



**Bermuda Keelboat Regatta
November 20-22, 2020
Royal Bermuda Yacht Club**

NOTICE OF RACE

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

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:
 - 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 OA may require competing boats to display event sponsor advertising.
- 2.2. For the J/105 Class, competitors shall display "AXA" sponsor's bow flags before and after racing when in berthing place.

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 required entry fee by November 13, 2020.
- 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

Regatta fee is \$225 for J105/IOD classes; \$150 for Etchells and Viper 640 classes.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1. Etchells weigh-in will be at the RBYC on Thursday November 19, 2020 from 1500 hours to 1700 hours or at time agreed upon with the OA. – see NoR 18 for specific class information.
- 5.2. Skippers' briefing for J105s and IODs will be held at 0830 hours Friday November 20, 2020 via Zoom. Link provided in SIs
- 5.3. Awards ceremony will be on Sunday November 22, 2020 at 1800 hours at RBYC. Smart Resort or Club Dress (no jeans).
- 5.4. All classes *may* have up to five (5) races per day as necessary to maintain the schedule.
- 5.5. For J105s and IODs 9 races are scheduled.
- 5.6. For Etchells and Viper 640 6 races are scheduled.
- 5.7. Race schedule

November 20	November 21	November 22
J105, IOD	All Classes	All Classes

- 5.8. The scheduled warning signal for the first race each day will be 0955 hours.
- 5.9. On the last day of scheduled racing no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SIs will be available from Monday November 17, 2020 online on the event web site (www.rbyc.bm). **There will be no printed copies available for competitors.**

7. VENUES

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

8. THE COURSES

Courses will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty for all violations of Part 2 except for violations that occur within the Zone around a mark, other than a starting mark, and where 44.1(b) applies. This changes RRS 44.1.

10. SCORING

10.1. For J/105, IOD & 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.
- The overall winning team will be awarded the Bermuda Open Championship.
- The overall Bermudian team will be awarded the Bermuda National Championship.

10.2. For the Etchells Class:

- The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A shall apply to all series, with no scores excluded.

- A minimum of three completed races is required to constitute a valid series.
- The overall winning team will be awarded the Bermuda National Championship.

11. SUPPORT BOATS

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

12. BERTHING

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

13. 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.

14. 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.

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 **“AXA Trophy”**.
- 15.3. In the J/105 Cass, the top Bermuda resident team will be awarded ‘Bermuda National Champion 2020’.
- 15.4. In the IOD Class, the overall winning team will be awarded the ‘Armanda Jug’.
- 15.5. In the IOD Class, the top Bermuda resident team will be awarded ‘Bermuda National Champion 2020’.
- 15.6. In the Etchells Class, the top Bermuda resident team will be awarded ‘Bermuda National Champion 2020’.

16. 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.

17. 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, 2019 to provide evidence, satisfactory to the OA, of such insurance cover.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 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.

- 18.3. *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.
- 18.4. *In the IOD:* 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.
- 18.5. *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.
- 18.6. *In the Viper 640 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.