

# **M32**

## **RACING CLUB**

### **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

February 19-21, 2016

Organising Authority is M32 North America in conjunction with the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club and Cape Crow Yacht Club

#### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 A number of rules are changed by this SI. These changes are approved by ISAF in accordance with RRS 86.2. A copy of approval letter will be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.3 National prescriptions that apply will be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.4 For the purpose of the M32 2015 Class Rules, any Class Association approved class rule changes will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 1.5 Races will be umpired. SI Addendum U will apply and changes a number of rules.
- 1.6 A boat causing damages to racing marks, ground tackle or any race management equipment shall be liable for the costs of repairing or replacing such equipment.
- 1.7 The race committee and umpires will use VHF radio to provide information to the fleet. Failure to make this broadcast or failure to hear the broadcast shall not be grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1. Information about the VHF channel will be given at the skippers meeting.

#### **2 EVENT ADVERTISING AND ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION**

As described in the NoR. M32 bow stickers and instructions on affixing will be provided by the OA.

#### **3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

The official notice board is located at [m32series.com/officialnoticeboard/](http://m32series.com/officialnoticeboard/)

#### **4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS; COMMUNICATION ASHORE**

- 4.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will either be presented at the skippers briefing or communicated directly to all skippers on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted on the official notice board by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.2 Other information may be given verbally ashore at the Race Village.  
4.1 and 4.2 changes RRS 90.2(c)

#### **5 FORMAT OF RACING**

Fleet racing. The RC may change the format.

#### **6 SCHEDULE**

It's the intention of the RC to run as many races as practicable during race time each day.

Friday 19 February:

9:00 am to 11:00 Weigh in @ M32 Trailer next to Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (RBYC)

12:30pm -2:30pm Practice Racing

5:00pm 7:00pm Team Social Bar, Registration, final weigh in, helmet approval, RBYC

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Saturday 20 February

11:00am Skippers Briefing Hamilton Princes Dock

12:30pm 4:00pm Racing

4:00-7:00pm Team Social Drinks and food Hamilton Princes

Sunday 21 February

10:00 Skippers Briefing Hamilton Princes Dock

11:30-3:00 Racing

4:30 Prize giving at Hamilton Princes Dock

### **7 HOT SEAT GUEST RACERS**

The RC may request teams to sail with a guest on one or more races each day. Such races will not be scored. At no time can there be more than 5 persons on the boat.

### **8 RACING AREA**

Great Sound or Bermuda Harbour.

### **9 THE COURSES**

9.1 Courses and race area will be presented at the skippers meeting each day.

9.2 Marks moved by boats during a race may be put back in its intended position. The moving of marks or failure to move marks back shall not be ground for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

9.3 Course changes will not be signalled and the original mark will be moved to a new position. This changes RRS 33.

9.4 At a gate, if one of the gate marks is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded to port.

9.5 Course Limits

The use of any course limits will be presented at the skippers briefing.

(a) A number of buoys will be laid around the race area. While racing, no part of a boat's hull shall cross the imaginary straight line between any two adjacent buoys on the same side of the course.

(b) These lines or areas rank as obstructions and are the limit of safe pilotage for the purposes of Part 2 of the RRS.

(c) There is no penalty for touching these buoys or objects defining these areas.

(d) A breach of this sailing instruction is not open to protest by boats but is subject to action by umpires in accordance with Add U Q4.1.

### **10 MARKS**

The course marks are conical inflatable marks of different colours. The starting and finishing marks may be the race committee starting vessel, inflatable mark or land station.

### **11 THE START**

11.1 Races will be started as follows:

4 min: Warning Signal, sound, class flag

3 min: Preparatory Signal, sound, flag P

1 min: Sound, flag P down

Start: Sound, class flag down

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Count downs and individual or general recalls may be broadcasted on VHF channel as informed on skippers meeting. This changes RRS 26.

11.2 RRS 28 is changed as follows:

- a. In rule 28.1, delete the first sentence and replace with:  
'A boat shall cross the starting line after having been entirely on the pre-start side at or after her starting signal and sail the course described in the sailing instructions and finish.'
- b. In rule 28.2, delete the first sentence and replace with:  
'A string representing a boat's track from the time she begins to approach the starting line from its pre-start side to cross it until she finishes shall, when drawn taut,.....'
- c. Add new 28.3 Exoneration:  
A boat that does not cross the starting line as required by rule 28.1 shall exonerate herself from that breach by entering the second leg clear astern of all boats that complied to 28.1 except those called delayed starters by the RC. This changes rules A4 and A5.'

11.3 At port tack reaching starts a starboard tack boat making a port tack boat alter course the last minute before the start may be penalized.

11.3 RRS 29.2 and Race Signals are changed by deleting the requirement to display flag First Substitute.

11.4 The starting line will be described at the skippers briefing.

11.5 A boat starting later than 3 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

## 12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be described at the skippers briefing.

## 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

See SI Addendum U.

## 14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

Target time 15-20 min. Time limits are at the discretion of the race committee. Failure to meet the target time shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

## 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15.2 Breaches of instructions 2, 19, 20, 21, 24 and RRS 55 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches, and for breaches of class rules may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

## 16 SCORING

Low point scoring system. No score will be excluded.

Any ties will be broken by the result in the last race. This change rule A 8.1.

The race committee may, before the warning signal of a race, declare the race a practice race. Practice races will not be scored.

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### **17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, NoR and SI.

### **18 OFFICIAL BOATS**

Official boats will be marked with M32 Series Flags. The flags may in addition indicate the function of the official boat (Media, Umpire, Service etc.).

### **19 TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash shall not be thrown in the water but may be placed aboard support or official boats.

### **20 BERTHING**

As described in the NoR and other information at the official notice board.

### **21 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile communication devices.

### **22 PRIZES**

Yes.

### **23 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

### **24 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of USD 1,000,000.00 per event or the equivalent if expressed in other currency. Proof of insurance shall be provided upon request.

### **25 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS**

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.

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