



**Bermuda International Invitational Race Week (BIIRW)**  
**Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, Hamilton BERMUDA**  
**April 29 – May 5, 2023**

**Including SIs Amendment #1 in red.**  
**Including SIs Amendment #3 in blue.**  
**Including SIs Amendment #4 in purple.**

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

All times are Atlantic Daylight Time (ADT). The notation '[NP]' means Rules that are not grounds for protest by a boat (This changes rule 60.1(a)). 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 is organized by the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (RBYC).
- 1.2. The series will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.3. Only for International One Design (IOD) Class:
  - 1.3.1. Addendum SB – Supplied Boats shall apply.
  - 1.3.2. **Electronic compasses shall be allowed.**
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race (NoR) and these SIs, the rules in these SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change 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 2000 the day before it will take effect.

### 3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted online on the [Official Notice Board](#) (ONB).
- 3.2. The Race Committee (RC) will be using international VHF channel 73 to communicate with the fleet as described in NoR 3.3.
- 3.3. The RC may broadcast via VHF the course before the warning signal, the start time and other racing information. Failure of the transmission, failure of any boat to receive or properly interpret this information, or omissions on the part of the broadcast messages shall not constitute grounds for granting redress.
- 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. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP][NP] 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 flagpole at the RBYC.
- 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. As described in NOR 7.
- 6.2. Number of scheduled races and the time of the 1<sup>st</sup> Warning each day shall be:

| Class | Sunday Apr 30           |  | Mon May 1               |  | Tue May 2               |      | Wed May 3 |  | Thu May 4               |      | Fri May 5               |      |
|-------|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|--|-------------------------|------|-----------|--|-------------------------|------|-------------------------|------|
|       | 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning |  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning |  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning | 0955 |           |  | 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning | 1055 | 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning | 1025 |
| IOD   | 3                       |  | 0                       |  | 4                       |      | Spare     |  | 0                       |      | 3                       |      |
| J105  | 4                       |  | 0                       |  | 0                       |      | 0         |  | 0                       |      | 0                       |      |

6.3. 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 no less than 5 minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1. The class flag will be class insignia on the following background:

| Class | Insignia Color | Background Color |
|-------|----------------|------------------|
| IOD   | Blue           | White            |
| J105  | White          | Red              |
| RS21  | Code Flag "R"  |                  |

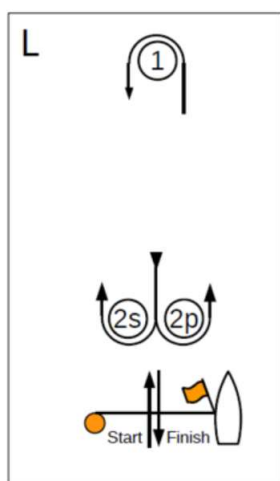
## 8. RACING AREA

8.1. The racing area will be in The Great Sound.

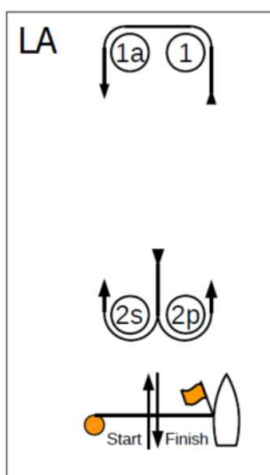
## 9. COURSES

9.1. The diagram below 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. No later than the warning signal, the RC signal vessel will display the course and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

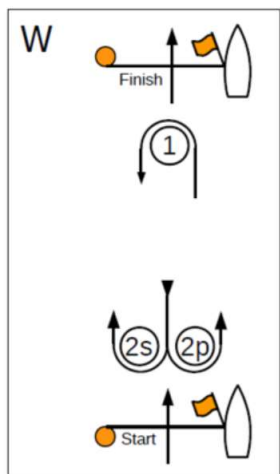
9.2. The gate marks may be replaced by a single mark. In this case that mark shall be left to port.



