

NEWPORT BERMUDA RACE 2014

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. RULES

The Newport Bermuda Race will be governed by the following:

- 1.1 The *rules*, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (“RRS”), including US Sailing prescriptions thereto, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions (“SI”), including:
 - a. RRS Part 2 is replaced by Part B, the Steering and Sailing Rules, of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (“COLREGs”) between the hours of local sunset and local sunrise;
 - b. RRS 41, Outside Help, is modified to permit the receipt of SiriusXM and XM WX satellite radio subscription products (including marine weather, aviation weather, and all audio channels);
 - c. RRS 44, Penalties at the Time of an Incident, is 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 changes RRS 44 and 64.1;
 - d. Double-Handed Division yachts may move declared water ballast, and Open Division yachts may move declared water ballast and cant keels. This changes RRS 51;
 - e. Power-driven winches and furlers, and mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices are permitted in the Cruiser and Double-Handed Divisions. Power-driven winches and furlers are permitted in the Open Division. This changes RRS 52; and
 - f. RRS 78.3 is deleted and replaced with: “When an equipment inspector or a measurer for an event decides that a yacht or personal equipment does not comply with the class rules or SI 1.4 (safety requirements), he shall report the matter in writing to the race committee.” This changes RRS 78.3.
- 1.2 The current IRC Rule (“IRC”), for yachts entered thereunder, including the US Sailing Prescription to IRC Rule 21.6.1;
- 1.3 The current Offshore Racing Rule (“ORR”);
- 1.4 The current Newport Bermuda Race Safety Requirements (“NBRSR”), a copy of which is available on the race website, including any amendments thereto;
- 1.5 The Notice of Race (“NoR”); and

- 1.6 These Sailing Instructions (“SI”).
- 1.7 Succeeding rules in the above list shall take precedence where there is a conflict. This changes RRS 63.7.
- 1.8 All time notations herein are EDT on a 24-hour clock unless otherwise indicated.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The Race Committee will post Notices to Competitors on the Official Notice Boards, which will be located at the Sailing Center at New York Yacht Club Harbour Court, the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (“RBYC”), and at www.bermudaraceAdmin.com/notices.txt (the “Virtual Notice Board”) during racing.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Race Committee will post any changes to the Sailing Instructions on the Official Notice Board at Harbour Court before 0900 on the day of the Start and on the race website (www.bermudarace.com) as soon as possible.

4. SIGNALS ASHORE & STARTING AREA

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at New York Yacht Club Harbour Court’s flagpole beginning at 0930 on the day of the Start. The Race Committee may accompany signals ashore with announcements on VHF Ch. 72.
- 4.2 Flag A indicates the Start will be at starting area ALPHA near Castle Hill.
- 4.3 Flag B indicates the Start will be at starting area BRAVO near “Brenton Point Lighted Whistle Buoy 2” Q R (near 41° 25.9’ N – 071° 21.8’ W).
- 4.4 When the Answering Pennant (AP) is displayed ashore with or without flag H, the “one minute” in Race Signal AP and AP over H is replaced with “not less than two hours.” This changes Race Signal AP and AP over H.
- 4.5 AP over B indicates: (1) the Start will be on Saturday, June 21, 2014 at starting area BRAVO; and (2) an amendment to the Sailing Instructions that indicates the schedule of starts is posted ashore.

5. CLASS & SAIL IDENTIFICATION

- 5.1 Scratch Sheets that indicate class assignments, class flag designations, and the order in which classes are scheduled to start will be available at the Captains’ Meeting and on the race website.
- 5.2 Yachts shall display the numeral pennant(s) (size Zero or larger) corresponding to their class between six and twenty feet above the deck before checking in

under SI 6.5 and until at least sunset on the day of the Start. Note: the push-pit is not an acceptable hoist.

- 5.3 Yachts shall display sail numbers and letters of the size carried on the mainsail by an alternative means when none of the numbered sails are set.

