



NEWPORT BERMUDA RACE 2014

NOTICE OF RACE

Incorporating Amendments Nos. 1–3.

Starting June 20, 2014

The Newport Bermuda Race is open to eligible yachts whose Captains have been invited to participate by the Bermuda Race Organizing Committee. The first warning signal is scheduled for 1250 EDT, Friday, June 20, 2014. The race, scored using ORR and IRC, is a major part of the Onion Patch series and a qualifying event for the Northern Ocean Racing Trophy and New England Lighthouse Series. The official time-zone for the race is North American EDT; all fees USD via major credit card.

1. MANAGEMENT

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (“OA”) is the Bermuda Race Organizing Committee (“BROC”) through the joint efforts of The Cruising Club of America and the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The OA shall have the authority to interpret the conditions governing the event, accept or reject entries, and assign yachts to divisions.

2. RULES

The Newport Bermuda Race will be governed by the following:

- 2.1 The *rules*, as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”), including US Sailing prescriptions thereto, except as modified by the Sailing Instructions;
- 2.2 The current IRC Rule (“IRC”) for yachts so entered, including the US Sailing Prescription to IRC Rule 21.6.1(b);
- 2.3 The current Offshore Racing Rule (“ORR”);
- 2.4 The current Newport Bermuda Race Safety Requirements (“NBRSR”), a copy of which is available on the race website, and any amendments thereto;
- 2.5 This Notice of Race (“NoR”); and
- 2.6 The Sailing Instructions, including any changes to the rules that appear therein, e.g.:

- a.) RRS Part 2 will be replaced by Part B, the Steering and Sailing Rules, of the current International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (“COLREGs”) between the hours of local sunset and local sunrise;
 - b.) RRS 41, Outside Help, will be modified to allow the reception of certain satellite radio products to be defined in the Sailing Instructions;
 - c.) RRS 44, Penalties at the Time of an Incident, will be deleted and replaced with: If a yacht causes injury or serious damage, or gains a significant advantage in the race by her breach of a rule, her penalty shall be to retire. The jury may impose suitable penalties other than disqualification, including time penalties, for breaches of a rule. This will change RRS 44 and 64.1(a); and
 - d.) RRS 51 and RRS 52 will be modified for certain divisions, as further defined below.
- 2.7 Succeeding rules in the enumerated list above shall take precedence where there is a conflict. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 2.8 Rules documents will be posted or linked on the race website: www.bermudarace.com.
- 2.9 The Official Notice Board will be located at Race Headquarters (NoR 18), and on the race website during racing.

3. ADVERTISING

In accordance with RRS 80, advertising on yachts shall comply with ISAF Regulation 20. Yachts shall provide a brief description of any advertising carried during the race upon Entry. The OA will reject any advertising not compliant with ISAF Regulation 20.2.3.

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Yacht Eligibility

- a.) Except as otherwise provided herein, yachts eligible for entry must be monohull sailing vessels that have:
 - i.) applied for a valid Full Measurement ORR rating certificate;
 - ii.) an ORR “SI” (stability index) of at least 115.0;
 - iii.) an ORR “L” of at least 27.5 feet;
 - iv.) specifications, equipment, and crew that comply with the NBRSR to the satisfaction of the Chief Inspector; and

- v.) a minimum complement of four persons consisting of a captain and crew who have demonstrated and documented recent competency in offshore yacht racing or passages to the satisfaction of the OA.
- b.) Yachts with an age or series date of December 2009 or earlier shall supply evidence of compliance with NBRSR 1.8 (scantlings) by proof of American Bureau of Shipping or European Recreational Craft Directive Category A status. In the absence of such evidence, the OA may consider the qualification of a yacht by virtue of its offshore history and/or a current survey specifically addressing characteristics of design, construction, and maintenance that determine the suitability of the yacht for offshore/ocean racing.
- c.) Upon application, the OA may, at its discretion, waive the minimum ORR "L" of 27.5 feet for yachts that have previously participated in the Newport Bermuda Race, and the maximum LOA herein specified for the Open Division.
- d.) Yachts with movable or variable ballast need not have an ORR "SI" of at least 115.0, but must provide written evidence of compliance with NBRSR Appendix 2 to the satisfaction of the OA not later than **1700, June 6, 2014**.

