



**BERMUDA**  
so much more

**Bacardi Bermuda Keelboat Regatta  
Hosted by Bermuda Tourism Authority  
November 19-21, 2015  
Royal Bermuda Yacht Club**

## NOTICE OF RACE

**Abbreviations:**

<b>RBVC</b>	<b>Royal Bermuda Yacht Club</b>	<b>NoR</b>	<b>Notice of Race</b>
<b>OA</b>	<b>Organising Authority (Royal Bermuda Yacht Club)</b>	<b>SI (s)</b>	<b>Sailing Instruction (s)</b>
<b>BSA</b>	<b>Bermuda Sailing Association (National Authority)</b>	<b>RC</b>	<b>Race Committee</b>

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 BSA Prescriptions and 'Code of Conduct' will apply. These documents will be posted on the official notice board and may be found on the Bermuda Sailing Association website ([www.sailing.bm](http://www.sailing.bm)).
- 1.3 In the event of a conflict between International (IOD & Etchells) or North American (Viper 640 & J/105) and the Bermuda Class or Fleet rules, the Bermuda Class or Fleet rules will apply.
- 1.4 For the J/105 Class:
  - a) The Regatta shall be "Level C" as per the [J/105 Class Rule 3.6](#).
  - b) Class Rules 3.4 (owner-driver); 7.1 (weight limit); and 7.3c section - fenders and dock lines on board are all waived for this regatta.
  - c) Boats may use multiple sail numbers provided they have been registered with the Race Committee at Registration

### 2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 The organizing authority may require competing boats to carry event sponsor advertising.
- 2.2 For the J/105 Class, competitors shall display "XL Catlin" sponsors bow stickers.

---

### Event Supporting Sponsors



J105 Class Sponsors



### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Entry to the regatta is open to all eligible classes however the OA reserves the right to refuse an entry.
- 3.2 Invitees shall confirm their acceptance by submitting completed entry online at [Regatta Network](#) together with the required entry fees not later than Wednesday November 11, 2015.
- 3.3 Entry forms received after this time may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA. If rejected the OA will promptly return the entry fee.

### 4. FEES

- 4.1 Required fees for fleet racing is \$250; PHRF \$50.00.

### 5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration, and if for the Etchells class, weigh-in, will be at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club on Wednesday November 18, 2015 from 12:00 hours to 17:00 hours. – see NoR 18 for specific class information.
- 5.2 Skippers’ briefing all IOD, Etchells, Viper 640 and J/105 will be 0830 hours Thursday November 19, 2015 at RBYC.  
Skippers’ briefing for PHRF classes will be 0900 hours Saturday November 21, 2015 at RBYC.
- 5.3 Opening ceremony will be Wednesday November 18, 2015 at 1800 hours at Bacardi International, Pitts Bay Road.
- 5.4 Awards ceremony will be on Saturday November 21 1730 hours at RBYC.  
Jacket and tie requested for opening and closing ceremonies.
- 5.5 Dates of racing:

November 19	November 20	November 21
Viper, Etchells, J105, IOD	Viper, Etchells, J105, IOD	All Classes

- 5.6 For IOD; Etchells; & Viper 640 Classes:

- a) There shall be no more than five races on Thursday November 19; no more than five races on Friday November; and no more than three races on Saturday November 21, 2015.

- 5.7 For the J/105 Class:

- a) Ten races shall be scheduled for the regatta, with no more than five races on each day, at the Race Committee’s discretion. In addition a Practice Race shall be scheduled – it shall not be scored for any of the Series.
- b) Races shall be designated as “Bermuda” or “International” by the Race Committee, with five races scheduled to be “International”, and five races scheduled to be “Bermuda”. The respective nominated helmsman shall helm for that race.
- c) The International Race Series shall be comprised of “International” Races, the Bermuda Race Series shall be comprised of “Bermuda” Races, and the Overall Series shall be comprised of all Races.
- d) LAST BLAST RACE: Following Race 10 at the end of the regatta on the last day, a single race from the Race Course to RBYC shall take place - “Last Blast” Race. This race shall not

Race #	Helmsman	Race #	Helmsman	Race #	Helmsman
Practice Race	Any	4	Bermuda	8	Bermuda
1	International	5	International	9	International
2	Bermuda	6	Bermuda	10	Bermuda
3	International	7	International	Last Blast	Team Choice

count for any of the Series – it is a fun way to finish the regatta. The course shall be advised by VHF.

5.8 For the PHRF Class:

a) Three races shall be scheduled for the regatta.

5.9 No warning signal will be made after 15:30 hours Saturday November 21, 2015.

5.10 One or more races may be scheduled per day. The scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race each day will be 10:55 hours.