6. PRE-RACE SAFETY MEETING & CHECK-IN

- 6.1 Yachts shall comply with this section before their warning signal.

- 6.2 *Offshore sailing presents serious risks.* All Captains and crew shall attend a pre-race safety meeting aboard their yacht, during which:

- a. the Captain shall discuss appropriate safety topics, including SI 9.2, which concerns the use of safety harnesses and life jackets, with the entire crew;
- b. the Navigator shall discuss the methods of recording the approximate position of a MOB, and the procedures for transmitting and receiving emergency DSC VHF calls, if so equipped; and
- c. everyone aboard the yacht shall don life jackets, safety harnesses with crotch/thigh straps, and tethers, and then mark and stow the gear where they will have individual access to it while underway.

The yacht's afterguard shall certify compliance with SI 6.2 on the Certificate of Compliance. See SI 12. Note: This is also a good opportunity to discuss SI 9.4 and RRS 55 (trash).

- 6.3 Each yacht shall use her satellite telephone to call the Race Committee's Voicemail on +1 (703) 663-7327 and announce her name, sail number, satellite telephone number, and offshore email address, if any.

- 6.4 The Check-in Vessel (a Downeast style Hinckley motor yacht) will be on station near the north end of Fort Adams approximately two hours before the first warning signal. The Check-In Vessel will display a yellow race committee flag and the signal flag designating the starting area.

- 6.5 Each yacht shall pass single-file within 200 feet astern of the Check-in Vessel and announce her name and sail number on VHF Ch. 06. Yachts shall not attempt to check-in via VHF Ch. 72.

7. THE START

- 7.1 The Race Committee will make the first signal on Friday, June 20, 2014 at 1250.
- 7.2 The Race Committee will conduct starts in accordance with RRS 26, with the warning signal made ten (10) minutes before the starting signal.

- 7.3 The Race Committee intends to display the warning signal for each succeeding class with the starting signal of the preceding class.

Example for the first scheduled start and second warning signal:

<i>Minutes before starting signal</i>	<i>Visual signal</i>	<i>Sound signal</i>	<i>Means</i>	<i>Time for first scheduled start</i>
10	Class flag	One	Warning signal	1250
4	P, I, Z, etc.	One	Preparatory signal	1256
1	Preparatory flag removed	One long	One minute	1259
0	Class flag removed	} One	Starting signal (and warning signal for next class)	1300
10	Next class flag			

- 7.4 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of a YELLOW inflatable buoy at the port end.
- 7.5 Yachts whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area, which will be outlined by orange inflatable buoys extending approximately 300 yards north and south from each side of the line and 100 yards radially from its ends, as generally illustrated for starting area ALPHA in Appendix A hereto. Note: this configuration will be the same or similar for starting area BRAVO.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1 The course will be from the starting line (SI 7.4) off Newport to the finishing line (SI 11.1) off St. David's Head, leaving the Islands of Bermuda to starboard and the following aids to navigation as designated (positions approximate):
- Red Bell "6" near Butterball Rock (41° 27.4' N — 071° 21.9' W) to port;
 - Red Gong "4" near Brenton Reef (41° 26.6' N — 071° 21.8' W) to port;
 - Red Bell "2A" near Seal Ledge (41° 26.0' N — 071° 20.8' W) to port;
 - North Rock Beacon (32° 28.5' N — 064° 46.0' W) to starboard;
 - North East Breaker Beacon (32° 28.7' N — 064° 40.9' W) to starboard;
 - Kitchen Shoals Beacon (32° 26.1' N — 064° 37.6' W) to starboard; and
 - Mills Breaker Buoy (32° 23.9' N — 064° 36.9' W) to starboard.

9. SEAMANSHIP

- 9.1 RRS 1.1, Helping Those in Danger, shall be of paramount importance.

