



ROYAL BERMUDA YACHT CLUB

ANNIVERSARY REGATTA

These races are part of the
2016 Onion Patch Series

24th June 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority: Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (RBYC)

1. RULES

1.1 Races will be sailed under:

- The 'Rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
- RRS, Appendix D, Team Racing Rules, will not apply;
- The provisions of the **Notice of Race (NOR)**;
- The provisions of these **Sailing Instructions (SIs)** – wherever there is a conflict between the NoR and the SIs, these Instructions shall prevail;
- The Prescriptions and Code of Conduct of the Bermuda Sailing Association 2012. See SI, Addendum A.

1.2 The current ORR Rules and Regulations shall apply to all yachts entered in this regatta.

1.3 For purposes of RRS 80 and ISAF Regulation 20 Appendix 1 shall apply.

2. SKIPPERS' BRIEFING

There will be a Skippers' Briefing on June 23rd at 1400hrs in the Main Dining Room.

3. CLASSES & CLASS FLAGS

3.1 Yachts will be divided into classes:

- a) Each yacht shall race in the class to which it is assigned on the scratch sheets. These sheets shall also assign a numeral designation for each class.
- b) Each yacht shall display from her backstay, approximately six feet above the deck, the numeral pennant corresponding to her class designation. This flag must be displayed before the first warning signal of the first class to start and remain in position while the yacht is racing.

3.2 Scratch sheets showing class assignments, ratings and class lists will be available at the RBYC after 1700hrs on Thursday, 23rd June, 2016.

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4. NOTICES AND SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm on the RBYC flagpole.
- 4.2 Notices, including race results, amendments and hearing schedules, will be posted on the official notice board located in the Trophy Lounge at the RBYC. Amendments to the SIs will be posted before 0800hrs on the day they will take effect. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect. Flag L will be flown on the yardarm at the RBYC to signify such postings.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 For the Traditional Onion Patch Division two races are scheduled on Friday, 24th June, 2016.
- 5.2 One completed race shall constitute the series.
- 5.3 For the Navigator Division there is one race scheduled on Friday, 24th June, 2016, which will follow the start of Traditional Division Race 2.
- 5.4 Course signals will be made on Friday, 24th June at 0955hrs.

6. CHECK-IN

Prior to the warning signal for the first race, all yachts shall check-in with the Race Committee Signal Boat by passing astern and announcing their sail number. The Race Committee (RC) will acknowledge by responding with the number heard. **No check in will be acknowledged over VHF.** Yachts retiring shall inform the Race Committee on Channel 73 VHF (RC vessel name is "*Cleopatra*").

7. STARTING SIGNALS

- 7.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26, with classes starting at 5-minute intervals in the order listed on the scratch sheets. The second race for each class will be started as soon as possible after the finish of the last boat in the preceding race.

<u>Time</u>	<u>Signal</u>
	Attention Signal – 5 short blasts
0955	Warning, Class 1
0956	Preparatory
0959	One minute to Start, Class 1
1000	Start, Class 1 and Warning for Class 2

And so forth, until the completion of the starts for all classes in the fleet.

- 7.2 Any yacht not starting within 10 minutes of her starting time shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS).

8. STARTING LINE

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an ORANGE flag on the Signal Boat and the apex of an ORANGE inflatable tetrahedral mark. The RC may deploy astern a 'Keep Off' buoy that shall be considered an integral part of the Signal Boat.

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9. COURSES

9.1 Chart

The RC has used the Chart #332 prepared by the Admiralty for the purpose of designing these courses. The depths are indicated in METERS. All areas in waters LESS than 5 meters deep, designated by the 5 meter contour line shaded in blue, including the passage between Darrell's Island and Dagger Rock, form an **exclusion zone** for safe navigation. Yachts shall not enter these areas. The Chart indicating the marks will be posted on the Official Notice Board in the Trophy Lounge.

9.2 Course Signals

- a) A numeral pennant will be flown on the foredeck of the signal boat, "*Cleopatra*", indicating the course number to be sailed.
- b) In addition, the bearing to the first mark will be shown in red numbers on the course board facing aft from the bridge of the signal boat.

9.3 Courses 5 & 6 will be Windward/Leeward, four or six legs, (excluding the leg to the offset (mark 2)) as indicated. See SI Addendum B.

Marks will be YELLOW inflatable tetrahedral buoys, with the exception of the offset mark which will be GREEN inflatable tetrahedral buoy. There will be an ORANGE inflatable tetrahedral buoy (pin end of starting line). If a change of course mark is necessary it will be a RED inflatable tetrahedral buoy.

9.4 For Course 5 & 6, the start and finish will be to leeward of the gate (marks 3S & 3P).

The leeward gate (marks 3S & 3P) are not a marks of the course on the first windward leg or on the finishing leg (Addendum B).

