



# Scrub Island Invitational

April 3, 2024

## Sailing Instructions

### 1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as altered by these sailing instructions. The regatta organizing authority (OA) is the Royal BVI Yacht Club and the BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival.

- a) All monohull boats will be rated in accordance with CSA Rules.
- b) All multihull boats will be rated in accordance with the CSA Multihull Rule.
- c) The minimum number of crew for each boat will be two, except where class rules state otherwise.
- d) Rule 26 is changed as follows: There will be no signal flags except the "X" flag. Signals will be made by horn and VHF radio announcement only.
- e) RRS 29.1 is changed such that Individual Recalls may be announced by VHF Radio. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for redress.
- f) The decision as to the class in which a boat races rests entirely with the Organizing Authority.
- g) RRS 44.1 is changed to allow a One Turn Penalty for a breach of Part 2 rules and rule 31.

### 2. RRS 52 will not apply.

- a) RRS 47 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: However, discarding wool bands when setting a sail is permitted.
- b) Bareboats: Anchor and chain provided must be carried on board when racing. Anchor and chain only may be relocated from its normal position.
- c) Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. Bow stickers, when provided, shall be attached near the bow as close to the toe rail as possible.
- d) Accredited journalists, photographers or cameramen who are not regular crew members may join and/or leave a boat at any time and by any means so long as their doing so does not directly affect another competitor and they play no part in the racing of the boat. This changes RRS 48.2. These persons are not counted as "crew".

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a) Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- b) Changes to the Sailing Instructions or course will also be announced on VHF radio by the Race Committee.

### 4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- a) Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at:  
<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16229>  
A courtesy posting may appear on the Unofficial Notice Board near the Registration Tent.
- b) The race committee will use **VHF radio channel 69** for announcements and general information. It is strongly suggested competitors have reliable VHF radios. Failure to receive a broadcast will not be grounds for redress.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF STARTS

Class	Warning
Cruising Multihull	1000
Bareboat	1010
Cruising/Performance Cruising	1015
Racing	1020
Performance/Sport Multihull	1025

## 6. CLASSES

Classes may be subdivided for scoring at the discretion of the race committee.

## 7. IDENTIFICATION

- a) Boats without sail numbers may be assigned and provided with a bow number, which shall be affixed to the bow of the boat within 6" of the toe rail and no more than 12" from the bow stem. Competitors are to ensure that the bow numbers remain affixed throughout the duration of the regatta. Competitors not displaying their bow number as required are subject to protest only by the race committee or Organizing Authority. This changes RRS 60.
- b) Check-In: Before the start, boats are required to check-in with the signal boat by sailing on starboard tack, or motoring by the stern of the signal boat and identifying themselves to the race committee. Check-In by VHF radio is not permitted.

## 8. THE START

- a) The starting line will be between a staff with an orange flag on a signal boat and the course side of a nearby inflatable mark.
- b) **Rule 26 is changed as follows: There will be no signal flags except the "X" flag. Signals will be made by horn and VHF radio announcement only.** The race committee will attempt to inform competitors who are OCS on **VHF radio CH 69**. Failure to do so, or failure of a competitor to hear or receive such transmissions will not be grounds for redress. There will be no penalty for late starters.
- c) A 'keep away buoy' may be off the stern of the signal boat and is considered part of the signal boat. Boats shall not pass between the buoy and the signal boat.

## 9. THE COURSE

The course to be sailed will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 0800 hours on the day of the race.

## 10. THE FINISH

Finish off Scrub Island resort between the course side of an inflatable mark and a blue flag displayed from the Marina Bulkhead or a signal boat berthed in the Marina.

## 11. TIME LIMIT

The time limit will be 1500 hours for all classes. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored TLE and receive a score of one place more than the last boat to finish in her class. This adds to Appendix A.

## 12. HEARING REQUESTS

A yacht intending to protest must submit her protest to the Protest Desk during the protest time limit. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the race in her class. The protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and for requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2. For non-Part 2 rule infringements, the protest committee may assign a penalty other than DSQ.

For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organizing authority.

### **13. HANDICAPS & SCORING**

Corrected times will be calculated using the CSA rating system for Bareboat, Racing and Cruising classes. Yachts must declare their CSA rating at the time of registration. Corrected times for the Multihull Class will be calculated using ratings assigned by the CSA Multihull Rule.

### **14. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- a) Yachts may not have an anchor overhanging the bow.
- b) It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal buoyancy when conditions warrant.
- c) A yacht retiring shall inform the race committee at the first available opportunity on **VHF Radio CH 69**

### **15. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded at Scrub Island Resort at 1500 hours or as soon as results are finalized. Prizes will be awarded for each class. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the race committee and Sponsors.

### **16. LIABILITY**

- a) As a condition of entry into this Regatta, the entrant accepts that it is his/her sole and inescapable responsibility for the management and safety of his/her yacht, and the BVI Spring Regatta Committee, BVI Chamber of Commerce and Hotel Association, Sponsors, the Royal BVI Yacht Club, or any of their members and employees, accept no responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants or others or the loss of, or damage to, any yacht however caused, before, during or after the Regatta.
- b) The Skipper/Owner of each yacht participating in the Regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his yacht. In the case of any destruction of property, any breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by skipper or any crew member, or the failure to comply with any reasonable request of any officer or agent of the BVI Spring Regatta Committee directed to any member of any participating yacht, that yacht may be disqualified from participating in any future races in the Regatta.
- c) The BVI Spring Regatta committee is focused on offering world class racing. All participants shall comply with any guidelines that are set by the BVI Government and / or the Event Organizers.