



THE BERMUDA SAILING ASSOCIATION PRESCRIPTIONS 2017-2020

With effect from 1st January 2017, the Bermuda Sailing Association (BSA) prescribes the following with reference to the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2017-2020:

SPORTSMANSHIP AND THE RULES

Equal Opportunity

As the national authority for the sport of sailing in Bermuda, the Bermuda Sailing Association is committed to providing an equal opportunity to all sailors to participate in the sport of sailing.

PART 1

Rule 3

After rule 3 add:

Acceptance of the Rules

Add new rule 3.6: 'Each competitor and boat owner shall ensure that their support persons comply with the rules.'

Rule 5

After rule 5 add:

The *National Anti-Doping Organization* required by World Sailing ("WS") regulation 21 to implement the World Anti-Doping Code through WS Regulation 21 is the Bermuda Sport Anti-Doping Authority ("BSADA").

PART 3

Rule 34

Change rule 34 title to: MARK MISSING; RACE COMMITTEE ABSENT

After rule 34 add:

If a finishing mark is missing but another one remains in place, a boat shall finish as close to the remaining mark as practicable on a line extending from its required side at a 90 degree angle to the last leg. If a boat finishes when the race committee is absent, she shall note her finishing time and her finishing position in relation to any nearby boats and report them to the race committee as soon as reasonably possible.



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PART 4

Rule 40

Change rule 40 title to: **PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES; SAFETY EQUIPMENT** and add:

When a *rule* requires a personal flotation device to be worn, the device shall comply with the specifications for the personal flotation devices that the boat is required to carry. If more than one specification applies, the personal flotation device worn shall comply with the highest of them

And after rule 40 add:

Every boat shall carry safety equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area.

Rule 48

Add 48.3:

The use of additional special purpose lights such as masthead, spreader and jib luff lights shall not constitute a breach of this rule.

Rule 50.4

HEADSAILS

For the purposes of rules 50 and 54 and Appendix G, the difference between a headsail and a spinnaker is that, for a headsail, the distance measured between its **half leech point** and its **half luff point**, is less than 75% of its **foot length**. A sail tacked down behind the **foremost mast** is not a headsail.

Terms in **bold** are as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing.

Rule 56

Add rule 56: **FLAGS**

Unless required by the Sailing Instructions, a boat shall not display flags except for signaling. A boat shall not be penalized for breaking this rule without prior warning and opportunity to make a correction

PART 5

Rule 61.4

Add rule 61.4: **FEES FOR PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

No fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.



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Rule 64.3 (b)

After rule 64.3(b) add:

The authority responsible for interpreting the rules of a handicap or rating system is the organization that issued the handicap or the rating certificate involved.

Rule 67

After rule 67 add: **DAMAGES**

1. Any issue of liability or claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.
2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a rule.

Rule 70.5 Right of Appeal

1. BSA approval is not required to deny the right of appeal under rule 70.5(a).
2. The BSA will not consider approving the denial of the right of appeal under rule 70.5(b) unless
 - (a) the event is open only to boats entered by an organization affiliated to the BSA or a member of such an organization;
 - (b) the BSA decides there is good reason to approve; the cost of an international jury which would otherwise be appropriate for the event is not a good reason;
 - (c) the protest committee is approved by the BSA; and
 - (d) application to the BSA is made no later than one month before the notice of race is to be issued. In exceptional circumstances, the BSA may consider a later application.

A copy of the BSA letter of approval shall be displayed on the official notice board.

However, the denial of appeal shall not apply to a party to a hearing under rule 69.2, Misconduct, but the decision of the protest committee shall determine the results of the event.



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PART 6

Rule 76.1

After rule 76.1 add

An organizing authority or race committee shall not reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor eligible under the notice of race and sailing instructions for an arbitrary or capricious reason or for reason of race, color, religion, national origin, gender, sexual orientation, or age.

Rule 78

Add rule 78.3: COMPLIANCE WITH CLASS RULES; CERTIFICATES

The race committee may inspect or measure any **boat** or **personal equipment**, at any time.

Terms in **bold** are as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing

PART 7

Rule 86.3 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES

After rule 86.3 add:

An organizing authority wishing to develop and test a rule change may do so for local events involving local competitors only. For all other events prior approval from the BSA shall be obtained. The organizing authority shall ensure that the proposed rules are included in the notice of race and sailing instructions and shall promptly report the results of the test to the BSA.

Rule 88.2

After rule 88.2 add

Notices of race and sailing instructions shall not change a prescription of the BSA. However, when an international jury has been appointed for an event, only the prescriptions to rules 3, 5, 67, 86.3 and 88.2 shall apply.

APPENDIX Q – SOUND-SIGNAL STARTING SYSTEM

BSA prescribes that, when the sailing instructions so indicate, the Sound-Signal Starting System described below shall be used. This system is recommended primarily for small-boat racing and makes it unnecessary for competitors to use stopwatches. Supplemental visual course and recall signals are also recommended when practicable.

Q1 Course and postponement signals may be made orally.



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Q2 Audible signals shall govern, even when supplemental visual signals are also used.

Q3 The starting sequence shall consist of the following sound signals made at the indicated times:

Races shall be started by using the following signals. Times shall be taken from the sound signals.

Signal	Sound	Time before (# long; - short) Starting signal
Warning	###	3 minutes
Preparatory	##	2 minutes
One minute	#	1 minute
	--	30 seconds
	-	20 seconds
	-	10 seconds
	-	5 seconds
	-	4 seconds
	-	3 seconds
	-	2 seconds
	-	1 seconds
Start	#	0

Q4 Signals shall be timed from their commencement.

Q5 A series of short signals may be made before the sequence begins in order to attract attention.

Q6 Individual recalls shall be signaled by the hail of the sail number (or some other clearly distinguishing feature) of each recalled boat. Flag X need not be displayed.

Q7 Failure of a competitor to hear an adequate course, postponement, starting sequence or recall signal shall not be grounds for redress.

WORLD SAILING REGULATION 20 ADVERTISING CODE

Regulation 20.2.3 Right to Display Advertising on a Boat

Add:

When the right to display advertising on a boat is subject to prior authorization by the national authority in accordance with regulation 20.2.3.3, the approval of the BSA is automatically granted provided that such advertising is permitted by the relevant rules of the class, rating system or handicapping system.



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20.8.2 Fees

Add:

When the person in charge of a boat chooses to display advertising, the BSA will not impose a fee as permitted by regulation 20.8.2.