4.2 Crew Eligibility

- a.) The terms "crew," "sailor," or "competitor" as used in this NoR and other race documents, mean any person who will be aboard an entered yacht during the race, including the Captain.
- b.) The term "Captain," as used in this NoR and other race documents, means the person, whether or not the owner of the yacht, who is designated on the entry form as "Captain" and who is the Person in Charge of the yacht during the race, including for purposes of RRS 46 and NBRSR 1.2. The Captain is responsible for at least: (1) the yacht; (2) her handling and safety; (3) the conduct of her crew before, during, and after the race; and (4) compliance with the rules. *See* NoR 14.1.
- c.) The Newport Bermuda Race is not a race for novices. All Captains and crew should have experience sailing a yacht offshore and be prepared to encounter heavy weather. The Captain and Navigator shall have successfully completed the 2010 or 2012 Newport Bermuda Race in their respective capacities. Otherwise, the OA may require the Captain, Navigator and/or Watch Captain(s) to provide evidence of offshore experience.

- d.) All Captains and crew must maintain a valid ISAF Sailor Classification for the duration of the race in accordance with ISAF Regulation 22. *See* NoR 5.6 and 8.

5. ENTRY & FEES

- 5.1 The Newport Bermuda Race is an invitational event. The OA reserves the right to accept, reject, or invalidate the entry of any yacht, Captain or crew, and limit the total number of entries accepted. Entry is conditioned on the yacht's satisfactory and timely measurement, inspection, and crew list with time being of the essence in all respects. *See* NoR 12.2 (time penalties).
- 5.2 **Step 1.** A Captain desiring to enter a yacht may, after January 13, 2014, request an invitation by completing an Application for Entry ("AFE") and paying a non-refundable \$50.00 fee on the race website before **1700, April 1, 2014**, after which late penalties begin to apply.
- 5.3 The OA will evaluate the AFE and may require the Captain, Navigator and/or Watch Captain(s) to submit an Offshore Experience Form pursuant to NoR 4.2(c). Upon determining Eligibility of the yacht and her crew, the OA may invite the Captain to enter the race, and in such case will grant the Captain further access to the online entry system.
- 5.4 **Step 2.** Invited Captains may enter the race using the online entry system and by filing the following supporting documentation with the OA not later than the "**Entry Deadline**" of **1700, May 16, 2014**, via documents@bermudarace.com, fax: (401) 537-9157, or online form, if applicable:
- a.) Supplemental Information Form.....online form
 - b.) On-Shore Contact Person.....online form
 - c.) Special Trophy Information.....optional online form
 - d.) Onion Patch Entry Formoptional online form
 - e.) Captain's Waiver.....online form
 - f.) Details of Advertising Carried, if any NoR 3
 - g.) Evidence of scantlings compliance, if applicable NBRSR 1.8
 - h.) Stability Calculations for Movable Ballast Yachts..... NBRSR 2.2.3
- 5.5 **Step 3.** Yachts shall pay an entry fee of \$1,200.00 plus \$65.00 per crew member via the online entry system before the Entry Deadline: **1700, May 16, 2014**.
- 5.6 **Step 4.** All Captains and crew shall use the online entry system to complete and execute a Crew Information and Waiver Form, including their valid ISAF Sailor

ID (expiration not before June 28, 2014), before the “**Crew Deadline**” of **1700, June 1, 2014**. The OA will use information collected on these forms to determine the eligibility of the Captain’s yacht for certain divisions/trophies, and populate Crew Lists for publication.