## 6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

6.1 The SIs will be available from November 18, 2015 at the RBYC. Provisional SIs may be available on the event web site ([www.rbyc.bm](http://www.rbyc.bm)) before this date.

## 7. VENUES

7.1 The racing areas for all classes will be in the Great Sound and/or surrounding areas.

## 8. THE COURSES

8.1 Courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

## 9. PENALTY SYSTEM

9.1 For all classes, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

9.2 International Jury will be final as provided in the Rule 70.5.

## 10. SCORING

10.1 For IOD; Etchells; & Viper 640 Classes:

- a) ten or more races completed, the worst two scores will be excluded
- b) five to nine races completed the worst single score will be excluded
- c) up to four races completed, no score will be excluded.
- d) A minimum of three completed races is required to constitute a valid series.

10.2 For J/105 Class:

- a) The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A shall apply to all series, with no scores excluded.
- b) The International Race Series shall be comprised of “International” Races.
- c) The Bermuda Race Series shall be comprised of “Bermuda” Races.
- d) The Overall Series shall be comprised of all Races.
- e) A minimum of two completed races is required to constitute a valid series.

10.3 For PHRF Class:

- a) Scoring will be based on correct time-on-time scoring and PHRF handicaps
- b) A minimum of one completed race is required to constitute a valid series.

## **11. SUPPORT BOATS**

Support boats shall be registered with the Organising Authority before the first day of racing for the Class(es) supported. For every (10) boats in class there will be a safety/support boat.

## **12. BERTHING**

12.1 Boats shall be returned to and kept in/on their assigned berths/moorings

## **13. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

13.1 Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with written permission of the race committee.

## **14. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

14.1 For safety reasons and Race Committee communications all boats are required to carry a working International channels VHF radio. The race channel will be VHF 73.

## **15. PRIZES**

15.1 The number of prizes in each class will depend on the number of entries in that class.

15.2 In the J/105 Class, the overall winning team will be awarded the **“XL Catlin Trophy”**.

## **16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

16.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA 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.

## **17. INSURANCE**

17.1 Each boat shall carry Third Party Liability Insurance with a minimum of US /BD \$500,000 (or equivalent) coverage per incident (submitted with entry), valid for all skippers who are to sail that boat during the regatta. For boats based in Bermuda it will be the responsibility of the relevant Bermuda Class Association or individual entrant, not later than Wednesday November 11, 2015 to provide evidence, satisfactory to the OA, of such insurance cover.

## **18. FURTHER INFORMATION**

### **PROVISION OF BOATS AND SAILS; RESTRICTIONS AND CREW REQUIREMENTS.**

18.1 Each Bermuda Class Association will be responsible for the certification / measurement of all boats, sails and skippers that race in their respective classes.

18.2 In all classes, when an owner races his/her own boat this will not constitute grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

18.3 In the Viper Class each skipper shall be responsible for ensuring that a boat and sails are available for them, either by bringing their own boat and sails, or by making private arrangements with the relevant Bermuda Class Association.

18.4 In the Etchells Class: each competitor will be allocated one boat for the entire regatta by arrangement with the Bermuda Etchells Class Association. Each competitor shall be responsible for providing one measured mainsail, two measured jibs and two measured spinnakers. These sails shall be submitted for the approval of the Bermuda Etchells Class

Association and no other sails shall be used without the written permission of that body. There shall be three or four persons on board while racing. The same number of persons shall sail throughout the event and their total combined weight as measured wearing light clothing shall be no more than 285 kgs (628lbs). Once crews have weighed in, there shall be no crew substitution without the written permission of the Race Committee. If permission is granted, the substitute crew member must be weighed and the total number of crew shall continue to meet the weight requirement.

- 18.5 In the International One Design Class: each competitor will be allocated one boat for the entire regatta by arrangement with the Bermuda Class Association, subject to the following provisions: each boat will be provided with one mainsail, one jib and one spinnaker and no other sails shall be used without the permission of the Bermuda Class Association. In strong winds spinnaker restrictions may be imposed. All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be carried while afloat. Unless the BODCA gives prior permission, no boat shall be modified or caused to be modified except that competitors may provide their own spinnaker sheets, twings (tweakers) and turtles.
- 18.6 In the J/105 Class: Each competitor shall be responsible for providing one measured mainsail, two measured jibs and two measured spinnakers. No other sails shall be used without the written permission of the Bermuda Fleet. Once crews have registered, there shall be no crew substitution without the written permission of the Race Committee.
- 18.7 In the PHRF Class: the regatta is open to keelboats and yachts. Boats with a PHRF handicap less than 100 shall be assigned to Division1; all other boats shall be assigned to Division 2.