



**Bacardi Bermuda Keelboat Regatta
November 15-18, 2017
Royal Bermuda Yacht Club**

NOTICE OF RACE

Abbreviations:

RBVC	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

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 (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:
 - 1.4.1. The Regatta shall be "Level C" as per the [J/105 Class Rule 3.6](#).
 - 1.4.2. 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.
 - 1.4.3. 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" sponsor's bow flags before and after racing when in berthing place.

J105 Class Sponsors



4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. Entry to the regatta is open to all eligible classes however the OA reserves the right to refuse an entry.
- 4.2. Invitees shall confirm their acceptance by submitting completed entry online at [Regatta Network](#) together with the required entry fees not later than October 15, 2017
- 4.3. 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.

5. FEES

Required fee is \$250.

6. SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Registration, and for the Etchells class, weigh-in, will be at the RBYC on Wednesday November 15, 2017 from 1600 hours to 1800 hours. – see NoR 18 for specific class information.
- 6.2. Skippers’ briefing for all classes will be held at 0830 hours Thursday November 16, 2017 at the RBYC.
- 6.3. Opening ceremony will be Wednesday November 15, 2017 at 1800 hours at Bacardi International, Pitts Bay Road.
- 6.4. Awards ceremony will be on Saturday November 19, 2017 at 1800 hours at RBYC. Jacket and tie requested for opening and closing ceremonies.
- 6.5. Dates of racing:
- 6.6. For the IODs, Viper and Etchells Class: There shall be no more than three races per race day.
- 6.7. For the J/105 Class: Twelve races shall be scheduled for the regatta, with up to four (4) races on Thursday November 16th, no more than five (5) races on Friday November 17th and up to four (4) races Saturday November 19th – at the discretion of the RC.
- 6.8. Race schedule

November 16	November 17	November 18
All Classes	All Classes	All Classes

- 6.9. The scheduled warning signal for the first race each day will be 1055 hours.
- 6.10. On the last day of scheduled racing no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SIs will be available from Wednesday November 15, 2017 at the RBYC. Provisional SIs may be available on the event web site (www.rbyc.bm) before this date.

8. VENUES

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

9. THE COURSES

Courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

11. SCORING

11.1. For IOD; Etchells; & Viper 640 Classes:

- five to nine races completed the worst single score will be excluded
- up to four races completed, no score will be excluded.
- A minimum of three completed races is required to constitute a valid series.

11.2. For J/105 Class:

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

12. SUPPORT BOATS

12.1. Support boats shall be registered with the Organising Authority before the first day of racing for the Class(es) supported

13. BERTHING

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

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

With the exception of the Viper 640 fleet, boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with written permission of the RC.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

16. PRIZES

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

16.2. In the J/105 Class, the overall winning team will be awarded the **"XL Catlin Trophy"**.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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.

18. INSURANCE

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 October 15, 2017 to provide evidence, satisfactory to the OA, of such insurance cover.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1. Each Bermuda Class Association will be responsible for the certification / measurement of all boats, sails and skippers that race in their respective classes.
- 19.2. In all classes, when an owner races his/her own boat this will not constitute grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 19.3. *In the Etchells Class:* 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.
- 19.4. *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 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.
- 19.5. *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 RC.
- 19.6. *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.