- 5.7 After the Crew Deadline, amendments to Crew Lists may be made upon written application and personal appearance by the Captain to the Race Chairman evidencing exceptional circumstances (e.g., death, illness, injury, bona fide business interruption, family obligations, etc.). Permission for such amendments shall not constitute an automatic waiver of penalty under NoR 12.2.

6. MEASUREMENTS

6.1 Ratings

- a.) Yachts shall request ORR and/or IRC measurement, if necessary, by email to an approved measurer and Offshore@ussailing.org not later than **1700, May 7, 2014**. Such email shall indicate when the yacht will be ready for measurement and request an acknowledgement email from the measurer for this purpose.
- b.) Yachts shall submit a completed application, renewal, or amendment, including all measurements, to US Sailing for a “Full Measurement” ORR certificate reflecting the use of spinnakers before the “**Measurements Deadline**” of **1700, May 22, 2014**. Yachts entering a division with dual scoring and electing to race under both ORR and IRC shall also submit a completed application, renewal, or amendment, including all measurements, for an “Endorsed” IRC certificate to their Member National Authority (“MNA”) before the Measurements Deadline.
- c.) If a yacht has design features not permitted by ORR, such yacht may apply to the OA for the use of an Experimental ORR certificate. If the OA determines that the yacht’s design features can be fairly rated, the OA may petition the Offshore Racing Association to consider approval of an experimental rating certificate, and recommend the approval of same to US Sailing. Such certificates will be issued for entry in the Open Division of the 2014 Newport Bermuda Race only. Alternatively, if the OA determines that those design features cannot be fairly rated, the OA may, at its sole discretion in limited circumstances, invite the yacht to enter the Spirit of Tradition Division under NoR 7.9.
- d.) **Sail Measurements.** The Measurer Verified sail measurements for ORR or IRC ratings may be declared and submitted in advance of building and measuring the sails. Once built, but not later than **1700, June 6, 2014**, the

measurer must acknowledge to US Sailing (or the yacht's rating MNA) receipt of sail certificates confirming that no sail exceeds the declared measurements.

- e.) **Sail Inventories.** Except as otherwise provided herein or in the Sailing Instructions, all yachts shall comply with the sail restrictions specified in ORR 10.02.1 and, if she is entered in IRC, by IRC 21 and the US Sailing Prescription to IRC Rule 21.6.1(b). Sails other than those permitted by these rules may be aboard provided they are stowed separately and marked clearly: "not for racing."
- f.) **Measurements Deadline Extension.** Subject at all times to RRS 2, the OA may, at its discretion, grant a "Provisional Extension" of the time by which a yacht must comply with NoR 6.1(b) to 1700, June 6, 2014, provided:
 - i.) by 1700, May 1, 2014, the OA receives a written request for such Provisional Extension that provides a detailed timeline of her efforts to comply with NoR 6.1(b) and the reasons for her inability to do so;
 - ii.) by the Measurements Deadline, the appropriate rating/rule authority receives her application for a trial certificate for each of the rating systems under which she is entered;
 - iii.) her timely ORR trial certificate application includes a full description of the yacht for ORR rating purposes, as she will be raced in the Newport Bermuda Race, to the satisfaction of the rating authority;
 - iv.) any discrepancies between the trial certificate(s) and the final full measurement/endorsed certificate(s) are within reasonable actual measurement tolerances, as determined by the rating/rule authority for each certificate and the OA; and
 - v.) the OA may revoke a yacht's Provisional Extension upon her failure to comply with any part of NoR 6.1(f), in which case the race committee shall protest the yacht under NoR 12.2. Revocation of a Provisional Extension shall not be grounds for redress.
- g.) The US Sailing Offshore Office will inform the race committee if a yacht fails to meet any of the measurement deadlines defined herein. The Offshore Office will also identify those yachts that, in spite of timely scheduling and presenting the yacht for measurement at the appointed

time, failed to meet the deadline because of: (1) foul weather preventing measurement, or (2) measurer unavailability. *See* NoR 12.2.

