



**Bacardi Bermuda Keelboat Regatta
November 17-19, 2016
Royal Bermuda Yacht Club**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Abbreviations:

RBYC	Royal Bermuda Yacht Club	NoR	Notice of Race
OA	Organising Authority (Royal Bermuda Yacht Club)	SI (s)	Sailing Instruction (s)
BSA	Bermuda Sailing Association (National Authority)	RC	Race Committee
		RRS	Racing Rules of Sailing

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing ("RRS")*.
- 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).
- 1.3 In the event of a conflict between International (IOD & Etchells) or North American (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. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located on the RBYC terrace.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes in the SIs will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 0900 hours on the day it will take effect.

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4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be on the official flagpole located immediately next to the RBYC terrace. Due to Overlapping events with the 'Viper' event BBKR flags will under the western most yard-arm. Vipers will display on the opposite side of the yard arm.
- 4.2 When the AP Flag is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration, and for the Etchells class, weigh-in, will be at the RBYC on Wednesday November 16, 2016 from 1600 hours to 1800 hours.
- 5.2 Skippers' briefing for the IOD, Etchells and J/105 classes will be held at 0830 hours Thursday November 17, 2016 at the RBYC.
- 5.3 Opening ceremony will be Wednesday November 16, 2016 at 1800 hours at Bacardi International, Pitts Bay Road. *Jacket and tie are requested to be worn.*
- 5.4 Awards ceremony will be on Saturday November 19, 2016 at 1730 hours at RBYC. *Jacket and tie are requested to be worn.*
- 5.5 Dates of racing:

November 17	November 18	November 19
Etchells*, J105, IOD	Etchells, J105, IOD	Etchells, J105, IOD

- 5.6 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1055 hours.
- 5.7 For **IOD Class**:
 - a) Ten races shall be scheduled for the regatta, of which three (3) will constitute a series.
 - b) No more than five (5) races on each day, at the discretion of the RC, except for Saturday November 19, 2016 which can have a maximum of four (4) races.
- 5.8 For **Etchells Class**:
 - a) Eight (8) races shall be scheduled for the regatta(s), of which three (3) will constitute a series.
 - b) No more than five (5) races on Friday November 18th, and no more than four (4) races for Saturday November 19, 2016 - at the discretion of the RC.
 - c) (* as per 5.5 above) Thursday November 17th there will be starts for Etchells but finishes will *not* count towards the BBKR series nor the Bermuda Etchells Class Open & National Championships.
- 5.9 For the **J/105 Class**:
 - a) Ten races shall be scheduled for the regatta, with up to three (3) races on Thursday November 17th, no more than five (5) races on Friday November 18th and up to four (4) races Saturday November 19th – at the discretion of the RC.

- b) Races shall be designated as “Bermuda” or “International” by the RC, with five races scheduled to be “International”, and five races scheduled to be “Bermuda”. The respective nominated helmsman shall helm for that race. The first race of the series is designated as a Bermuda skipper.
- c) Two (2) races are required to constitute a series.
- 5.10 No warning signal will be made after 1530 hours Saturday November 19, 2016.

6. CLASS FLAGS

- 6.1 Races will be started using Rule 26 with the following Class flags:

J105		Red flag with white class logo
Etchells		Yellow flag with black class logo
IOD		Green Flag with white class logo

7. RACING AREAS

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

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 Diagrams included in Addendum 'A' show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 **All** classes will **always** sail 'Course 2' – no course indicators will be displayed.
- 8.3 No later than the Warning Signal, the RC signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 8.4 If only one gate mark is set the boats shall round the single mark leaving it to port.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 The start mark and the finish mark shall be orange tetrahedrons.
- 9.2 Marks 1, 2S and 2P shall be yellow tetrahedrons.
- 9.3 Change of course marks will red tetrahedrons.

10. THE START

- 10.1 The starting line shall be between the staff displaying the orange flag on the starboard end signal boat and the course side of the of the pin end tetrahedron.
- 10.2 The RC will broadcast the sail numbers of all boats observed to be OCS at the start. Failure of the RC to broadcast or for the competitors to hear the broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress.



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- 10.3 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored a Did-Not-Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 & A5.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. The new mark shall be a 'RED' tetrahedron.
- 11.2 When a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced with an original mark.
- 11.3 Change of course shall be signalled with a 'C' flag and either a 'RED' or a 'GREEN' flag indicating the position of the new mark in relation to the original mark.

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The Finish Line will be between the staff displaying the blue flag on the starboard side of the RC boat and the course side of the orange tetrahedron on the starboard side of the signal boat.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 For all classes, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, except that for infringements occurring within the 'Zone', as defined in the current RRS, the penalty shall be two (2) turns.
- 13.2 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

14. TIME LIMITS & TARGET TIMES

- 14.1 Boats failing to finish within fifteen (15) minutes of the first boat in their class that has sailed the course shall be scored a 'Did-Not-Finish' (DNF).
- 14.2 The target time for each race shall be sixty (60) minutes. Failure to meet the 'target time' shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

15. PROTESTS and REQUESTS for REDRESS

- 15.1 Protest forms are available on the official notice board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening a protest shall be delivered to the Race Officer or Jury Secretary within the appropriate time limit.
The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the signal boat has docked.

16. SCORING

16.2 For IOD Class:

- a) Ten (10) or more races completed, the worst two (2) scores will be excluded.
- b) Five (5) to nine (9) 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 (3) completed races is required to constitute a valid series.



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16.3 For **Etchells Class**:

- a) The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A shall apply to all series, with no scores excluded.
- b) A minimum of three (3) completed races is required to constitute a valid series.

16.4 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.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 Prior to the first warning signal of her first race each day, each boat is required to check in by passing astern of the RC signal boat on starboard tack and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the RC.
- 17.2 Boats that retire from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 17.3 Boats that leave the racing area between races shall notify the RC as soon as possible.
- 17.4 **IOD Class Only:** When code flag 'V' is displayed on the RC signal boat with the IOD Warning Signal IODs are not allowed to fly a spinnaker during that race. This code flag will only be displayed during the IOD starting sequence.

18. BERTHING

- 18.1 Boats shall be returned to and kept in/on their assigned berths/moorings.

19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- 19.1 Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with written permission of the RC.

20. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 20.1 For safety reasons and RC communications all boats are required to carry a working International channels VHF radio. The race channel will be VHF Channel 73.

21. PRIZES

- 21.1 The number of prizes in each class for BBKR will depend on the number of entries in that class.
- 21.2 In the J/105 Class, the overall winning team will be awarded the "**XL Catlin Trophy**".
- 21.3 In the Etchells Class the overall winning team will be awarded the Bermuda Etchells Open Championship, and the winning Bermudian team will be awarded the Bermuda National Championship.
- 21.4 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.



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22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 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.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1 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 Tuesday November 15, 2016 to provide evidence, satisfactory to the OA, of such insurance cover.

24. FURTHER INFORMATION

PROVISION OF BOATS AND SAILS; RESTRICTIONS AND CREW REQUIREMENTS.

- 24.1 Each Bermuda Class Association will be responsible for the certification / measurement of all boats, sails and skippers that race in their respective classes.
- 24.2 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 RC. If permission is granted, the substitute crew member must be weighed and the total number of crew shall continue to meet the weight requirement.
- 24.3 In the **International One Design Class (IOD)**: each crew 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 (see SI 17.4). All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be carried while afloat. Unless the Bermuda Class Association 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. Once crews have registered, there shall be no crew substitution without the written permission of the RC.
- 24.4 In the **J/105 Class**: Each 'boat' 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 RC.



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ADDENDUM A – COURSE CARD

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