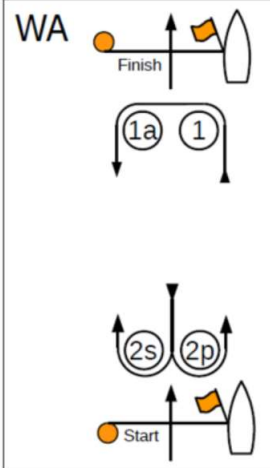
| Course L – Windward/Leeward, Leeward Finish |  |
|---|--|
| Signal                                      | Mark Rounding Order                                    |
| L2  | Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish                         |
| L3  | Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish             |
| L4  | Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – Finish |



| Course LA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Leeward Finish |  |
|---|--|
| Signal  | Mark Rounding Order  |
| LA2   | Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish                                   |
| LA3   | Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish                  |
| LA4   | Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – Finish |



| Course W – Windward/Leeward, Windward Finish |  |
|--|--|
| Signal                                       | Mark Rounding Order                                |
| W2   | Start – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish                         |
| W3   | Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish             |
| W4   | Start – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – 1 – 2s/2p – Finish |



| Course WA – Windward/Leeward with Offset Mark, Windward Finish |   |
|--|---|
| Signal   | Mark Rounding Order   |
| WA2  | Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish                                   |
| WA3  | Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish                  |
| WA4  | Start – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – 1 – 1a – 2s/2p – Finish |

## 10. MARKS

10.1. The starting and finish mark shall be an orange tetrahedron. Rounding marks 1, 2s and 2p shall be yellow tetrahedrons. Rounding mark 1a shall be a green tetrahedron. The change mark as provided in SI 12.1 shall be a red tetrahedron.

## 11. THE START

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 (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.
- 11.4. The RC will attempt to broadcast on VHF the sail number of all boats observed to be On Course Side. Failure or delay of the RC to broadcast, or failure of a boat to hear such a broadcast will not be grounds for redress.
- 11.5. When Code Flag “W” is displayed with the warning signal, it will mean that spinnakers shall not be hoisted by that class during that race.

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

- 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.

**13. THE FINISH**

- 13.1. 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.
- 13.2. 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.

**14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 14.1. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in the RRS 70.5.
- 14.2. The first two sentences of RRS 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”.
- 14.3. In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: “However, if Mark 1a is set, a boat may take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a.”

**15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

- 15.1. All times will be taken from GPS.
- 15.2. Time Limits:

| Race Time Limit | Time Limit to Mark 1 | Finishing Window |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|
| 90 minutes      | 30 minutes           | 15 minutes       |

- 15.3. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Time Limit to Mark 1 the race will be abandoned.
- 15.4. The target time for each race shall be 45 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress.
- 15.5. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expiry (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

**16. HEARING REQUESTS**

- 16.1. Any request for a hearing (this includes protest, redress, reopening or any report under RRS 69 or concerning a Support Person) shall be lodged through the ONB.
- 16.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes, or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The end of protest time limit will be posted on the ONB.
- 16.3. 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. Hearings will be held in the **Prince Albert Room** beginning at the time posted.
- 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 jury decision shall be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2(a).

**17. SCORING**

- 17.1. For all Classes:
  - 17.1.1. A total of 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
  - 17.1.2. When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat’s series score will be the total of her race scores.

- 17.1.3. When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.1.4. When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her 2 worst scores.
- 17.2. For the IOD Class:
  - 17.2.1. The first 5 scheduled races shall be scored as Series 'A' and the remaining scheduled races scored for Series 'B'.
  - 17.2.2. The IOD Overall Series will be scored from all races in the 'A' and 'B' series. Excluded scores for the IOD Overall series will be the worst scores regardless of whether they are in the 'A' or 'B' series and regardless of whether either of these series is valid.
  - 17.2.3. Scores will accrue to the skipper, not the boat.
- 17.3. Scoring inquiries shall be submitted online through the Scoring Inquiries link on the ONB.

## **18. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 18.1. [DP][NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity. SI 3.4 shall not apply for this purpose.

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

- 19.1. [DP] Substitution of crew or equipment (damaged or lost) is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be submitted online through the relevant Crew Substitution or Equipment Substitution links on the ONB. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

## **20. OFFICIAL BOATS**

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

## **21. SUPPORT BOATS**

- 21.1. [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.

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

- 22.1. 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 last race of the event.

***END OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS***