



**BERMUDA NATIONAL AND OPEN OPTIMIST CHAMPIONSHIP**  
**Royal Bermuda Yacht Club**  
**November 11<sup>th</sup>-13<sup>th</sup> 2017**

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## **ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The regatta is organized by the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (RBYC) with the endorsement of the Bermuda Sailing Association; under the authority of the Bermuda Optimist Dinghy Association (BODA).

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)**

*The notation '[DP]' means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.*

*The notation '[NP]' means Rules that are not grounds for protest by a boat (This changes rule 60.1(a))*

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### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The series will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The Bermuda Sailing Association National Prescriptions shall apply and may be found at [www.sailing.bm](http://www.sailing.bm).
- 1.3. RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.4. Racing rules 61.1, 40, and the preamble to Part 4 will be changed as follows:
  - 1.4.1. RRS 61.1 "Informing the Protestee" is changed as follows: Rule 61.1 (a) is amended by adding the following at the end of paragraph (a), before the word "However"; A boat intending to protest from an incident on the race course shall immediately after finishing proceed directly to the Race Committee (RC) Finish Line Boat, sail on the starboard side of the RC boat and notify the RC that she intends to protest, hail her sail number and the number of the boat she is protesting before leaving the finish line area.
  - 1.4.2. RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows: The first sentence of RRS 40 is deleted and replaced by: "Each competitor shall wear a personal floatation device (PFD) according to class rule 4.2 (a), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing."
  - 1.4.3. Add to the preamble of Part 4, after 'racing': ", except RRS 40 as amend above".

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### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the RBYC.

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### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the SI will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by end of protest time limit on the day before it will take effect.

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### **4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the right yard-arm of the RBYC flagpole facing the water.



- 4.2. Flag AP displayed with one sound means: '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 4.3. [NP][DP] Flag D displayed with one sound means: 'the warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed and competitors may launch'. Boats shall not launch prior to this signal.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

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- 5.1. Schedule of racing as described in the NoR 7.
- 5.2. To alert boats that a start sequence will begin soon, an orange flag defining the starboard end of the starting line will be displayed with one sound one minute before a warning signal is displayed.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

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Championship Fleet will be a white flag with the class insignia.

## 7. RACING AREAS

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Competitors will be informed of the racing area at the competitors briefing as per NoR 7.1.

## 8. THE COURSES

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The diagram in Attachment #1 shows the course, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## 9. MARKS

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Rounding marks shall be yellow tetrahedron marks. Finishing mark shall be an orange ball.

## 10. THE START

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- 10.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee (RC) signal boat at the starboard end and a staff displaying an orange flag on a RC boat at the port end of the starting line.
- 10.3. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

## 11. THE FINISH

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The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Finish Line Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

## 12. PENALTY SYSTEM

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- 12.1. Appendix P "Special Procedures for rule 42" will apply. P2.2 "Second Penalty" is changed to "Second and Subsequent Penalties". There will also be an addition to the end of the first



sentence, “unless her penalty is signaled after she finishes, in which case she shall promptly notify a RC boat that she is retiring”. Appendix P2.3 will not apply.

- 12.2. [NP][DP] A boat that has taken a penalty under rule 44.1 shall complete and sign the penalty acknowledgement log at the protest committee desk before the end of the protest time limit.

### **13. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES**

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- 13.1. Time limits for each race shall be 90 minutes. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within 30 minutes the race will be abandoned.
- 13.2. The target time for each race shall be 50 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 13.3. Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 13.4. Alternative Finish Line — the “Whisky” Rule: When an official boat displays flag “W” with two (2) sounds, boats will be finished (whiskied) by this official boat. This process may take place at a mark of the course or on a leg of the course. When a boat is “finished” in accordance with this instruction she shall be given a finishing place after all boats which completed the course and boats that were whiskied before her.

### **14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

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- 14.1. Protest forms are available at the RBYC located in an envelope on the official notice board. Completed protest forms shall be filed with the RC not later than 60 minutes after the docking of the RC vessel. The end of Protest time limit will be posted on the official notice board.
- 14.2. The same protest time limit applies to all Protests by the RC about incidents they observe in the racing area and for Request for Redress.
- 14.3. A notice will be posted on the official notice board as soon as possible after receipt of Protests to inform competitors there is a hearing in which they are parties to a Protest or named as witnesses.
- 14.4. The posting of hearing notices shall be considered notices as required by RRS 61 and 62.2.
- 14.5. On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
  - 14.5.1. within the Protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous scheduled day;
  - 14.5.2. no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- 14.6. On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

### **15. SCORING**

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- 15.1. Scoring shall be as described in NoR 13.



## **16. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

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- 16.1. [DP] Competitors shall check in with the RC signal boat by sailing on starboard tack past the stern of the boat and hail their sail number until they are acknowledged.
- 16.2. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

## **17. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT**

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[DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **18. OFFICIAL BOATS**

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- 18.1. Official RC boats shall be described to competitors at the daily competitor briefing, and will fly a blue or yellow RC flag.
- 18.2. On-water Jury boats will fly a white flag with a black "U".

## **19. SUPPORT/PARENT/COACH BOATS**

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[DP] Support/Parent/Coach boats shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for start until all boats have finished or retired or the RC signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Attention is drawn to the restricted area and boundaries shown in Attachment #1.

## **20. TRASH DISPOSAL**

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Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

## **21. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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- 21.1. VHF Channel 69 will be used by the RC for communication purposes.
- 21.2. Support/Parent/Coach boats are required to monitor VHF Channel 69 to render assistance as requested by the RC.

## **22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

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Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.



# ATTACHMENT #1

## COURSE 1 – START, 1, 2, 3S/3P, FINISH

