



BERMUDA KEELBOAT REGATTA/BERMUDA KEELBOAT NATIONALS

Royal Bermuda Yacht Club

November 20-22, 2020

ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

The regatta is organized by the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (RBYC) with the endorsement of the Bermuda Sailing Association; under the authority of the respective Bermuda Class Associations.

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))

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 and Code of Conduct shall apply and may be found at www.sailing.bm.
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between the NoR and these SI, the rules in these SIs will take precedence.

2. COMMUNICATIONS

Competitors should note that it is anticipated that all communication for this event will be online. Competitors should note that the RBYC WIFI system may not be accessible and they must have a device which can connect to the internet via an alternative means. [DP]

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

[Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at event page on Regatta Network.](#)

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SIs will be posted before 0830 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.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the right yard-arm of the RBYC flagpole facing the water.
- 5.2. Flag AP displayed with one sound means: '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.




6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. Dates of racing is per NoR 5.7
- 6.2. [Skippers' briefing for J105s and IODs will be held at 0830 hours Friday November 20, 2020 via Zoom.](#)

- 6.3. The *target* number of races for IODs and J105s is three (3) races per day.
- 6.4. The *target* number of races for Etchells fleet is four (4) races per day. This changes NoR 5.6
- 6.5. All classes *may* have up to five (5) races per day as necessary to maintain the schedule.
- 6.6. The scheduled warning signal for each day will be 0955 hours.
- 6.7. On the last day of scheduled racing no warning signal will be made after 1500 hours.
- 6.8. **Awards ceremony will be on Friday January 8, 2021 at 1800 hours at RBYC. This changes NoR 5.3.**

7. CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be:

Class	Insignia	Description
J105		Red Flag with white class insignia
Etchells		Yellow Flag with black class insignia
IOD		Green Flag with white class insignia

8. RACING AREAS

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

9. THE COURSES

- 9.1. Attachment #1 shows the courses, 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. No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee (RC) Signal Boat will display the course number, and the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1.
- 9.2. A leeward gate (two rounding marks) will be used. Boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark. If only one gate mark is set, boats shall round the single mark to port. The gate may be laid after the starting signal.
- 9.3. A windward offset mark will be used. The offset mark may be laid after the starting signal but shall not be used when a course change (SI 12) is signaled.

10. MARKS

Rounding marks shall be yellow tetrahedron marks. The offset mark shall be an orange ball. New marks, as provided in SI 11 will be red inflatable tetrahedrons.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 11.3. To alert boats that a race or a sequence of races is about to begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed **with ONE sound signal not less than TWO minutes before the warning signal is displayed.**
- 11.4. 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.
- 11.5. When Code Flag "W" is displayed with the warning signal, it will mean that spinnakers shall not be hoisted for that class during that race. For IODs this will be an average windspeed of 20 knots or above, recorded by the race committee.

- 11.6. The RC may attempt to notify any boat that breaks RRS 29.1 by broadcasting their sail number on VHF channel 73. The following will not be cause for redress: failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast; a boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers; or failure of the RC to hail a boat's number. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.7. The RC may deploy a 'Keep Off' buoy astern of the RC Signal Boat. This buoy is considered an extension of the RC Signal Boat.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. 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. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2. If the signal is displayed with a Class Flag, it will apply to that class only. This changes RRS 33.
- 12.3. Changes of Course for the windward mark may be made from the bow of the signal boat.
- 12.4. When there is a change of course prior to the start, the RC will signal the change with the warning signal of the class starting in accordance with SI 8.5 but without repetitive sound signals.

13. THE FINISH

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

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. 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.
- 14.2. [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.

15. TIME LIMITS, TARGET TIMES AND WIND LIMITS

- 15.1. All times will be taken from GPS.
- 15.2. Target times shall be 45 minutes for *all* classes.
- 15.3. Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat in her fleet sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 15.4. No races shall be started the average wind (*measured over the previous 5 minutes*) is less than 5 knots nor more than 22 knots. The Race Committee will also take into account the wave conditions and other factors to ensure safe sailing conditions.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1. Protest forms are available at each Club or can be [downloaded from World Sailing website](#). Completed protest forms shall be filed with the Protest Desk on the lower terrace or by emailing to sailingoffice@rbyc.bm no 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.
- 16.2. The same protest time limit applies to all Protests by the RC about incidents they observe in the racing area and for Requests for Redress.
- 16.3. 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.
- 16.4. The posting of hearing notices shall be considered notices as required by RRS 61 and 62.2.
- 16.5. On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- a within the Protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous scheduled day;
 - b no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- 16.6. On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

17 SCORING

Scoring for all classes is per NoR 10.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1. [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.
- 18.2. [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the RC.
- 19.2. [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.

20 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official auxillary RC boats shall be described to competitors at the skippers briefing, and will fly a blue RC flag.

21 SUPPORT BOATS

[DP] Support boats, including spectators, shall not be in the racing area from the time of the competitors warning signal until the race has finished or the RC signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment, unless specifically authorised by the RC as a matter of safety.

22 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

[DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

23 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats.

24. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 24.1. VHF channel 73 will be used by the RC for communication purposes.
- 24.2. Support boats are required to monitor VHF channel 73 and respond immediately to the instructions of the RC and safety boats.
- 24.3. [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. 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.

26. COVID POLICY

By taking part in any of the events covered by these race documents, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID19 and for complying with the RBYC COVID-19 procedures. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct. Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. [DP]

