



ROYAL BERMUDA YACHT CLUB

ANNIVERSARY REGATTA

These races are part of the
2012 Onion Patch Series

22nd June 2012

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, Appendix A.

1.2 All yachts shall comply with the ISAF 2010-2011 Offshore Special Regulations (OSR), for Category 4.

1.3 The current IRC Rules and Regulations shall apply to all yachts entered in this regatta.

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

2. SKIPPERS' BRIEFING

There will be a Skippers' Briefing on June 21st at 1400hrs in the Main Dining Room.

3. CLASSES & CLASS FLAGS

- 3.1 Yachts will be divided into classes. 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. 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 1200 on Thursday, 21st June, 2012.

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 0800 on the day they will take effect. Any change in the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 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 Two races are scheduled on Friday, 22nd June, 2012.
- 5.2 One completed race shall constitute the series.

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>
0955	Attention Signal – 5 short blasts
0956	Warning, Class 1
0959	Preparatory
1000	One minute to Start, Class 1
	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

8.1 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.

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 numeral pennant will be flown on the foredeck of the signal boat, "Cleopatra", indicating the course number to be sailed.

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

Courses 1 & 2 will be Windward/Leeward, six or four legs as indicated (excluding the leg to the offset (Mark 2)). See SI, Appendix B.

Marks will be YELLOW inflatable tetrahedral buoys, with the exception of the offset mark which will be GREEN inflatable tetrahedral buoy, and all marks shall be left to Port. 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 Races 1 & 2 will also be indicated on the course board in descending class order.

9.5 For Course 1 & 2 (Appendix B), the start and finish will be to leeward of the leeward mark (Mark 3).

The leeward mark (Mark 3) is not a mark of the course on the first windward leg or on the finishing leg (leg 4) on Course 1.

9.6 Course Numbers 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7 are "around the cans" races using both Bermuda Government Marks and marks set by the RBYC Race Committee.

- 9.7 For Courses 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6 the Start Line and the Windward Mark will be as indicated for Course 1 & 2 (see SI Appendix B). The Finish Line for Courses 3, 4, 5 and 6 will be in Hamilton Harbour near the RBYC. The Finish Line for Course 7 will be in the Great Sound windward of Mark '99'.
- 9.8 Course 3: Start – Windward Mark (Port) – G (P) – H (P) - G (P) – KP1 (S) – E2 (S) – KP1 (P) – L(S) – 40(S) - through Two Rock Passage – Finish. Refer SI 13.
- 9.9 Course 4: Start – Windward Mark (S) – KP1 (S) – C1 (P) – E2 (P) – KP1 (P) – G (S) – H (S) – L (S) – 99 (S) – through Two Rock Passage – Finish. Refer SI 13.
- 9.10 Course 5: Start – Windward Mark (S) – G (P) – H (P) - G (P) – KP1 (S) – E2 (P) – G(P) – L(S) – 40(S) - through Two Rock Passage – Finish. Refer SI 13.
- 9.11 Course 6: Start – Windward Mark (S) – H (S) – G (P) – G (P) – KP1 (S) – E2 (S) – KP1 (P) – L(S) – 99 (S) – through Two Rock Passage – Finish. Refer SI 13.
- 9.12 Course 7: Start – Windward Mark (P) – H(S) – L(P) – KP1(S) – E2(P) – KP1(P) – G(P) – 99(S) – Finish to Windward.

10 RECALLS

The RC will endeavor to hail premature starters over Channel 73 VHF. This modifies RRS 41. When a yacht is on the course side at the start (OCS) and fails to start properly, she shall be penalized by having 20 minutes added to her finish time. This modifies RRS A4.2

11. COURSE CHANGE

In the event of a wind shift on Course 1 or 2, after the race has started, the RC may move marks and change distances for subsequent legs in accordance with RRS 33. 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). 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

Government buoys, when not specified as part of the course, have no required side, except for safe navigation. 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

The time limit will be 2.0 hours for each class in Race 1 and 4.0 hours for each class in Race 2. Yachts failing to finish within 30 minutes 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 Race 1; the scoring shall be based on a formula that converts the competitors' corrected time into a time on distance i.e. seconds/miles number and the competitors ranked in order of the fastest sec/mile to the slowest sec/mile. POINTS will be awarded according to ranking and these points will be used in the compilation of the overall scores in the series.

Race 2; IRC 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 3.1; 6; 9.1 and 12 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.