6.2 **Inspections.** Yachts are subject to inspection and re-inspection both before and after the race, including immediately after finishing. A yacht's failure to be in compliance may result in the invalidation of her entry before her start or protest after her finish.

- a.) A yacht's entry is conditioned on her having been inspected to the satisfaction of the Chief Inspector according to the rules before the **Inspections Deadline: 1700, June 6, 2014**. Such inspections shall be made in accordance with the procedures outlined in the inspection documents published by the Chief Inspector.
- b.) It remains the Captain's responsibility to comply with the rules and arrange with a race inspector a mutually acceptable time and place for the pre-race inspection. Pre-race inspections should take place as soon as possible after the yacht's entry fee is paid.
- c.) A yacht failing to meet the Inspections Deadline may be subject to a penalty (NoR 12.2). Yachts will not be eligible for Newport Check-In (NoR 13.1) before all inspection deficiencies have been resolved to the satisfaction of the Chief Inspector.
- d.) The race committee or inspectors shall endeavor to re-inspect some percentage of the fleet immediately after finishing, including at least all potential prize-winning yachts.
- e.) **Required On Board Documentation.** All yachts shall have the following documents aboard in paper copy from 0800 on the day of her start until 48 hours after finishing:
 - i.) ORR Certificate..... NBR SR 2.2.1
 - ii.) IRC Certificate, if dual-scored NoR 6.1(b)
 - iii.) Life Raft Inspection Certificate(s) NBR SR 3.39
 - iv.) 406 EPIRB Registration(s) NBR SR 3.16.1
 - v.) Safety-at-Sea Participation List NBR SR 5.2
 - vi.) On Board Training Certificate NBR SR 5.3
 - vii.) CPR and First Aid Certificates NBR SR 5.6
 - viii.) ABS/CE Builder's Letter, if required NoR 4.1(b)
 - ix.) Stability Calculations for Movable Ballast Yachts..... NBR SR 2.2.3
 - x.) Inspection Checklist (completed).

7. DIVISIONS

- 7.1 The OA will use the following division descriptions as guidelines to assign yachts to appropriate divisions and ensure even competition. The OA shall have complete authority to determine the suitability of any yacht for entry into any division, and may divide any division into classes at its discretion. Division assignments by the OA are final and are not subject to protest or redress.
- 7.2 The OA will use the Newport Bermuda Race Performance Screen (“Performance Screen”) and the Classification limits under NoR 8 below to divide yachts between the St. David’s Lighthouse and Gibbs Hill Lighthouse Divisions. The Performance Screen does not apply to any other division.
- a.) The Performance Screen is calculated by taking the ratio of two performance parameters: the Sail Area/Displacement Ratio divided by the Displacement/Length Ratio. The Performance Screen is calculated using the upwind sail area first, then the downwind area. The average of those two screens is taken as the Performance Screen. The values for sail area, displacement, and length are taken from the ORR certificate, on which the Performance Screen will be printed. Preliminary Performance Screens may be obtained from US Sailing’s Offshore Office.
- b.) Yachts with Performance Screens above 0.72 may enter only the Gibbs Hill Lighthouse Division, and must satisfy all other requirements of that division. Yachts with Performance Screens below 0.48 may enter only the St. David’s Lighthouse division, and must satisfy all other requirements of that division. Yachts whose Performance Screen is between 0.48 and 0.72 may enter either the Gibbs Hill or St. David’s Lighthouse Division, and must satisfy all other requirements of the division in which she is entered.
- 7.3 Yachts in the St. David’s Lighthouse Division and the Gibbs Hill Lighthouse Division will compete for the fastest elapsed time record.
- 7.4 St. David’s Lighthouse Division
- a.) Eligible yachts shall have the following:
- i.) ORR GPH not less than (faster than) 400 seconds per mile;
- ii.) LOA not greater than 100 feet (30.48 meters); and
- iii.) Performance Screen less than 0.72. (Note: Yachts with Performance Screens greater than 0.48 but less than 0.72 may elect to enter either the St. David’s or Gibbs Hill Lighthouse Division.)

