



International Moth Regatta

Hamilton, Bermuda

5th to 11th December 2015

The Organising Authority is the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Class and Championship Rules of the International Moth Class Association will apply except for any that are altered by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions
- 1.3 The Bermuda Sailing Association Prescriptions will apply

2. IDENTIFICATION

- 2.1 Sailors will be required to wear sponsor bibs provided by the Organising Authority while on the water.
- 2.2 From Tuesday 8 December onwards, each day while racing, the first, second and third boats in series ranking at the beginning of the day shall wear a yellow, blue and red bib respectively. These bibs will be available at the Race Office each day from two hours before the first scheduled warning signal of the day.

3. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT

Boats may be required to carry on board cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Competitors may also use their own camera recording equipment and attachments, but these are to be removable for weighing. A boat shall not be given redress based on a claim involving this equipment. This changes RRS 62.1

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than two hours before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races, will be posted by 20.00 the day before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located immediately next to the RBYC terrace.

- 6.2 Flag D displayed ashore with one sound signal this means: “the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed or not before the scheduled time, whichever is later. Boats shall not leave their allocated berth until this signal is made”.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 7.1 The Championship schedule will be as follows;
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| Saturday 5 December | 0900 - 1800 | Measurement/Registration/Inspection |
| Sunday 6 December | 0900 - 1800 | Measurement/Registration/Inspection |
| | 1355 warning | Sponsor Race |
| | 1730 | Competitors Briefing |
| | 1800 | Opening Ceremony |
| Monday 7 December | 1055 warning | Racing |
| Tuesday 8 December | 1055 | Racing |
| Wednesday 9 December | 1055 | Racing |
| Thursday 10 December | 1055 | Racing |
| Friday 11 December | 1025 | Racing |
| | 1730 | Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony |
- 7.2 On Friday 11 December there will be no warning signal after 1400.

8. FORMAT OF RACING

The regatta will consist of a Single Series

9. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be a Moth class insignia on a white background

10. RACING AREAS

Attachment B shows the location of the race area.

11. THE COURSE

- 11.1 Attachment A shows the course to be sailed, the order in which the marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, and the signals indicating the number of rounds to be sailed. The course will be displayed on the Race Committee signal boat.
- 11.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing from the race committee boat to Mark 1.

12. MARKS

Mark 1 (gate).....Orange
 Mark 2 (gate)Yellow
 Starting marks.....Race Committee vessels
 Finishing marks.....Race Committee signal boat and Mark 2p

13. THE START

- 13.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks (race committee starting vessels) at each end of the starting line.
- 13.2 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 13.3 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of the boat’s hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26 and Appendix A5.

When flag U is used as the preparatory signal rule 29.1 Individual recall does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD. This changes A11 Scoring Abbreviations.

- 13.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with ONE sound signal not less than FIVE minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

14. CHANGE OF COURSE

There will be no changes of course

15. THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and Mark 2p.
- 15.2 When the leading boat completes the course and finishes, the Race Committee signal boat at the finish will immediately display a chequered flag with a sound signal. The chequered flag will be removed at the end of the finishing window time limit. When the leading boat completes the course and finishes, all boats that cross the finishing line within the finishing window time after the leading boat has finished shall be deemed to have finished irrespective of the number of laps completed. Their position in the race will be taken from their finishing order and the number of laps completed with those having the most laps finishing ahead of those with fewer laps. This changes RRS 28.1 and A4

16. TIME LIMITS

- 16.1 Target time is 30 minutes.
- 16.2 Boats failing to finish one lap within 15 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

17. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.

18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 18.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 18.2 The protest time limit will be posted on the jury notice board located on the RBYC terrace. The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the last boat of each class has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area. This time limit also applies to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 18.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room located in the Club. Hearings may start before the scheduled time with the agreement of all parties.
- 18.4 The race committee or jury intending to protest a boat under RRS 60.2 or 60.3 will comply with RRS 61.1(b) by informing her by posting a notice before the end of the protest time limit..
- 18.5 Breaches of SIs 2, 3, 6.2, 20, 21, 22, 24, 25 and, 26 will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides.
- 18.6 On the last day of fleet racing of each series a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- i) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - ii) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 18.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

19. SCORING

- 19.1 The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply
- 19.2 The Championship will be run as a Single Series
- 19.3 At least FIVE races are required to be completed to constitute the Championship
- 19.4 When fewer than FIVE races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 19.5 When FIVE to NINE races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 19.6 When TEN or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her TWO worst scores.

20. SAFETY

- 20.1 Boats not leaving the shore for the day's races shall notify the race office as soon as possible.
- 20.2. Prior to leaving the shore, each boat shall collect their tally band from the tally board on the RBYC terrace, On returning to shore the band must be returned promptly to the board
- 20.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 20.4. When Flag V is displayed by the race committee signal vessel, coach and other support boats will collaborate with the race committee in rescue tasks.

21. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 21.1 Replacement of helm, crew or equipment shall require written approval of the PRO
- 21.2 Request for replacement of helm, crew or equipment shall be made to the PRO at the first reasonable opportunity.

22. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 22.1 All boats may be inspected for class rules compliance prior to racing.
- 22.2 In addition, any boat or equipment may be checked for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions at any time.
- 22.3 Limitations of equipment
 - Foils may only be changed in the water in the RBYC marina
- 22.4 All boats, when not afloat, shall be placed in the official dinghy park.

23. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be identified as follows:

Race committee boats.....	Flags with letter RC
Jury boats.....	White flags with JURY
Other boat under control of RC.....	MEDIA flag
VIP boats.....	VIP flag

24. SUPPORT BOATS

- 24.1 Coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the area where boats are racing or within 50 metres of any boat racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. This SI does not apply during rescue operations.

- 24.2 All support boats are at all times submitted to the Organising Committee and Race Committee authority, are legally considered as assistance / rescue boats and must comply with any instructions given by these authorities or by the police.

25. TRASH DISPOSAL

As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. The penalty for breaking RRS 55 is at the discretion of the Jury and may be less than disqualification.

26. RADIO COMMUNICATION

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.

27. PRIZES

The Organising Authority will provide prizes to the first FIVE boats as stated in the Notice of Race.

28. RISK STATEMENT

RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
- d) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

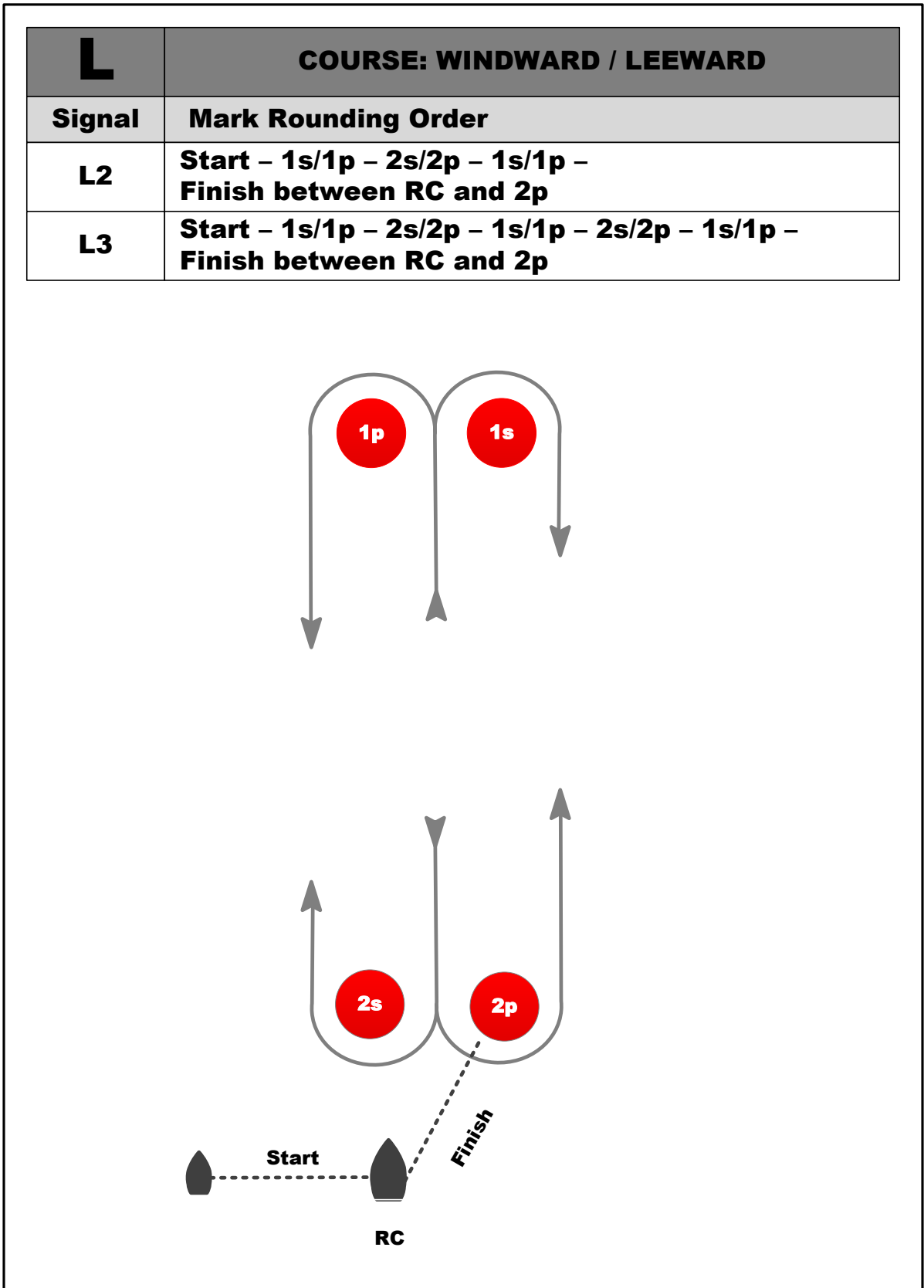
The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

30. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of US\$ 2,000,000 or the equivalent.

Attachment A

Course Diagram



Attachment B

Course Locations