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 22nd June, 2012 at Barr's Bay Park adjacent to the RBYC, commencing not before 1630 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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Andy Burnett-Herkes	P/C Andy Cox	Elizabeth Jones	Peter Donnellan
Carol Feathers	Patrice Horner	Ellyn Osmond	Francis Carter
	Medic: Paul Robbins		

INTERNATIONAL JURY

Arthur J. Wullschleger (US) P/C S. Peter Shrubbs (BER) – Co-Chairs
Robert O. Duffy (BER) Patricia O'Donnell (US) A. Lynne Beal (CAN)

FINAL June 20, 2012

APPENDIX A



THE BERMUDA SAILING ASSOCIATION PRESCRIPTIONS 2009-2012

The Bermuda Sailing Association (BSA) prescribes the following with reference to the Racing Rules of Sailing, 2009-2012:

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 3

Rule 34

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

After rule 34 add

BSA prescribes that, 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

BSA prescribes that every boat shall carry life-saving equipment conforming to government regulations that apply in the racing area.

Rule 48

After rule 48 add

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

Rule 55

Add rule 55

55 FLAGS

BSA prescribes that 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 correction.

Rule 61.4

Add rule 61.4

61.4 Fees for Protests and Requests for Redress

BSA prescribes that no fees shall be charged for protests or requests for redress.

Rule 64.3 (b)

After rule 64.3(b) add

BSA prescribes that 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 68

After rule 48 add

BSA prescribes that: 1. Any 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

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committee. 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

BSA prescribes that 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 76.3

Add rule 76.3

76.3 BSA prescribes that 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

78.4 BSA prescribes that: The race committee may inspect or measure any boat, as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing C.2.1, or personal equipment, as defined in the Equipment Rules of Sailing C.1.3, at any time.

PART 7

Rule 86.3

After rule 86.3 add

BSA prescribes that proposed rules may be tested, but only in local races. However, proposed rules may also be tested at other events if, for each event, the organizing authority first obtains written permission from BSA and the proposed rules are included in the notice of race and sailing instructions.

88.2

After rule 88.2 add

BSA prescribes that: Notices of race and sailing instructions shall not change a prescription of the BSA, other than the prescriptions to rules, 34, 78 and Appendix Q. For an international event the prescription to rule 40 may be deleted.

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APPENDIX F APPEALS PROCEDURES

F4 Comments

After rule F4

BSA prescribes that: The national authority may additionally invite comments from boats and other organizations that are not parties to the hearing.

REGULATION 20, ADVERTISING CODE

Regulation 20.4.2

BSA prescribes that: When the display of Category C advertising is permitted, Bermuda competitors are licensed to display the advertising, and no individual application to the BSA is needed.

Regulation 20.4.3

BSA prescribes that: An organizing authority wishing to restrict advertising in an event to Category A shall apply to the BSA at least 15 days before publishing the notice of race, confirming:

1. *for a club event, that the event:*
 - i. *is sponsored, organized or held by a club which has sailing as one of its activities, and*
 - ii. *does not form part of a wider series for which Category C boats are eligible, and*
 - iii. *is not a qualifier for another event for which Category C boats are eligible.*
2. *for an invitational event, that the event is not a qualifier for an International Class event.*

The BSA will normally grant approval if such an application is received. The restriction to Category A and the BSA statement of approval shall be included in the notice of race. Any restriction to Category A shall apply to boats while they are racing. When the organizing authority wishes the restriction to apply at other times during an event, it shall specify such times, and the reasons, in its initial application. If this extra restriction is approved by the BSA, it and the BSA statement of approval shall be included in the notice of race.

Regulation 20.5

BSA prescribes that:

1. *A controller of a handicap system or rating rule may request the BSA:*
 - i. *to decide that races held under that system or rule are Category C, or are Category C with restrictions stated in the request.*
 - ii. *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.*

The BSA will normally agree to such a request.

2. *When a handicap system is controlled by the organizing authority for the races to be sailed under that system and when permission as required has been received from the BSA for Category C advertising to be displayed, the notice of race shall so state, and shall state any approved restriction.*
3. *Regulation 20.4.3, and the prescription thereto, apply to clubs organising handicap racing.*

Regulation 20.7

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

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REGULATION 21, ANTI-DOPING CODE

Banned Substances and Methods

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 Council for Drug Free Sports, the National Anti-Doping Organisation, procedures.

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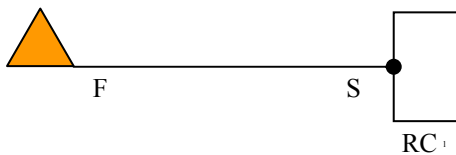
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Course 1
S – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – F

Course 2
S – 1 – 2 – 3 – 1 – 2 – F

Courses 3 through 7
Please refer to S.I. 8.8 – 8.12



Note: All marks are to be left to Port.
This diagram is not to scale.