



## BERMUDA KEELBOAT REGATTA

Royal Bermuda Yacht Club

October 20<sup>th</sup> to 22<sup>nd</sup> 2023

### ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

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The regatta Organizing Authority is the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (RBYC).

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

*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)).*

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#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. If there is a conflict between the NOR and these SIs, the rules in these SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/6560/event?name=bermuda-keelboat-regatta-2023>
- 2.2. As a courtesy to competitors, a WhatsApp Group will be used to alert competitors of official noticeboard changes. Competitors are encouraged to join this group – <https://chat.whatsapp.com/HKsqOJMYuEkH9SvdZk80Nb>.
- 2.3. On the water, the Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF radio channel 73.

#### 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. CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from event officials. Failure to comply may be misconduct.

#### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RBYC flagpole.
- 5.2. Flag AP displayed with one sound means: '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

#### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES



6.1.

Date	Event	Time / Location
Friday Oct 20 <sup>th</sup>	Racing	1055 First Warning
Saturday Oct 21 <sup>st</sup>	Racing	1055 First Warning
Sunday Oct 22 <sup>nd</sup>	Racing	1055 First Warning (No warning signal after 1500)

- 6.2. 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 five minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

**7. CLASS FLAGS**

Class flag will be:

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

**8. RACING AREAS**

The racing area will be in the Great Sound as shown in Attachment #1. Details will be communicated to competitors within the Competitor Briefing each day as per NoR 7.1.

**9. THE COURSES**

- 9.1. Attachment #2 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.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the RC Signal Boat will display the course number, and the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1.
- 9.3. A leeward gate (two rounding marks) may be used. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If only one gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to port. The gate may be laid after the starting signal.

**10. MARKS**

Starting and Finishing marks shall be inflatable orange tetrahedron marks (ITM). Rounding marks shall be yellow ITM. The offset mark shall be a green ITM. New marks, as provided in SI 13 will be red ITM.

**11. AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

There are no areas in the intended racing area that are defined as obstructions.

**12. THE START**

- 12.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 12.2. 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.
- 12.3. [NP] 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.
- 12.4. If any part of a boat’s hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the RC will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.5. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

**13. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

- 13.1. 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.
- 13.2. Minor mark moves (up to 10% of the original length) may be made without signaling the change. This changes RRS 33.

#### **14. THE FINISH**

- 14.1. When finishing to leeward the finish 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.
- 14.2. When finishing to windward the finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a RC vessel at the starboard-end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

#### **15. PENALTY SYSTEM**

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

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

- 16.1. All times will be taken from GPS.
- 16.2. Time limits for each race shall be 90 minutes. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned.
- 16.3. 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).
- 16.4. 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.

#### **17. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 17.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the RC boat docks. The end of protest time limit will be posted on the official noticeboard.
- 17.2. Hearing request forms are available on the official noticeboard or at the Jury Secretary desk on the main terrace.
- 17.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 17.4. The posting of hearing notices shall be considered notices as required by RRS 61 and 62.2.

#### **18. SCORING**

Scoring shall be as described in NoR 12.

#### **19. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

[DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

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

- 20.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the RC. Requests shall be submitted electronically via the Online Notice Board system.
- 20.2. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be submitted electronically via the Online Notice Board system at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

#### **21. OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official RC boats shall be described to competitors at the skippers briefing and may fly a blue or yellow RC flag.

**22. SUPPORT BOATS**

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

**23. RADIO/TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS**

[DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

**24. TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash shall not be placed aboard official boats.

**25. RISK STATEMENT**

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**