- b.) Yachts in this division may elect to be scored under IRC in addition to ORR.

7.5 Gibbs Hill Lighthouse Division

- a.) Eligible yachts shall have the following:
 - i.) ORR GPH not less than (faster than) 340 seconds per mile, nor greater than (slower than) 600 seconds per mile;
 - ii.) LOA not greater than 100 feet (30.48 meters); and
 - iii.) Performance Screen greater than 0.48. (Note: Yachts with Performance Screens greater than 0.48 but less than 0.72 may elect to enter either the St. David's or Gibbs Hill Lighthouse Division.)
- b.) Yachts in this division may elect to be scored under IRC in addition to ORR.
- c.) At the discretion of the OA, yachts with rated movable water ballast that have previously competed in the Gibbs Hill Lighthouse Division of the Newport Bermuda Race may be granted a waiver to participate in this division in 2014.

7.6 Cruiser Division

- a.) Eligible yachts shall have the following:
 - i.) ORR GPH not less than (faster than) 400 seconds per mile;
 - ii.) LOA not greater than 85.3 feet (26.000 meters); and
 - iii.) ORR rating for "centerline asymmetric spinnakers."
- b.) Yachts in the Cruiser Division will be scored using their ORR ratings for centerline asymmetric spinnakers. However, yachts may carry only one declared spinnaker for use while racing. The tack of this spinnaker shall be attached at the centerline of the yacht. The tack may be at the stem, end of a bowsprit, or end of a sprit permanently installed at the bow of the yacht for the purpose of tacking down an asymmetrical cruising spinnaker. The sail must be made of nylon or polyester. Sail measurements and tack point shall be declared in the ORR certificate application.
- c.) Power-driven winches and furlers, and mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices will be permitted. This modifies RRS 52.

- d.) Cruiser Division yachts shall not carry a light staysail as defined in ORR 10.02.1. Only one jib may be set on a given forestay at a time. Luffs of jibs must be fully attached to a forestay.
- e.) Yachts may carry a pole for winging-out a jib. (This paragraph supersedes ORR Rule 9.05.1.b.) If a pole is carried aboard the yacht, it shall not be used to shift the tack of the spinnaker, nor may it be used for sheeting the spinnaker. A winged-out jib shall not be flown at the same time as the spinnaker.
- f.) Poles longer than "J" are not permitted for winging-out jibs. Headsails shall not be winged-out on the same side as the mainsail.

7.7 Double-Handed Division

- a.) Eligible yachts shall have the following:
 - i.) ORR GPH not less than (faster than) 520 seconds per mile;
 - ii.) LOA not greater than 65.6 feet (20.00 meters); and
 - iii.) total crew of two persons.
- b.) Power-driven winches and furlers, and mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices will be permitted. This modifies RRS 52. Yachts shall comply with RRS 51, except RRS 51 will be modified to allow the moving of declared water ballast only.

7.8 Open Division

- a.) Eligible yachts shall have a LOA not greater than 100 feet (30.48 meters), unless waived under NoR 4.1(c).
- b.) Power-driven winches and furlers will be permitted. This modifies RRS 52. The use of power-driven winches and/or furlers shall be declared at the time of entry, and will result in a rating adjustment to be determined by the OA and applied to the yacht's ORR rating.
- c.) Open Division yachts shall comply with RRS 51, except that RRS 51 will be modified to allow the moving of declared water ballast and cant keels only.

