starts of the following matches will remain as originally scheduled, leaving a blank start for the pair not starting. No starting sequence flags will be displayed for a blank start. Therefore, the RC may advise the competitors verbally through the umpires that it is their intention to change the start order. Flag 3rd Substitute will not be used.
 - 7.11. When, in a knock out series, a winner of a particular series has been determined, subsequent starts will be brought forward to eliminate blank starts. Competitors will be so advised verbally by an umpire.
- 8. RACING AREA**
- The racing area will be Hamilton Harbour.



10. COURSE

10.1. Configuration, Signals and Course to Be Sailed

Configuration (not to scale)



10.2. Signals and Course To Be Sailed

Course signals will be displayed from the RC boat bow, at or before the warning signal. Mark W will be rounded to starboard. If L₁ or L₂ is missing the remaining mark will be rounded to starboard.

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Course</u>
Flag S	Start-W-Finish
No Signal	Start - W - L ₁ /L ₂ - W - Finish

10.3. Description of Marks

- a The RC boat will be identified by a blue RC flag.
- b The starting/finishing line mark will be an orange cylindrical buoy.
- c Mark W will be a yellow tetrahedron.
- d Mark L₁/L₂ will be yellow tetrahedrons.
- e The replacement marks will be red or green tetrahedrons.

10.4. Starting/Finishing Line

- a. The starting/finishing line will be a straight line between the course side of a starting/finishing mark and the staff with an orange flag on the RC boat.
- b. The finishing line will be between the staff with an orange flag on the RC boat and the course side of the finishing line mark.
- c. A buoy may be attached to the RC boat anchor line just below keel depth. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the RC boat at any time. This buoy is part of the RC boat ground tackle.

10.5. Course Limits

- a A number of green doughnut and/or sausage buoys may be laid close to the shore as shown in the diagram in SI Addendum F. While racing, no part of a boat's hull shall cross the imaginary straight line between any two adjacent buoys on the same side of the course.
- b These lines or areas rank as obstructions and are the limit of safe pilotage for the purposes of Part 2 of the RRS.
- c There is no penalty for touching these buoys or objects defining these areas.
- d A breach of this sailing instruction is not open to protest by boats but is subject to action by umpires in accordance with RRS C8.2. This changes RRS C6.2 and C8.2.

10.6. Abandonment and Shortening

- a RRS 32 is deleted and replaced with: 'After the starting signal, the RC may abandon or shorten any match for any reason, after consulting with the match umpires when practical.'

10.7. Within a flight, when a visual signal is displayed over a numeral pennant, the signal applies to that match only.

11. BREAKDOWN and TIME FOR REPAIRS

11.1. Before the attention signal of a flight or within two minutes of finishing or within five minutes of changing into a new boat, whichever is later, a boat may display flag L to signal breakdown or damage to the boat, her sails or injury to her crew and request a delay to the next start. She shall



proceed as soon as possible to a position just to leeward of the RC boat and remain there, unless otherwise directed.

11.2. The time allowed for repairs will be at the discretion of the RC.

11.3. After the attention signal of a flight, a match will not be postponed or abandoned due to breakdown unless the breakdown signal was displayed as required by SI 11.1.

11.4. Except when RRS 62.1(b) applies, failure to effect repairs in the time allowed, or breakdowns after the attention signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

12. STARTING PROCEDURE

The attention signal will be displayed 7 minutes before the first starting signal in each flight. This changes RRS C3.1.

13. CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE WINDWARD MARK

13.1. Changes to the course will be made by setting a replacement mark W.

13.2. **Change of Course Signals** (changes RRS 33 and Race Signals)

- a Flag C and a coloured flag or board means: 'The windward mark has been moved. Sail to a mark the same colour as the flag or board.
- b When a change of course after starting only affects some matches, these will be designated by the appropriate numeral pennant.

13.3. **Signalling vessel**

- a When a change of course is made for the first leg, the signal will be displayed from the RC boat with the preparatory signal for each match affected. The preparatory signal will be followed by a series of repetitive sound signals.
- b When a change of course is signalled after the first leg it will be displayed from a boat in the vicinity of mark L₁/L₂.

14. TIME LIMIT

- a A boat that does not finish within 5 minutes after her opponent has completed the course and finished will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

15. CODE OF CONDUCT

15.1. Competitors shall handle the boats and equipment with proper care and seamanship and in accordance with SI Addendum C and D.

15.2. The following actions by skippers and/or crew while racing may be considered a breach of sportsmanship under RRS C8.3(c) and may result in an umpire initiated penalty under RRS C5.2 or C5.3:

- Excessive attempts to verbally coerce, coach or influence umpire decisions;
- Repetitive or on-going objection to an umpire decision (verbal or otherwise);
- Abuse of umpires before or after a decision (See also Match Racing Call M4).

15.3. Breaches of this SI may also be referred to the PC. Any penalty will be at the discretion of the PC and may include exclusion from further participation in the event or the withholding of deposits.

15.4. Gross breaches of this SI may be referred to the PC by the OA for action under RRS 69.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.