9.5 Course Numbers 7, 8 & 9 are a combination of "around the cans" races using both Bermuda Government Marks and marks set by the RBYC Race Committee.

9.6 Navigator Division, Class 4, (Short) **Course 7:** Start –Mark 1 (P) – Off Set (P) – KP1 (S) - E2 (P) – KP1 (P) – Greys (S) – 40 (S) – 42 (P) through Two Rock Passage – Finish off RBYC. Finish. Refer SI 13.

9.7 Navigator Division, Class 4, (Long) **Course 8:** Start –Mark 1 (P) – Off Set (P) – KP1 (S) - E2 (P) – KP1 (P) – G (S) – RBYC orange tetrahedral in Granaway Deep (S) – Greys (S) – 40 (S) – 42 (P) through Two Rock Passage – Finish of RBYC. Finish. Refer SI 13.

9.8 Traditional Division, Classes 1, 2 and 3 for **Course 9:** Start – Mark 1 (P) – Mark 2 (P) – Mark 3 (Gate) Mark 1 (P) – Mark 2 (P) – Mark 3 (Gate) - GB 42 (P) – GB 41 (S) – 46 (P) – Finish off RBYC. Refer SI 13.

10. INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

10.1 The RC will endeavor to hail premature starters over Channel 73 VHF. This modifies RRS 41. Failure to do so will not be grounds for redress.

10.2 For **Navigator Division** *only* when a yacht is on the course side at the start (OCS), and does not correctly exonerate herself, she shall be penalized by having 15 minutes added to her finish time. This modifies RRS A4.2.

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11. COURSE CHANGE

- a) In the event of a wind shift on Courses 5, 6 & 9, after the race has started, the RC may move non-government marks and/or change distances for subsequent legs in accordance with RRS 33.
- b) The RC may also attempt to announce the change on Channel 73 VHF; failure to do so will not be grounds for redress. This alters RRS 62.1(a).
- c) The new mark will be a RED inflatable tetrahedral buoy. Subsequent marks may be moved to maintain the original course configuration. For a subsequent change, the new mark will be the original YELLOW mark.

12. GOVERNMENT BUOYS

- 12.1 Government buoys, when not specified as part of the course, have no required side, except for safe navigation. Caution should be exercised for safe navigation.
- 12.2 Yachts shall not transit the passage between Pearl Island and the rocks to the west and north of Hawkins Island. Attention is drawn to SI 9.1

13. FINISH LINE

The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Signal Boat or an Official Boat and an ORANGE inflatable buoy.

14. TIME LIMIT

- 14.1 The time limit will be 2.0 hours for each class in Race 1 and 4.0 hours for each class in Race 2.
- 14.2 Yachts failing to finish within 30 minutes (for *Traditional Division*) after the first yacht in their class sails the course and;
60 minutes (for *Navigator Division*) after the first yacht in their class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This modifies RRS 35 and A4.1.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 RRS, Appendix A, Low Point Scoring System will be used.
- 15.2 ORR results will be calculated based on 'Time on Time'.

16. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 A yacht that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty at the time of the incident by taking a 270 Degree Turn Penalty. This modifies RRS 44.1.
- 16.2 Penalties for breaking SIs: 6; 9.1 and 12.2 shall be at the discretion of the jury

17. PROTESTS

- 17.1 Protest forms will be available at the Duty Officers Desk at the RBYC. Written protests shall be submitted to the Duty Officer at the Duty Officers Desk at the RBYC as soon as possible but not later than 30 minutes after the Signal Boat '*Cleopatra*' docks. The protest time limit will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 17.2 Protest notices will be posted as soon as possible. Protest hearings will start as soon as possible after the notices are posted. This notice is the 'Notice' required by RRS 63.2. The International Jury (IJ) will attempt to hear protests in the order of receipt. Representatives of yachts who are parties to a hearing shall remain on call in the vicinity of the Duty Officers Desk.

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- 17.3 When a yacht has been involved in an incident that may be subject to protest, it is her responsibility to check the protest notices at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Failure of any yacht to appear when called for a hearing will be considered by the IJ as grounds for proceeding under RRS 63.3 (b).
- 17.4 RRS 63.5 is modified by adding, "A protest involving contact may be heard by the IJ even though the requirements of RRS 61.1 (a) and 61.3 have not been fulfilled."
- 17.5 Decisions of the IJ will be final in accordance with RRS 70.5
- 17.6 On the scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
- 17.7 On the scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decisions was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

18. PRIZES

The Royal Bermuda Yacht Club will award the New York Yacht Club Trophy to the yacht having the lowest overall score in the Anniversary Regatta, as well as prizes to the yachts in each class having the lowest scores in the Anniversary Regatta. Prizes will be awarded on Friday 24th June, 2016 at RBYC, commencing not before 1700 hours. Awards will commence as soon as possible upon completion of the racing.