7.9 Spirit of Tradition Division

- a.) Eligible yachts shall have the following:
 - i.) an invitation to race under NoR 6.1(c);
 - ii.) LOA not greater than 100.0 feet (30.48 meters); and

- iii) LWL not less than 45 feet (13.72 meters).
- b.) NoR 2.2, 2.3, 4.1(a)(i), 4.1(a)(ii), 6.1(a), 6.1(b), 6.1(e), 6.1(f), and 16 shall not apply to yachts in the Spirit of Tradition Division.
- c.) Power-driven winches and furlers are permitted in the Spirit of Tradition Division. This modifies RRS 52.

8. CLASSIFICATION

The following classification rules shall apply (*see* RRS 79):

- 8.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code (ISAF Regulation 22) applies to all Captains and crew in all divisions. Both the OA and the ISAF Classification Commission strongly caution sailors to understand the specific implications herein concerning classification, especially with respect to Group 3 (professional) sailors, as defined in the ISAF Sailor Classification Code. ORR Rule 4.03 entitled "Crew Limitations on Professionals" shall not apply.
- 8.2 Crews in the St. David's Lighthouse, Spirit of Tradition, and Cruiser divisions shall comply with NoR 5.6 and may include Group 3 sailors within the following limits:
- a.) St. David's Lighthouse and Spirit of Tradition Division yacht crews:

<u>Total Crew:</u>	4-5	6-9	10-13	14-17	18-21	22-25	26-29	30+
<u>Limit:</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9
 - b.) Cruiser Division yacht crews:

<u>Total Crew:</u>	4-7	8-12	13-17	18-22	23-27	28-32	33+
<u>Limit:</u>	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
 - c.) Group 3 sailors shall not steer a yacht in the St. David's Lighthouse, Spirit of Tradition, or Cruiser divisions while racing unless that sailor:
 - i.) has at least a one-third partner financial interest in ownership of the yacht; or
 - ii.) is steering while giving all possible help to any person or vessel in danger, provided that such steering is documented in detail with the yacht's timely-filed Certificate of Compliance. *See* NoR 13.3.
- 8.3 One Group 3 sailor per yacht is permitted in the Double-Handed Division. Both sailors may steer while racing.

- 8.4 There are no classification related crew limits or steering restrictions in the Gibbs Hill Lighthouse or Open divisions.
- 8.5 **Classification Protests.** Yachts may be protested with respect to one or more of their crew's ISAF Sailor Classification(s) before the Classification Protest Time Limit: **1700, Friday, June 13, 2014.** The OA or Jury Secretary will post such protests on the Official Notice Board by 0900, Saturday, June 14, 2014. The time limit for Classification Protests, other than by yachts, shall be 1700, June 27, 2014.
- 8.6 For purposes of ISAF Regulation 22.5.6, the "commencement of the event" shall be the Crew Deadline: 1700, June 1, 2014. *See* NoR 5.6 and 5.7.
- 8.7 When the race committee believes that a yacht or her crew may have committed a breach of NoR 8, it shall protest such yacht.
- 8.8 Penalties for breaches of NoR 8 shall be determined by the International Jury and *may well* include disqualification and action under RRS 2 and/or RRS 69, but shall, in any event, be assessed in accordance with the following:
- a.) The penalty for breach of NoR 8.2(a) or 8.2(b) following a classification protest may be disqualification, and such protested yacht, her Captain, and her Navigator shall be ineligible for any trophy, prize, or award; and
 - b.) The penalty for each breach of NoR 8.2(c) shall be not less than one hour of elapsed time or ten times the duration of each breach, whichever is greater.
- 8.9 The Captain's ignorance or mistake of a sailor's ISAF classification status, as published by ISAF and reflected on the yacht's entry documents at the time of starting, shall not be a defense to a protest under NoR 8; and
- 8.10 The Captain shall be presumed to possess a general familiarity with his or her crew, including personal details that affect a sailor's ISAF classification status, but such presumption shall be rebuttable.

9. **START**

The race will start off Newport, Rhode Island, with a first warning signal scheduled for 1250, Friday, June 20, 2014.

