



Bermuda International Invitational Race Week
Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (OA)
May 6 – 11, 2024
Bermuda
Notice of Race (NoR)

Abbreviations

		NoR	Notice of Race
RBYC	Royal Bermuda Yacht Club	SI (s)	Sailing Instruction (s)
OA	Organising Authority (RBYC)	RC	Race Committee

- ❖ *The notation [DP] in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may be less than disqualification at the discretion of the International Jury.*
- ❖ *The notation [NP] in a rule in the NoR means that infringement of this rule shall not be protested by boats.*

1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. In the event of a conflict between International (IOD) or North American (J/105) and the Bermuda Class or Fleet rules, the Bermuda Class or Fleet rules will apply.
- 1.3. For the J/105 Class:
 - 1.3.1. The Regatta shall be “Level C” as per the J/105 Class Rule 3.6.
 - 1.3.2. Class Rules 3.4 (owner-driver); 7.1 (weight limit); and 7.3c section - fenders and dock lines on board are all waived for this regatta.
 - 1.3.3. Boats may use multiple sail numbers provided they have been registered with the Race Committee at Registration.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. The SIs will be available on the official notice board before 1700 Friday May 3, 2024.
- 2.2. The OA is committed to reducing paper waste in our environment and therefore will not be providing printed copies of the race documents.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1. The official notice board is located here.
(<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/7631/event?name=bermuda-international-invitational-race-week-2024>)
- 3.2. [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on VHF 73.
- 3.3. On the water, the RC will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF 73.
- 3.4. [DP] While racing, 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.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The event is by invitation from the OA to the Comets, Etchells, J/105, IOD and RS21 classes, however the OA reserves the right to refuse an entry.
- 4.2. Invited Boats shall enter the event by registering online with the link provided in the invitation by Sunday April 28, 2024 at 1700 hours. Late entries may be considered on contact with the OA.
- 4.3. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

5. FEES

5.1. Entry fees for the IOD class will be \$550.

5.2. Entry fee for all other boats is \$225.

5.3. If the event is cancelled by the OA, or for reason beyond the OA’s control, the OA will refund 100% of the boat’s entry fee.

6. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1. A Competitor Briefing will be posted to the official notice board by 0830 each race day. On Monday May 6, the IOD fleet will meet on the terrace of the RBYC at 0830 to perform the boat draw and be briefed by the Technical Committee on the handling of boats.

7.2. Opening Ceremony (for all Classes) will be Sunday May 5, 2024, at 1800, place to be confirmed. Dress smart casual.

7.3. Prize Giving for the IOD Class will be held Friday May 10, 2024, at 1800 at the RBYC. Dress smart casual.

7.4. Prize Giving for all other classes will be Saturday May 11, 2024, after racing at the RBYC. Dress racing attire.

7.5. Dates of racing are:

	All Other Classes	IOD
Mon, May 6		Racing
Tue, May 7		Racing
Wed, May 8		SPARE DAY
Thu, May 9		Racing
Fri, May 10	Racing	Racing
Sat, May 11	Racing	

7.6. Wednesday May 8 is designated a SPARE DAY for the IOD Class provided a minimum of (6) races have been completed between Monday May 6 and Tuesday May 7, 2024.

7.7. Scheduled number of races:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Number</i>
All Other Classes	8
IOD Series A	5
IOD Series B	5

7.8. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1055 hours. Subsequent races will be started as soon after the previous race finishes.

7.9. On the last scheduled day of racing for each class no warning signal will be made after 1530 hours. Friday May 10 for IOD class and Saturday May 11 for all other classes.

8. VENUE

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

9. COURSES

Courses will be described in the SIs.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1. For all classes 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'.
- 10.2. The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided in RRS 70.5

11. SCORING

- 11.1. Three (3) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.2. Starts will be given for One-design classes having 3 or more boats entered.

12. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

- 12.1. Support Boats for all classes shall register on the official entry portal (<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/7631/event?name=bermuda-international-invitational-race-week-2024>) by Friday May 4, 2024, at 1700 hours.
- 12.2. [DP] Support person vessels shall check-in before the beginning of each race day by contacting Signal Boat on VHF 73.

13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 13.1. [DP] Keelboats, with exception of the RS21, shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

14. EQUIPMENT AND CREW REQUIREMENTS

- 14.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.
- 14.2. [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

15. RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1. RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.
- 15.2. The OA will not accept liability for any material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with the regatta.

16. COVID POLICY

- 16.1. [DP] By taking part in any of the events covered by this NoR, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any Bermuda Government regulations in force in respect of COVID19 and RBYC Covid Policy.

17. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of BMD\$500,000 per incident or the equivalent.

18. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- Etchells Class K. F. Trimmingham Trophy
- J/105 Class Past Commodore's Cup
- RS21 Class TBC Trophy
- IOD Class
 - Overall winner: Vrengen Gold Cup
 - Series A winner: Jordy Walker Memorial Trophy

- o Series B winner: Dick Kempe Memorial Trophy

The OA reserves the right to present additional awards at their discretion.

19. PROVISION OF BOATS AND SAILS; RESTRICTIONS AND CREW REQUIREMENTS

- 19.1. Each Bermuda Class Association will be responsible for the certification / measurement of all boats, sails and skippers that race in their respective classes.
- 19.2. Etchells Class:
 - 19.2.1. Each competitor will be allocated one boat for the entire regatta by arrangement with the Bermuda Etchells Class Association.
 - 19.2.2. Each competitor shall be responsible for providing a maximum of one measured mainsail, two measured jibs and two measured spinnakers. These sails shall be subject to the approval of the Bermuda Etchells Class Association and no other sails shall be used without the written permission of the Race Committee.
- 19.3. International One Design Class:
 - 19.3.1. Each boat will be provided with one mainsail and one jib, which will remain with that boat throughout the regatta unless permission to the contrary is given by the BIODCA.
 - 19.3.2. All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be carried while afloat. Unless the BIODCA gives prior permission, no boat shall be modified or caused to be modified except that competitors may provide their own spinnaker sheets, twings (tweakers) and spinnaker launching bags (turtles).

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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