



2017 Heineken Around the Islands Race

3rd August, 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020.

In the event of a discrepancy between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7

2. ENTRIES

Eligible sail powered craft must have been entered with the applicable fee paid by the deadline for entries of 6:30 pm on Wednesday, 2nd August, 2017.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official regatta notice board at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (RBYC) and on line at www.sailing.bm

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted at the RBYC and on line at www.sailing.bm at least two hours before the advertised warning signal. The change may be announced on VHF Channel 73. It is the responsibility of each competing boat or board to obtain any such changes.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the main flagstaff at the RBYC.

5.2 Code Flag 'N' means 'Racing is abandoned' (three sound signals)

5.3 Code Flag 'AP' means 'All racing postponed' (two sound signals) and boats and boards are advised not to go afloat. The first warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after the removal of AP.

5.4 Code Flag 'S' means 'Shortened Course' as prescribed in the Sailing Instructions.

6. DIVISIONS

6.1 *Division 1 – Dinghies and Sailboards*

6.2 *Division 2 – Racing Keelboats flying spinnakers, multihulls*

6.3 *Division 3 – Traditional/Classic Boats (and non spinnaker keel boats)*

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Each boat/board's division will be confirmed upon registration. One race is scheduled and this constitutes the regatta. Boats/boards will not be required to fly flags or other visual identifiers indicating in which division they are sailing.

8. RACING AREA

The Racing Area will be Hamilton Harbour, the Great Sound and connected waterways.

9. THE COURSE

Islands (marks) shall be left to port unless starboard is designated. Where islands are specified, the island shall be left as designated and the island shall be the mark.

Normal Courses (no course flag)

Divisions 1 & 3

RBVC start
Timlins Narrows
Diving Board Island (Starboard)
Pearl Island (Starboard)
Two Rock passage
Finish RBVC line

Division 2

RBVC start
Two Rock passage
Pearl Island
Grace Island
Darrells Island
Dagger Rocks
Diving Board Island (Starboard)
Pearl Island (Starboard)
Two Rock passage
Whites Island
Finish RBVC line

Shortened Course (Code flag 'S' will be displayed at the start)

Divisions 1 & 3

RBVC start
Mark #1 Dagger Rocks Starboard
Mark #2 Channel Mark #46 Starboard
Finish RBVC line

Division 2

RBVC start
Mk #1 Grace Island Starboard
Mk #2 102 Starboard
Finish RBVC line

10. THE START

10.1 There will be two starts with keelboats (Division 2) and classics (Division 3) starting first, followed by dinghies and sailboards. The starting signal for Divisions 2 and 3 will be the warning signal for Division 1.

10.2 Boats/boards shall keep clear of the starting area until their warning signal and shall give room to all boats whose start precedes theirs. Boats/boards risk being penalized if seen to interfere with a boat whose start precedes their own.

10.3 A boat/board starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting time shall be scored DNS without a hearing. This SI shall not be grounds for protest by another boat/board. This changes RRS 60.1

10.4 The starting line consists of an extension of the line formed by the transit of the RBYC main flagstaff and the black triangle on the RBYC roof.

11. RECALLS

There will be no general recall. Individual recalls shall not be signaled. Boats/boards starting prematurely and failing to return to the start properly shall be assessed a time penalty which shall be added to their elapsed finishing time as follows: Divisions 1 & 3 – 5 minutes; Division 2 - 10 minutes; this will be added to the time she was on the course side before her starting signal. Any boat/board crossing the starting line more than three minutes before her starting signal and failing to return to start properly will be scored OCS; this changes RRS 28.1, 29.1, A4.2.

12. THE FINISH

The finish line shall be the same as the starting line (SI 10.4).

13. TIME LIMIT

All racing shall finish by 2:00 pm. Any boat/board not having crossed the finish line at 2:00 pm shall be scored 'Did Not Finish – DNF'. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14. PROTESTS are discouraged. However knowing the nature of sailing, they can arise and it is the solemn duty of the BSA to provide a mechanism for hearing protests. Therefore all protests will be heard only after both a substantial donation to the Endeavour Programme and completion of the following special ritual by all skippers involved in the protest. The protestor and protestee will be required to tread water simultaneously (with no floatation aids) for five minutes off the RBYC floating docks holding a large BSA approved "weight". The "weight" will be made available especially for the ordeal and may be made available for viewing prior to the race. The "weight" may be handed back and forth between the parties if necessary, but it must be returned to the dock at the end of the exercise. Unfortunately, if the "weight" cannot be retrieved after the first group performs their ordeal, then no further protests can be heard unless damage has occurred.

Additionally, any participants in the ritual automatically assume race committee duty for next year's race. This changes RRS Part 5, Sections A and B.

15. PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT

RRS 44.1 is amended to a One-Turn Penalty

16. ADVERTISING

This is a "Category A" event as described in RRS, Section II, Appendix 1, Regulation 20.3.1.

17. PRIZES

Prizes donated by the principle sponsor will be awarded to the winner of each division, unless the winner is a youth competitor whereupon the BSA will award an alternative prize at its discretion.

18. DISCLAIMER

The Bermuda Sailing Association and members of the Organizing Committee and the Race Committee shall not be liable for accidents or mishaps that occur before, during or after the Race. Competitors are warned that this is a Distance Race and normal hazards relating to navigational skill and seamanship shall exist. Classes and competitors shall provide their own rescue craft as deemed prudent and necessary to ensure personal safety.

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