10. **COURSE**

The course will be from the *Start* to the finish off St. David's Lighthouse, Bermuda, leaving the Islands of Bermuda to starboard, and as further defined in the Sailing Instructions.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the race website before the Captains' Meeting.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 An International Jury will be constituted in accordance with RRS Appendix N.
- 12.2 The race committee may protest any yacht that has failed to meet any deadline specified in NoR 4 (Eligibility), 5 (Entry and Fees), 6 (Measurements - Ratings and Inspections), 13.1 (Newport Check-In), and/or the Sailing Instructions (Bermuda Check-In). Such protests shall be subject to the following penalties:
- a.) The penalty for each breach shall be the addition of at least 10 minutes to the yacht's elapsed time for each 24-hour period or any part thereof for which the yacht failed to meet each deadline; and
 - b.) Penalties shall be calculated such that each late document or act is an independent breach subject to its own penalty.
- 12.3 Any yacht that suffers accidental damage after the filing of her measurement certificate that requires her to apply for and file a new certificate after the Measurement Deadline (NoR 6.1) may request a waiver of the penalty defined in NoR 12.2, provided that, for other than the accidental damage, she would have been able to comply in all respects with the dates specified in NoR 6.1. The new certificate must be filed not later than 1700, June 17, 2014.
- 12.4 All time penalties shall be applied consecutively, not concurrently.

13. REGISTRATION

- 13.1 **Newport Check-In.** Each Captain, or his agent bearing the Captain's express authorization, shall report to Race Headquarters in Newport for Check-In after noon, Sunday, June 15, 2014, but not later than **1600, Wednesday, June 18, 2014.**
- a.) The following tasks shall be completed at Newport Check-In:
 - i.) Submit all outstanding documents and fees;
 - ii.) Receive OA supplied/rented transponder upon agreement;
 - iii.) Attest to reading, understanding, and accepting this NoR and the Inspection documents; and
 - iv.) Receive two tickets to the Captains' Meeting.
 - b.) Neither the OA nor the race committee shall check-in any yacht whose entry and inspection procedures are incomplete.

- c.) Captains and crew should pre-clear Bermuda Immigration at Race Headquarters in Newport to avoid delays doing so upon arrival in Bermuda. In any event, Captains must clear their yacht with H.M. Customs Bermuda upon arrival.
- 13.2 **Captains' Meeting.** The OA and race committee will hold a Captains' Meeting at **1700, Thursday, June 19, 2014**, at Jane Pickens Theater in Newport (tickets required). Not more than two (2) sailors from each yacht shall attend the Captains' Meeting.
- 13.3 The Sailing Instructions shall require Captains to appear at Race Headquarters at Royal Bermuda Yacht Club and file a Certificate of Compliance after finishing.
- 14. RESPONSIBILITY, LIABILITY, AND MEDIA**
- 14.1 All Captains are solely responsible for the structural integrity of their yachts and their fitness to undertake a safe ocean voyage. In addition, all Captains are under a continuing obligation to ensure that their yacht and crew comply with the rules before the Start, during the race, and after Prize Giving, including correcting errors made during the Entry, Measurement, or Registration processes, lest they jeopardize their entry and future invitations or face protest.
- 14.2 **Misconduct Afloat or Ashore.** In the event of a serious breach of conduct by a competitor while in Newport, Bermuda, or in between, the pertinent yacht may be subject to protest by the race committee and penalties or disqualification.
- 14.3 **Risk.** Competitors participate in this race entirely at their own risk. *See* RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Bermuda Race Organizing Committee, The Cruising Club of America, Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, race sponsors, affiliated companies, and their employees bear no responsibility for accidents, damage, or injuries to yachts or their crew arising from any cause during the race or related activities, including their negligence. The Captain's responsibility is as set out in the NBRSSR and defined on the Entry Forms, including the Captain's Waiver.
- 14.4 **Waiver of Liability.** As a condition of entry, the owner or charterer of an entered yacht and each sailor shall submit a signed Crew Information & Waiver Form to the OA by the Entry Deadline (for Captains) or the Crew Deadline (for crew). *See* NoR 5.6.
- 14.5 **Media and Commercial Rights.** Competitors shall acknowledge on the Crew Information & Waiver Form that the OA owns all media and commercial rights to the Newport Bermuda Race. Competitors will further grant to the OA the unrestricted and perpetual right to use and publish any biographical information, text and images arising from the Newport Bermuda Race. The OA

