



2025 BVI Dinghy Championships

Saturday 10 May & Sunday 11 May 2025
The Royal BVI Yacht Club, Tortola, British Virgin Islands

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 The Organizing Authority is the Royal BVI Yacht Club (RBVIYC).
- 1.3 The class rules of the participating classes will apply.
- 1.4 RRS G1.1 will not apply.
- 1.5 Two boats constitutes a fleet.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located at the Nanny Cay Sailing Centre.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any changes to the SIs will be posted on the ONB before 09:30 on the day it will take effect.

4 SCHEDULE

- 4.1 The time for the first warning signal on 10 and 11 May will be confirmed at the skippers briefing at 09:30.
- 4.2 There is no maximum number of races.
- 4.3 No warning signal will be made after 14:30 on 11th of May.

5 CLASS FLAGS

- 5.1 Class flags will be: RSFeva/ILCA - Pink Optimist - Purple

6 RACING AREAS

- 6.1 Racing will take place in the Sir Francis Drake Channel adjacent to Nanny Cay, Tortola.
- 6.2 Boats must not enter the buoyed channel before, during or after the racing with the exception of leaving or going ashore

7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 The courses are detailed in Attachment A.
- 7.2 The start / finish line is closed apart from when starting or finishing.
- 7.3 The marks will be yellow or orange tetrahedrons.

8 THE START

- 8.1 The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and a nearby laid mark.
- 8.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

9 THE FINISH

- 9.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and a nearby laid mark.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 For all classes RRS 44.1 and RRS 44.2 are changed so that the 2-Turns Penalty is replaced by the 1-Turn Penalty

11 HEARING REQUESTS

- 11.1 Competitors are not required to display a red flag. This changes RRS 61.1.
11.2 Hearing request forms will be available from the RBVIYC Nanny Cay Sailing Centre.
11.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the committee boat has docked. This changes RRS 61.2
11.4 A breakdown or variation of a boat provided by the organizing authority shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b)

12 SCORING

- 12.1 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
12.2 One race constitutes a series.
12.3 a) When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
b) When 6 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her races scores excluding her worst score.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 13.1 Competitors shall wear personal floatation devices at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
13.2 Competitors shall check in and check out whenever they arrive / leave the race course area by sailing close to the race committee boat.
13.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee on the water.
13.4 A boat that returns ashore before the end of racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the course area.

14 EVENT ADVERTISING

- 14.1 Boats shall display event advertising if supplied by the organizing authority.

15 SUPPORT BOATS AND COACH BOATS

- 15.1 Coaches, parents and other supporters shall stay outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired.
15.2 All Support and Coach Boats shall be utilized as safety boats and shall be under the direction of the Race Committee should an emergency situation arise.

16 PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes will be awarded in each class/class division at the discretion of the race committee and/or sponsors.
16.2 The Awards Ceremony will take place at 15:30 near the RBVIYC sailing center or as soon as all racing/protests/hearings are concluded on the 11th of May

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. 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.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 18.1 For further information please contact James Campbell at the RBVIYC by email to coach@royalbviyc.org or tel: +1 284 346-7185.

Attachment 1 – Courses

The course for each race and number of laps will be advised by the race committee.

As per SI 7.2, the Start / Finish line is closed apart from when starting or finishing

Should there be only 1 leeward mark it shall be left to port.

Course	Mark rounding order
W1	Start – 1a – 2p/2s – Finish
W2	Start – 1a – 2p/2s – 1a – 2p/2s – Finish
O1	Start – 1 – 2p/2s – Finish
O2	Start – 1 – 2p/2s – 1 – 2p/2s – Finish
OG1	Start – 1 – Finish
OG2	Start – 1 – 2p/2s - Finish
<i>Alternative courses may be advised by the Race Committee</i>	