19. NOTES

- 19.1 Competitors are reminded that the Great Sound has a restricted channel and sailing vessels do not have the right-of-way over a vessel under power, which may be restricted in her ability to maneuver.
- 19.2 All times herein are Atlantic Daylight Time. Bearings are in degrees magnetic and are approximate. Distances are expressed in nautical miles and are approximate.
- 19.3 The Bermuda system of navigational buoys complies with I.A.L.A. – System B.
- 19.4 The New York Yacht Club, The Cruising Club of America and The Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, their Officers, Members and Employees bear no responsibility for accidents, damage or injuries to boats or their personnel in any way or from any cause during or related to The Onion Patch Series 2012 or the R.Y.B.C. Anniversary Regatta 2012. Attention is drawn to ISAF RRS 4 (Decision to Race)

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Nathan Bailey and the Instructors of the RBYC Sailing Academy

INTERNATIONAL JURY

P/C S. Peter Shrubbs (BER) –Chair
Robert O. Duffy (BER) Patricia O'Donnell (US) A. Lynne Beal (CAN)

With effect from 1 January 2013, the Bermuda Sailing Association (BSA) prescribes the following with reference to the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2013-2016:

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 5

After rule 5 add:

The national authority procedural rules required by ISAF regulation 21.14 to implement the World Anti-Doping Code through ISAF Regulation 21 are the Bermuda Sport Anti-Doping Authority, the National Anti-Doping Organization procedures.

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, to be scored as finishing 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.

PART 4

Rule 40

Change rule 40 title to: PERSONAL FLOTATION DEVICES; LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT

After rule 40 add:

Every boat shall carry safety equipment conforming to government regulations.

Rule 48

After rule 48 add:

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

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

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.

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:

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.

ADDENDUM 'A'

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2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a rule.

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 76.4

Add rule 76.4

A boat whose entry is rejected or cancelled or a competitor who is excluded from a race or series shall be, upon written request, entitled to a hearing conducted by the protest committee under rules 63.2, 63.3, 63.4 and 63.6.

Rule 78.4

Add rule 78.4: 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

After rule 86.3 add: Rule Changes

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 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.

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

ADDENDUM 'A'

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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.

ISAF 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.

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.

Regulation 20.5

Add:

A controller of a handicap system or rating rule may request the BSA:

1. to decide that races held under that system or rule are Category C, or are Category C with restrictions stated in the request.
2. to sub-divide the system or rule into two or more sub-systems or sub-rules with different Categories. Race results may later be combined.

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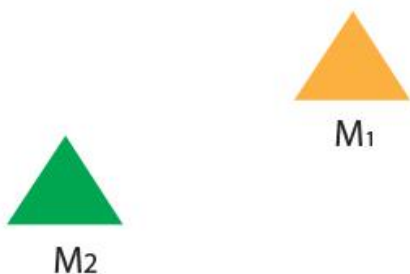
The BSA will normally agree to such a request.

Regulation 20.8

Add:

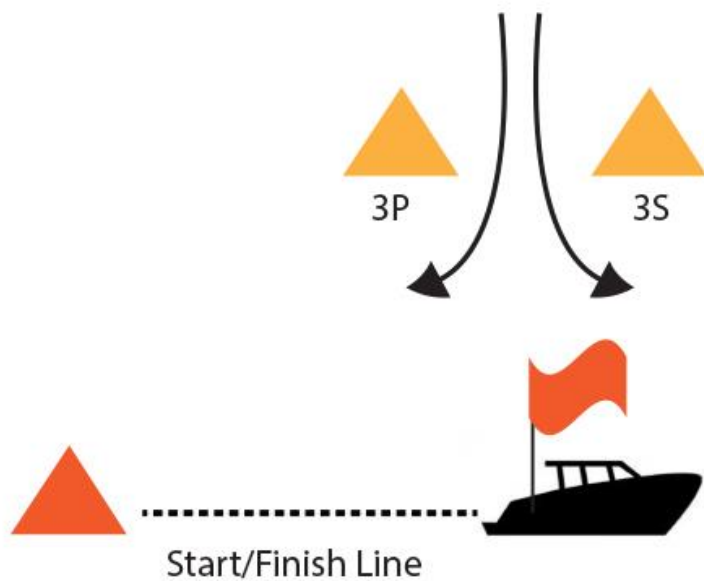
Boats displaying Category C advertising are not required to pay a fee to the BSA.

ADDENDUM B – RBYC Anniversary Regatta



Course 5
S – M1-M2-M3S/M3P– M1-M2- F

Course 6
S– M1-M2-M3S/M3P– M1-M2-
M3S/M3P– M1-M2 –F



This diagram is not to scale.