



**Bermuda Keelboat Regatta
October 20 - 22, 2023
Royal Bermuda Yacht Club
NOTICE OF RACE**

Abbreviations:

RBVC	Royal Bermuda Yacht Club	NoR	Notice of Race
OA	Organising Authority (Royal Bermuda Yacht Club)	SI (s)	Sailing Instruction (s)
		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 regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS")*.
- 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.
- 1.4. Each competitor should have access to a device that has internet accessibility with email, audio and video capability for the purposes of receiving the OA and RC communications.

2. ADVERTISING

The World Sailing Advertising Code shall apply.

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.
- 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

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

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1. Entry to the regatta is open to all eligible classes however the OA reserves the right to refuse an entry.
- 5.2. Eligible classes are IOD, J/105, RS21 and Viper 640.
- 5.3. Competitors shall confirm their acceptance by submitting completed entry online found on the Official Notice Board, together with required entry fee by October 13, 2023 by 1700 Atlantic Summer Time.
- 5.4. Entry forms received after this time may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA. If rejected the OA will promptly return the entry fee.

6. FEES

Regatta fee is \$260 for three (3) days of racing (IOD) and \$175 for two (2) days of racing (all other eligible classes).

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. A daily Competitor Briefing document will be posted to the [Official Notice Board](#) by 08:30 hours on the days of scheduled racing.
- 7.2. Opening reception will be on Thursday October 19 at 1800 hours on the RBYC Terrace. Smart casual dress.
- 7.3. Awards ceremony will be on Sunday October 23, 2023 as soon after after racing has concluded as possible on the RBYC Terrace. Sailing attire.
- 7.4. All classes *may* have up to four (4) races per day as necessary to maintain the schedule.
- 7.5. For IODs 9 races are scheduled.
- 7.6. For all other fleets 6 races are scheduled.
- 7.7. Race schedule

Fri October 20	Sat October 21	Sun October 22
IOD	All Classes	All Classes

- 7.8. The scheduled warning signal for the first race each day will be 1055 hours.
- 7.9. On the last day of scheduled racing no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1. The SIs will be available from Monday October 16, 2023 on the [Official Notice Board](#).
- 8.2. The OA is committed to reducing paper waste in our environment and therefore will not be providing printed copies of the SIs.

9. VENUES

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

10. THE COURSES

Courses will be detailed in the SIs.

11. 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.'

12. SCORING

12.1. For IOD Classes:

- five to nine races completed the worst single score will be excluded
- up to four races completed, no score will be excluded.
- A minimum of three (3) completed races is required to constitute a valid series.

12.2. For the all other Classes

- - five or more races completed the worst single score will be excluded
- up to four races completed, no score will be excluded.
- A minimum of one (1) completed races is required to constitute a valid series.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall be registered with the OA before the first day of racing for the Class(es) supported by emailing the Sailing Office (sailing@rbyc.bm).

14. BERTHING

Yachts shall be kept in their assigned places (moorings or marina berths) unless directed otherwise by the OA.

15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

With the exception of the RS21 and Viper 640 fleet, boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with written permission of the RC.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

For RRS37 reasons and RC communications all boats are **required** to carry a working International channels VHF radio. The race channel will be VHF Channel 73.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1. The number of prizes in each class will depend on the number of entries in that class.
- 17.2. In the J/105 Class, the overall winning team will be awarded the **“J/105 BKR Trophy”**.
- 17.3. In the IOD Class, the overall winning team will be awarded the ‘Armada Jug’.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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. The OA, Host Club and Race Committee will not accept liability for any material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with the regatta.

17. INSURANCE

Each boat shall carry Third Party Liability Insurance with a minimum of US /BD \$500,000 (or equivalent) coverage per incident (submitted with entry), valid for all skippers who are to sail that boat during the regatta. For boats based in Bermuda it will be the responsibility of the relevant

Bermuda Class Association or individual entrant, not later than October 6, 2022 to provide evidence, satisfactory to the OA, of such insurance cover.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1. Each Bermuda Class Association will be responsible for the certification / measurement of all boats, sails and skippers that race in their respective classes.
- 18.2. In all classes, when an owner races his/her own boat this will not constitute grounds for redress.
- 18.3. *In the Etchells Class:* There shall be three or four persons on board while racing. The same number of persons shall sail throughout the event and their total combined weight as measured wearing light clothing shall be no more than 285 kgs (628lbs). Once crews have weighed in, there shall be no crew substitution without the written permission of the RC. If permission is granted, the substitute crew member must be weighed and the total number of crew shall continue to meet the weight requirement.
- 18.4. *In the IOD:* each competitor will be allocated one boat for the entire regatta by arrangement with the Bermuda Class Association, subject to the following provisions: each boat will be provided with one mainsail, one jib and one spinnaker and no other sails shall be used without the permission of the Bermuda Class Association. In strong winds spinnaker restrictions may be imposed. All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be carried while afloat. Unless the Bermuda Class Association 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 turtles. Once crews have registered, there shall be no crew substitution without the written permission of the RC.
- 18.5. *In the J/105 Class:* Each competitor shall be responsible for providing one measured mainsail, two measured jibs and two measured spinnakers. No other sails shall be used without the written permission of the Bermuda Fleet. Once crews have registered, there shall be no crew substitution without the written permission of the RC.
- 18.6. *In the Viper 640 Class* each skipper shall be responsible for ensuring that a boat and sails are available for them, either by bringing their own boat and sails, or by making private arrangements with the relevant Bermuda Class Association.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

Questions about this NoR and Social Schedule may be forwarded to the OA at the contact listed below:

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