Starting: June 15, 2018

Organizing Authority:
Bermuda Race Organizing Committee of
The Cruising Club of America and the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

Incorporating Amendment No. 1

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The members of the Bermuda Race Organizing Committee share a passion for challenging blue-water sailing that has inspired them—and thousands of other sailors—to compete in the demanding "Thrash to the Onion Patch."

The Newport Bermuda Race is not for novices. *The 635-mile ocean course across the Gulf Stream is often swept by gale-force winds, large breaking waves, and strong currents that can lead to damage, seasickness, hypothermia, and other issues. The Bermuda Race Organizing Committee very strongly encourages the designing, building, and preparation of seaworthy yachts sailed by self-sufficient crews proficient in navigation and seamanship. This race will test and reward them.*

1. MANAGEMENT

1.1 The Organizing Authority ("OA") of the 2018 Newport Bermuda Race ("the race") is the Bermuda Race Organizing Committee ("BROC") of The Cruising Club of America ("CCA") and The Royal Bermuda Yacht Club ("RBYC"). The OA will appoint an independent race committee which may be assisted by the CCA and New York Yacht Club ("NYYC") at the start and RBYC at the finish.

1.2 The OA will have the authority to interpret the conditions governing the event; the right to determine the eligibility of any boat for entry into any division; and the discretion to assign boats to divisions and classes.

2. RULES

2.1 The race will be governed by the current *rules*, as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (the "RRS" or "racing rules"), including the U.S. Sailing prescriptions thereto, except as modified herein or by the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 Racing rules 41, 44, 51, 52, 64.1(a) and Part 2 will be changed as follows:

a. Between the times of local sunset and sunrise, RRS Part 2, WHEN BOATS MEET will be replaced with Part B, Steering and Sailing Rules of the *International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea* ("IRPCAS").

b. RRS 41, OUTSIDE HELP, will be changed to add (permit): "(e) Help in the form of information freely available to all boats even if that information is only accessible at a cost. However, such 'at a cost' help shall not include private forecast or tactical advice or information customized for a particular boat or group of boats and/or her/their situation."

c. RRS 44, PENALTIES AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT, will be changed to read as follows: "If a boat 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 also changes RRS 64.1(a).

d. RRS 51 and/or 52 will be modified for certain divisions specified below.

e. Other racing rules may be changed as stated herein or in the Sailing Instructions.

2.3 The current Offshore Racing Rule ("ORR") and the current Newport Bermuda Race Safety Requirements for Monohulls shall apply to monohull boats, except those entered in the Spirit of Tradition or Super Yacht divisions.

2.4 The current International Super Yacht Rule ("ISYR") and the current Newport Bermuda Race Safety Requirements for Monohulls shall apply to boats entered in the Spirit of Tradition Division or the Super Yacht Division. For these divisions only, a boat's compliance with World Sailing OSR Category 1 (with satellite phone) or the safety rules and regulations that apply to the boat by virtue of her flag or Classification Society are an acceptable alternative to the Newport Bermuda Race Safety Requirements where such rules conflict.

2.5 The current Multihull Offshore Racing Rule ("ORR-MH") and the current Newport Bermuda Race Safety Requirements for Multihulls shall apply to multihull boats.

2.6 Whenever a boat meets a Spirit of Tradition or Super Yacht Division boat, competitors are reminded that "room" to keep clear means "the space a boat needs in the existing conditions, including space to comply with her obligations under rules of Part 2 (When Boats Meet) and RRS 31, while maneuvering promptly in a seamanlike way" —as defined in the RRS. Also, IRPCAS, Part B, Rule 8(d) refers to boats "passing at a safe distance." In protests for breaches of the rules in these situations, i.e., (1) when a boat meets a Spirit of Tradition or Super Yacht Division boat, and/or (2) when the IRPCAS apply, the jury may determine that "room" and "safe distance" are a minimum of two boat lengths of the longer boat.

2.7 ORR Rule 4.03, Crew Limitations on Professionals shall not apply in any division, but see NoR 7, Classification.

2.8 Breaches of the Newport Bermuda Race Safety Requirements (NoR 2.3–2.5); NoR 13 (Registration); certain communications rules contained in the Sailing Instructions (e.g.,

transponders and AIS use); and RRS 55 (trash disposal) will not be grounds for protests by boats. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Division and class assignments will not be grounds for protests or requests for redress by boats. This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 60.1(b).

2.9 RRS 48.2, IRPCAS 10 (traffic separation) will not be grounds for protests by boats unless there is also a report from a government agency or from a disinterested vessel which was using the Traffic Separation Scheme at the time of the incident. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The Sailing Instructions may also set an exclusion zone for the Narragansett Bay Inbound Traffic Lane and adjacent separation zone.

