



2023 BERMUDA FOIL FEST

Royal Bermuda Yacht Club

January 4th-6th 2023

ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

The regatta is organized by the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (RBYC).

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 event 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 (ONB) located at:
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/5214/event?name=bermuda-foil-fest>.
- 2.2. As a courtesy to competitors, a WhatsApp Group will be used to alert competitors of official noticeboard changes. Competitors and Support Persons are encouraged to join this group - <https://chat.whatsapp.com/KWhIkwLqTCCGcJT86JvPhQ>
- 2.3. On the water, the Race Committee (RC) intends to monitor and communicate with Support Persons on VHF channel 69.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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 1800 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 right yard-arm of the RBYC flagpole facing the water.
- 5.2. Flag AP displayed with one sound means: '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. As described in NOR 8.
- 6.2. 3 races are scheduled per group session each day.
- 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 approximately 5 minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

7. CLASS FLAGS

Class flag will be white with black class logo.

8. RACING AREAS

The racing area will be communicated each day at the Competitor Briefing.

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. 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.
- 9.2. No later than the warning signal, the RC Signal Boat will display the course number.

10. MARKS

The starting and finish mark shall be either a tomato mark or an orange tetrahedron. Rounding marks 1 & 2 shall be either a tomato mark or yellow tetrahedrons. The use of either tomato marks or tetrahedrons will be communicated at the Competitors Briefing prior to launch.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with a 3-minute sequence.
- 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 DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

Minor mark moves using the original mark (up to approximately 150m or up to 10 degrees in angle) may be made without signaling the change. This changes RRS 33.

13. GRAND PRIX FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Signal Boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 13.2. When the first boat sails the course and finishes, a red flag will be raised on the Signal Boat and boats that cross the finishing line thereafter will be scored according to the number of laps they have sailed and the position they crossed the line, with boats completing a higher number of laps ranked above those that completed fewer laps. This changes RRS 28.1.
- 13.3. A boat that completes at least one lap but does not cross the finishing line within [10] minutes after the lead boat finishes will be scored according to its last known position. This may be ahead of a boat that crosses the finishing line having sailed the same number or fewer laps. This changes RRS 28.1, A5.1 and A5.2. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 13.4. A boat that fails to complete one lap within 10 minutes after the lead boat finishes will be scored DNF.
- 13.5. After a boat has finished, an official vessel may verbally communicate with other boats that they are "Whiskeyed". Those boats shall return to the starting area immediately and they will be scored in their last known position. This changes RRS 28.1, A5.1 and A5.2.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 15.1. All times will be taken from GPS.
- 15.2. Time limits for each race shall be 30 minutes. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 10 minutes the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3. The target time for each race shall be 15 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 (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16. HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the RC docks. The end of protest time limit will be posted on the ONB.
- 16.2. Hearing request forms may be submitted online; accessed from 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 Newport Room, at RBYC. Hearings will not take place before 1630 following racing.
- 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 15 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 15 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

17. SCORING

- 17.1. Groups shall be scored separately.
- 17.2. 3 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3. The series will be scored as follows:
 - 17.3.1. When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
 - 17.3.2. When from 4 to 7 races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - 17.3.3. When 8 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score is the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. Rule 40.1 Personal Flotation Devices applies at all times afloat.
- 18.2. [DP] Competitors shall check in with the RC signal boat before the warning signal of the first race each day by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the signal boat and hailing their sail number until they are acknowledged.
- 18.3. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 18.4. When the race committee displays flag V with repetitive sounds, all official and support vessels shall monitor the RC VHF 69 channel for instructions and assist in search and rescue operations.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

In accordance with class rules.

20. OFFICIAL BOATS

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

21. 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.

22. 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.

23. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

24. 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.**