- 9.2 Everyone on deck shall wear a safety harness and lifejacket under any of the following conditions:
- between sunset and sunrise;
 - when the mainsail is reefed or being reefed; and
 - when otherwise required by the Captain.
- 9.3 Yachts should retrieve floatable equipment, especially life-saving equipment, lost overboard. If recovery is not made, yachts shall report the loss of floatable equipment to the Race Committee by any available means, and shall make an announcement on VHF Ch. 16 that indicates the position of such loss as soon as possible.
- 9.4 The Newport Bermuda Race is a Clean Regatta in cooperation with Sailors for the Sea. Every sailor should adopt and promote the “leave-no-trace” approach described in “Dealing With Trash During the Bermuda Race,” which is available on the race website. *See* RRS 55.

10. COMMUNICATIONS

- 10.1 Except as otherwise provided, yachts at sea may hail the Race Committee on:
- VHF: Ch. 72 (at the Start and Finish only)
Telephone: +1 (401) 608-1118
Email: fco@bermudarace.com
Voicemail: +1 (703) 663-7327 (listen to general announcements)
- 10.2 The Race Committee will monitor VHF Ch. 72 at the Start and Finish, and may broadcast information to the fleet, including names and/or sail numbers of yachts recalled. The Race Committee may also broadcast twice-daily general announcements and daily Commanders’ Weather rhumb line forecasts to the fleet via: email (using the offshore email addresses provided during registration and Check-In under SI 6.3), the Voicemail listed above, the Virtual Notice Board (SI 2), and OCENS *WeatherNet Race* at approximately 0800 and 1800 daily. Failure of such broadcasts to be given or received, or the order in which OCS calls are broadcast, shall not be grounds for redress, except when such request for redress is initiated by the Race Committee or International Jury. This changes RRS 62.1.
- 10.3 Yachts shall maintain a continuous watch on VHF Ch. 16, VHF Ch. 72, and their satellite telephone from 0930 on the day of the Start until mooring in a port, except that Ch. 72 may be turned off between Brenton Reef R “2” and Kitchen Shoals.

10.4 Position Reporting

- a. Each yacht shall provide a periodic report of her position by means of an automatic transponder (supplied by the OA) until mooring in a port.
- b. If a yacht has reason to believe that her transponder is not functioning properly, she shall email her 0800 position to the Race Committee (fco@bermudarace.com) by 1100 daily until mooring in a port. Yachts without email capability may call the Race Committee on +1 (401) 608-1118. The Race Committee may ask for additional position reports at regular intervals, and may relieve the yacht of her reporting duty under this paragraph. Any yacht failing to report her position according to this paragraph shall provide an explanation with her Certificate of Compliance. Penalties for breaches of this paragraph, if any, shall be at least ten minutes of elapsed time for each breach.
- c. Automatic transponder position reports may be found on the race website and at <http://yb.tl/links/nb2014>. The race committee may post positions reported under SI 10.4(b) on the Virtual Notice Board (SI 2).

10.5 **Automatic Identification System (“AIS”).** Each yacht shall enable the transmitting mode of her AIS until the first 0800 following her start. Thereafter, she shall do so under any of the following conditions:

- a. during periods of limited visibility;
- b. when requesting or responding to a request for help;
- c. while sailing with less than four crew aboard;
- d. from the time of her first report to the Race Committee on approach to the finishing line (SI 11.3) until mooring; and
- e. at any time the Captain directs.

Note: The communications instructions in 10.3 and 10.5 above are particularly important near the Finish, including both before and after finishing when the Race Committee may hail yachts on VHF Ch. 72 for purposes of identification, inspections, or other instructions. Meanwhile, Bermuda Radio and commercial vessels may hail yachts on VHF Ch. 16. Additional communications-related requirements appear at SI 6, 9.3, and 11. The Race Committee will distribute supplemental communications information, including emergency contacts, telephone numbers, and email addresses at the Captains’ Meeting.

11. THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be the intersection of the green and red sectors of St. David's Lighthouse (the "Light") at a bearing of 276° True (toward the Light), between the unmarked port end at 1.0 NM from the Light and the unmarked starboard end at 0.6 NM from the Light. Note: the Light will bear **291° Magnetic** upon finishing.