will exercise these rights in its sole discretion or as it may agree with the race's sponsors. Newport Bermuda Race; The Cruising Club of America; Royal Bermuda Yacht Club; club burgees; the lighthouse race logos; certain other logos and marks are trademarks or registered trademarks of the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club and The Cruising Club of America in the United States and other countries. All Rights Reserved. Use is prohibited without written permission from the pertinent club.

15. SCHEDULE

The OA will maintain an official race and social schedule on the race website, including:

1700, April 1	Application for Entry (AFE) Deadline
1700, May 7	Deadline to request rating measurement (NoR 6.1(a))
1700, May 16	Entry Deadline (Forms, Fees, Docs. and Capt's Waiver)
1700, May 22	Measurements Deadline (rating data to MNA)
1700, June 1	Crew Deadline (Crew Information & Waiver Forms)
1700, June 6	Inspections Deadline and sail measurement confirmation
1700, June 13	Classification Protest Time Limit
June 15-18	Newport Headquarters Open for Check-In
1700, June 19	Captains' Meeting
1250, June 20	First Warning Signal (as scheduled)
June 22-27	Bermuda Headquarters Open for Check-In
1800, June 28	Prize Giving

16. SCORING

- 16.1 The Newport Bermuda Race will be scored using ORR. Yachts in certain divisions may elect to be scored under IRC too, as provided herein.
- 16.2 Corrected Times for all ORR yachts will be calculated using Performance Curve Scoring (PCS) for Bermuda Course.
- 16.3 Time allowances for IRC yachts will be calculated using the yacht's TCC on a Time On Time (TOT) basis.
- 16.4 The course distance for scoring all Divisions will be 635 nautical miles.

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 Prize Giving will be on Saturday, June 28, 2014. Attendance is by invitation only.
- 17.2 **Corrected Time Class Prizes.** The OA will present class prizes for up to the first four places on corrected time in each ORR class, depending upon the number of yachts in that class. The OA will present first in class prizes in the St. David's Lighthouse and Gibbs Hill Lighthouse Divisions for yachts submitting Endorsed IRC certificates.
- 17.3 **Corrected Time Division Prizes.** The OA will present the following prizes for First Place on corrected time in each division under the scoring system noted:
- a.) St. David's Lighthouse Division St. David's Lighthouse Trophy (ORR)
 - b.) Gibbs Hill Lighthouse Division Gibbs Hill Lighthouse Trophy (ORR)
 - c.) St. David's & Gibbs Hill Divs. comb'd..... North Rock Beacon Trophy (IRC)
 - d.) Cruiser Division Carleton Mitchell *Finisterre* Trophy (ORR)
 - e.) Double-Handed Division..... Phillip S. Weld and *Moxie* Prizes (ORR)
 - f.) Open Division..... Royal Mail Cup (ORR)
- 17.4 **Elapsed Time Prizes.** The OA will present prizes to the first yacht to finish in these divisions:
- a.) St. David's & Gibbs Hill Divs. combined The Corp. of Hamilton Trophy
 - b.) Cruiser Division The Herbert L. Stone Memorial Trophy
 - c.) Open Division..... First to Finish Prize
 - d.) Spirit of Tradition Division..... The *War Baby* Trophy
- 17.5 Additional prizes will be offered and awarded as detailed in the final Prize List issued by the OA and available at bermudarace.com.

18. FOR MORE INFORMATION

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