2.10 The Official Notice Board will be online at **www.bermudarace.com** ("the race website"). Rules documents will be posted on the Official Notice Board. (See NoR 11.1 and 11.2).

2.11 All deadlines are "on or before" the date stated, i.e., before midnight unless a specific time is given. The official time-zone for the race is North American EDT.

2.12 The current version of any rule listed herein shall be as of June 8, 2018.

2.13 The term "Captain," as used in this NoR and other race documents, means the Person in Charge under RRS 46. Boats may name more than one Captain for entry lists and trophies but shall designate only one actual Person in Charge. Boats should also designate a Relief Person in Charge ("RPIC").

3. ADVERTISING

Boats shall provide a brief description of any advertising to be displayed during the race upon entry. The OA will reject any advertising not compliant with World Sailing Regulation 20.2.3. (See RRS 80 and World Sailing Regulation 20).

4. ELIGIBILITY

4.1 Invited boats are eligible to enter.

4.2 To apply for an invitation, submit an Application for Entry ("AFE") and a $50 non-refundable fee on the SailGate entry system by **April 1, 2018**. If the Captain and Navigator did not complete the 2014, or enter the 2016, Newport Bermuda Race in their respective capacities, the application must include an Offshore Experience Form detailing the Captain's, Navigator's and Watch Captains' recent offshore sailing experience. The Technical Committee may also require additional information if the boat has not previously been rated in her current configuration under the rating rule applicable to the division for which she applied.

4.3 The OA may extend invitations to those that apply, provided: (1) the Qualifications Committee approves the Captain's and Navigator's offshore experience; and (2) the Technical Committee approves the boat's eligibility for at least one of the race's divisions, which are described as follows:

4.4 **St. David's Lighthouse Division**

a. ORR LOA not less than 32.5 feet (9.906 meters), nor greater than 100 feet (30.48 meters).

b. ORR GPH not less (faster) than 400 seconds per mile.

c. Total crew of at least four persons. (See NoR 7 for Classification rules concerning limits on crew, steering, and eligibility for certain prizes).

d. RRS 51 (Movable Ballast) and 52 (Manual Power) shall apply to all boats in this division without exception. ORR 4.09 shall not apply.

4.5 **Gibbs Hill Lighthouse Division**

a. ORR LOA not less than 32.5 feet (9.906 meters), nor greater than 100 feet (30.48 meters).

b. ORR GPH not less (faster) than 290 seconds per mile, nor greater (slower) than 550 seconds per mile, unless waived by the OA for a boat rated with movable ballast.

c. Total crew of at least four persons.

d. The movement of water ballast and conventional cant keels, including by non-manual power means, is permitted by ORR, provided such features are declared for measurement. (See ORR 2.03.3 and Appendix 7, which changed RRS 51 and 52).

e. RRS 52 (Manual Power) shall not apply (as per ORR 4.09), but the use of autopilots is prohibited.

4.6 ***Finisterre* Division** (formerly the Cruiser Division)

a. ORR LOA not less than 32.5 feet (9.906 meters), nor greater than 100 feet (30.48 meters).

b. ORR GPH not less (faster) than 400 seconds per mile.

c. ORR certificate for "centerline asymmetric spinnakers" is required.

d. Total crew of at least four persons. (See NoR 7 for Classification rules concerning limits on crew, steering, and eligibility for certain prizes).

e. *Finisterre* Division boats may carry one nylon or polyester spinnaker for use while racing. (This is a permissible change of ORR 10.02.1, Spinnakers). The spinnaker's tack shall be attached on the boat's centerline at the stem, end of a bowsprit, or end of a sprit that is permanently installed at the bow for the purpose of tacking an asymmetrical cruising spinnaker. Sail measurements and tack point must be declared in the ORR certificate application/amendment.

f. *Finisterre* Division boats shall not carry a Light staysail or Large Roach headsail as defined in ORR 10.02.1. This is a permissible change of ORR 10.02.1. Luffs of all headsails shall be fully attached to the stay or forestay on which they are set, except that headsails set as inner forestaysails may be set on a bona fide fixed or removable stay attached on the boat's centerline within the foretriangle. A stay detached or lowered from the mast when not in use shall be capable of being reset without sending crew aloft, and shall not be incorporated into the luff of a headsail. This changes ORR 10.05, as specifically authorized by the Offshore Racing Association. Only one headsail may be set on a given stay or forestay at a time.

g. RRS 51 (Movable Ballast) shall apply to all boats in this division without exception.

h. RRS 52 (Manual Power) shall not apply (as per ORR 4.09).