11.2 A green metal buoy with a green flashing light may be near the starboard end of the line, and a black metal buoy with a white flashing light may be near the port end of the line. These buoys may be equipped with AIS and transmit the following MMSI numbers: 310666000 (to port) and 310667000 (to starboard). Note: RRS 34 and the US Sailing Prescription to RRS 34 do not apply to these guide buoys, as they are neither marks nor finishing marks.

11.3 Approaching the Finishing Line

- a. When approximately five nautical miles from the finishing line (or near Kitchen Shoals Beacon), each yacht shall:
 - i. enable the transmitting mode of her AIS;
 - ii. hail the Race Committee on VHF Ch. 72 (identifying herself by name and sail number); and
 - iii. stand by VHF Ch. 72.
- b. Yachts approaching the finishing line in darkness shall illuminate her shoreward sail number for 15 seconds when approximately five minutes and two minutes from the finishing line. She shall also be prepared to further identify herself on VHF Ch. 72.
- c. Yachts shall not pass between the starboard (shoreward) end of the finishing line and the shore at any time.

11.4 Finishing

- a. Yachts shall cross the finishing line completely, and should sail well beyond the line to be certain she has done so. This changes RRS 28.1.
- b. Yachts finishing in darkness shall illuminate her shoreward sail numbers while finishing.
- c. Each yacht shall record the date and time (hh:mm:ss EDT) of her own finish on her Certificate of Compliance. She should also note the name and sail number of the yachts, if any, finishing immediately before and after her, if practicable.

- d. The Race Committee may use the tracking unit data, AIS, and/or Certificates of Compliance to supplement their finishing line observations.

11.5 **After Finishing**, yachts shall:

- a. not re-cross the finishing line;
- b. keep clear of the finishing line and all yachts approaching it;
- c. not pass between the finishing line and the shore;
- d. communicate her name, sail number, and finishing time to the Race Committee on VHF Ch. 72 within two minutes after finishing; and
- e. upon satisfying 11.5(d), hail "Bermuda Radio" on VHF Ch. 16 for registration in Bermuda waters. Thereafter, she shall stand by on VHF Channels 16 and 72 until mooring.

11.6 Yachts should not request confirmation of their finishing times by VHF.

11.7 The Race Committee will not be stationed at the finishing line after Noon ADT on Friday, June 27, 2014. If leaving station earlier, the Race Committee will attempt to notify all yachts still not finished.

12. BERMUDA CHECK-IN & CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

12.1 Each Captain shall report to the RBYC Trophy Lounge as soon as practicable but not more than 18 hours after finishing (unless filing a protest or request for redress – see SI 12.2) and present the following:

- a. H.M. Customs Bermuda forms;
- b. Passports and immigration documents for everyone aboard the yacht;
- c. Outbound travel documents (e.g., e-ticket) or ship-transfer letters for non-residents not leaving Bermuda aboard the yacht on which they arrived;
- d. Bermuda Department of Tourism Survey;
- e. On Board Training Certificate (if not already filed in Newport);
- f. Organizing authority supplied transponder in good working order;
- g. Fully executed Certificate of Compliance; and
- h. Protest(s) and request(s) for redress, if any.

All of the foregoing items shall be due at that time, with limited exceptions permitted due to H.M. Customs Bermuda operating hours and procedures.

- 12.2 Yachts filing protests or requests for redress shall report for Bermuda Check-In within four hours of finishing, or by 0800 ADT if she finishes between 1700 and 0400 ADT, and file such protests and requests for redress at that time.
- 12.3 Yachts shall report their voluntary or involuntary deviation from the rules in writing as a supplement to the Certificate of Compliance. The Race Committee will note any deviations, exceptions, or omissions, and may file protests in accordance with RRS 60.2. *See also* NoR 8.2(c).

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

See NoR 8.8-8.10, NoR 12, and SI 1.1(c).

14. PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protests and requests for redress by a yacht shall be filed with her Certificate of Compliance at the time of her Bermuda Check-In. *See* SI 12.1–2 (early deadline).
- 14.2 RRS 66 is deleted and replaced with:

66 REOPENING A HEARING

The protest committee may reopen a hearing when it decides that it may have made a significant error, or when significant new evidence becomes available within a reasonable time. It shall reopen a hearing when required by the national authority under rule 71.2 or R5. A *party* to the hearing may ask for a reopening no later than 24 hours after being informed of the decision, however, after 1700 ADT Thursday, June 26 2014, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than two hours after the decision was posted. When a hearing is reopened, a majority of the members of the protest committee shall, if possible, be members of the original protest committee.

- 14.3 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or International Jury will be posted to inform yachts under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.4 Breaches of: NoR 13; SI 5, 6, 7.5, 9, 10, 11.3(a)–(b), 11.4(b)–(d), 11.5(d)–(e), 11.6, and 12; RRS 48.2; and/or RRS 55 will not be grounds for protest by a yacht. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this section will be DPI.
- 14.5 The inspectors and measurers are members of the Race Committee and have been delegated the responsibility of filing protests and representing the Race Committee in hearings regarding breaches of inspection and measurement rules.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 The race will be scored in accordance with NoR 16.
- 15.2 When a yacht is penalized by having her elapsed time adjusted, her class and fleet positions will be scored according to the adjusted times after correction.
- 15.3 The Race Committee or International Jury will conduct scoring inquiries following receipt of a yacht's written request by 0900 ADT, June 28, 2014.

16. RETIRING

A yacht that retires shall: notify the Race Committee immediately and continue doing so every four hours until a response is received; strike her class flag(s); display her ensign; and continue to make daily position reports pursuant to SI 10.4. After mooring in a port, the Captain of the yacht shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible, and file a written report of the retirement circumstances with the Race Committee not later than July 25, 2014. Yachts that fail to comply with this section may not receive invitations to participate in future Newport Bermuda Races.

17. INSPECTIONS

The Bermuda Race Organizing Committee, Race Committee, inspectors, and/or measurers will conduct inspections in accordance with NoR 6.2.

18. PRIZES

The Bermuda Race Organizing Committee will award prizes in accordance with NoR 17 and the final Prize Listing posted on the race website.

19. RESPONSIBILITY, LIABILITY, AND MEDIA

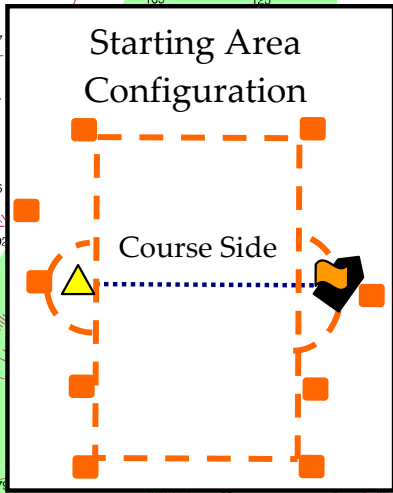
See NoR 14, Captain's Waiver, and Crew Information & Waiver Form.

The warm hospitality of Bermuda merits reciprocal respect. All competitors are urged to abide by the laws, customs, and etiquette of both Bermuda and the RBYC. The RBYC highlights some of these in an information sheet that is available on the race website and at the Captains' Meeting. Take particular note of the strict laws concerning drugs, firearms, flare guns, customs, immigration, and motor vehicles. *See also* RRS 69.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS
Appendix A
Starting Area ALPHA Chartlet
 Not for navigation.
 Not drawn to scale.
 For illustration purposes only.
 Use NOAA Chart No. 13223.

Check-In Vessel
Hinckley motor yacht.
Position approximate.
VHF 06

Starting Area ALPHA
outlined by orange buoys.



Did you conduct your Pre-Race Safety Meeting under SI 6.2?
 Yes, at _____
 on June _____, 2014.

