

Bermuda International Invitational Race Week
Royal Bermuda Yacht Club
May 6-11, 2024
Sailing Instructions (SIs)

All times are Atlantic Daylight Time (ADT).

1 RULES

- 1.1 In accordance with IODWCA Class Rule C.2.2.A, electronic compasses (magnetic reading only) are permitted when supplied with the boat.
- 1.2 Addendum SB, "Supplied Boats" shall apply.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions 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 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The Race Committee (RC) will be using international VHF channel 73 to monitor and communicate with the fleet.
- 3.2 The RC may broadcast via VHF the course, the start time, and other racing information; see also SI 11.4.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 [DP][NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.
- 4.2 [DP][NP] Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment provided, and place any advertising provided, by the organizing authority with care and seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the RBYC.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Number of scheduled races:

Day	Scheduled Races
Mon, May 6	3
Tue, May 7	3
Wed, May 8	none (see NOR 7.6)
Thu, May 9	2
Fri, May 10	2

6.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1055.

6.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

7 CLASS FLAG

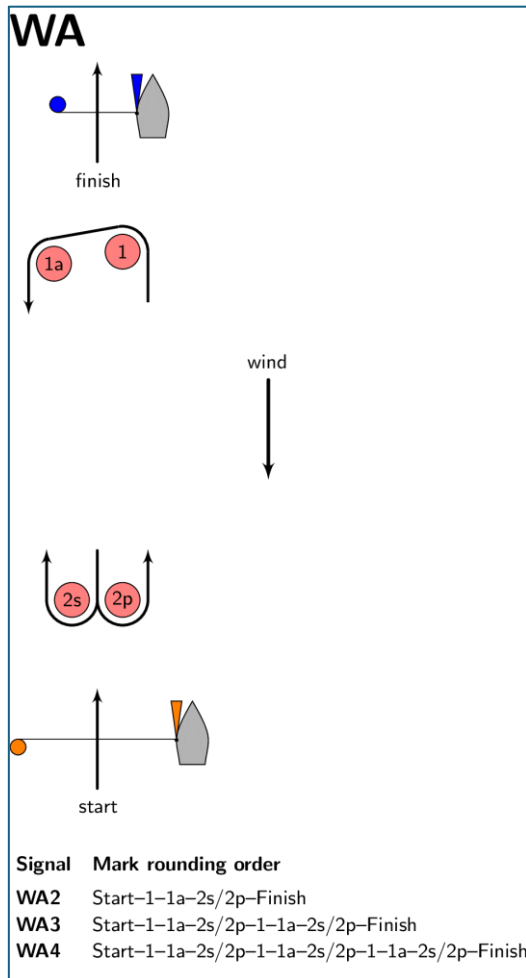
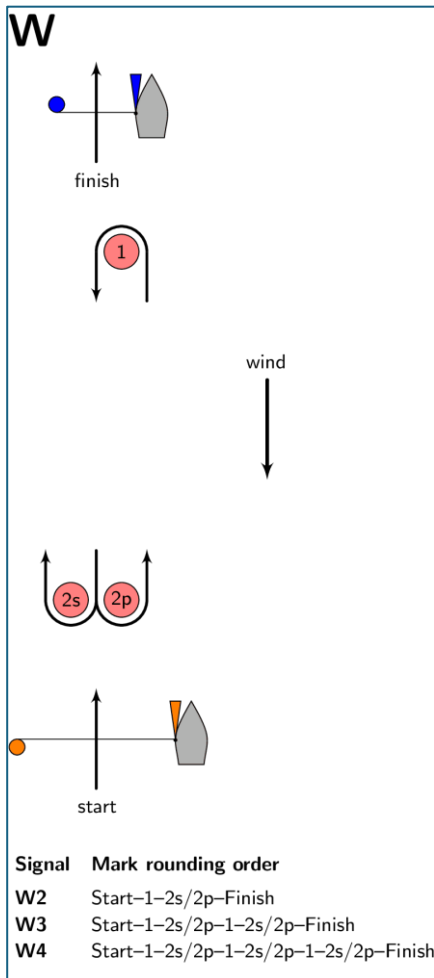
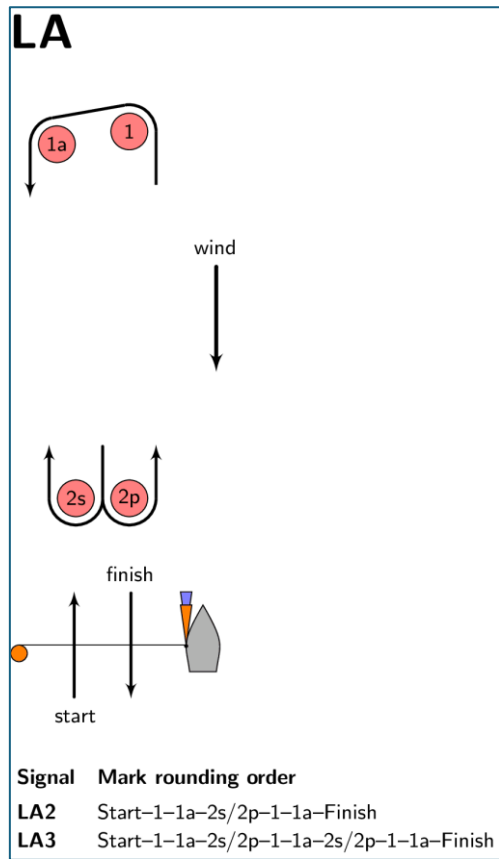
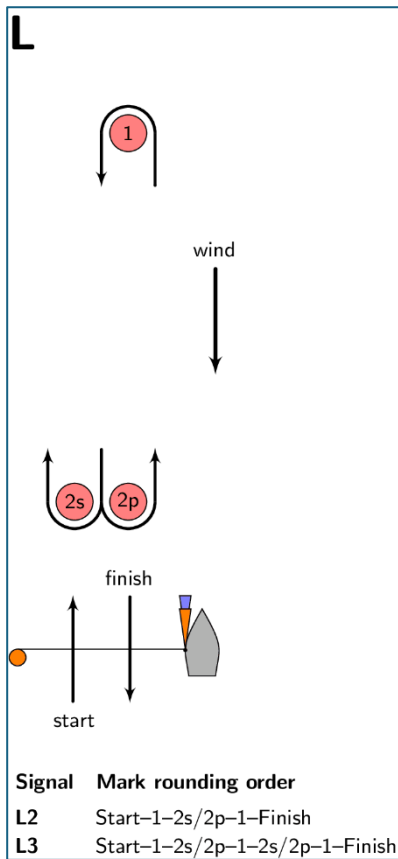
7.1 A Blue Class Insignia on a White Background.

8 RACING AREA

8.1 Racing will take place in The Great Sound, approximately 2.5NM West of the RBYC.

9 COURSES

9.1 The diagrams below show 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 race committee signal vessel will display the course letter code and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

- 9.3 If a gate mark is not present or out of place, the remaining mark shall be left to port.
- 9.4 If the course is changed in accordance with 12.1, offset mark 1A will not be placed and is to be omitted from the remainder of the mark rounding order for that race.

10 MARKS

10.1

Mark	Description
Start, Finish	Orange Tetrahedron
1, 2s, 2p	Yellow Tetrahedron
1a (offset)	Green Tetrahedron
New Mark (see SI 12.1)	Red Tetrahedron

11 THE START

- 11.1 The starting line is between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 11.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 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 If under preparatory flag P or I, if any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.5 When Code Flag "W" is displayed with a sound before the warning signal, spinnakers shall not be hoisted during that race.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee 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 finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat at the port end and the course side of the starboard-end finishing mark.
- 13.2 When finishing to windward, the finishing line is between a staff displaying a blue flag on the signal boat 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 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

Mark 1 Time Limit	Race Time Limit	Finishing Window
30 minutes	90 minutes	15 minutes

- 15.2 If no boat has passed the first mark within the Mark 1 Time Limit, the race will be abandoned.
- 15.3 The Finishing Window is the time for boats to finish after the first boat sails the course and finishes. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (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.
- 15.4 The target time for each race shall be 45 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 Any request for hearing (this includes protest, redress, reopening or any report under RRS 69 or concerning a Support Person) shall be submitted using the online form on the ONB.
- 16.2 The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The 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 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.2 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.
- 17.3 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.
- 17.4 The first 5 scheduled races shall be scored as Series 'A' and the remaining scheduled races scored for Series 'B'.
- 17.5 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.
- 17.6 Scores will accrue to the skipper, not the boat.
- 17.7 Scoring inquiries shall be submitted through the online form on the ONB.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 [DP][NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 [DP] Substitution of crew, or of damaged or lost equipment, is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be submitted through the appropriate online form on the ONB. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20 OFFICIAL VESSELS

- 20.1 RC vessels 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