4.7 **Double-Handed Division**

a. ORR LOA not less than 32.5 feet (9.906 meters), nor greater than 65.6 feet (20.00 meters).

b. ORR GPH not less than (faster than) 290 seconds per mile.

c. Crew of two persons. (See NoR 7 for Classification rules).

d. The movement of water ballast and conventional cant keels, including by non-manual power means, is permitted by ORR, provided such features are declared for measurement. (See ORR 2.03.3 and Appendix 7, which modified RRS 51 and 52).

e. RRS 52 (Manual Power) shall not apply (as per ORR 4.09).

4.8 **Open Division**

a. ORR LOA not less than 32.5 feet (9.906 meters), nor greater than 100.0 feet (30.48 meters), unless waived by the OA.

b. ORR GPH not greater (slower) than 475 seconds per mile, unless waived by the OA for a boat rated with movable ballast.

c. Crew of at least four persons.

d. The movement of water ballast and conventional cant keels, including by non-manual power means, is permitted by ORR, provided such features are declared. (See ORR 2.03.3 and Appendix 7, which modified RRS 51 and 52).

e. RRS 52 (Manual Power) shall not apply (as per ORR 4.09), but the use of autopilots is prohibited.

4.9 **Multihull Division**

a. ORR-MH LOA not less than 58.0 feet (17.67 meters), nor greater than 100 feet (30.48 meters).

b. Crew of at least six persons. (See the Safety Requirements for Multihulls, especially sections 4.3.1 and 5.7, which set minimum offshore training and experience requirements for competitors in this division).

c. The movement of water ballast, including by non-manual power means, is permitted by ORR-MH, provided such features are declared. (See ORR-MH which changed RRS 51 and 52).

d. RRS 52 (Manual Power) shall not apply (as per ORR-MH), but the use of autopilots is prohibited.

4.10 **Super Yacht Division**

a. ISYR LOA not less than 80.0 feet (24.38 meters).

b. Crew of at least six persons.

c. The movement of water ballast and conventional cant keels, including by non-manual power means, is permitted provided such features are declared for measurement. This changes RRS 51 and 52.

d. RRS 52 (Manual Power) shall not apply. This changes RRS 52.

4.11 **Spirit of Tradition Division**

a. ISYR LOA not less than 55 feet (16.764 meters), nor greater than 100 feet (30.48 meters).

b. Crew of at least four persons.

c. RRS 51 (Movable Ballast) shall apply to all boats in this division without exception.

d. RRS 52 (Manual Power) shall not apply to the extent permitted by ISYR, but the use of autopilots is prohibited.

4.12 Certain foils which are designed to reduce displacement will be prohibited in all divisions except the Open Division, as per ORR, ORR-MH, and ISYR. See the applicable rating rule or Offshore Racing Association for more information.

4.13 All rating certificates must include at least one spinnaker. Non-spinnaker entries will not be accepted for entry in any division. See NoR 4.6(e) for additional Finisterre Division spinnaker rules.

Note: All divisions are subject to the rules of the applicable rating rule and Safety Requirements, which include matters such as stability, construction, equipment and crew training. All competitors should read the applicable Safety Requirements and rating rules.

5. ENTRY and FEES

5.1 Boats may enter after receiving an invitation (NoR 4.2-3) by doing all of the following:

a. Request measurement (if required) by April 7, 2018 (see NoR 6.1);

b. Submit the Captain's Waiver, completed entry forms, and fee payment arrangements on SailGate by May 15, 2018 (see NoR 5.2 and 14);

c. Submit a rating application/amendment/renewal by May 24, 2018 (see NoR 6.1);

d. Pass pre-race inspection by June 1, 2018 (see NoR 6.2);

e. Complete the boat's Crew List by June 1, 2018 (see NoR 5.4); and

f. Complete in-person Registration by 1600, Wednesday, June 13, 2018 (see NoR 13).

5.2 The entry fee is $1,250.00 plus $70.00 per person aboard and must be paid by credit card or PayPal on SailGate by May 15, 2018. The entry fee will be refunded for cancellations /refund requests received by May 15, 2018. Thereafter, half of the entry fee will be refunded for cancellations/refund requests received by June 1, 2018. Otherwise, entry fees will not be refunded.

5.4 Boats shall supply a Crew List on SailGate by **June 1, 2018** (the "Crew Deadline"). A boat shall not sail with any person who has not accepted their e-mail invitation to race, signed a Crew Waiver (on SailGate), and completed their personal and emergency contact details on SailGate. There is no exception for persons of minority age. The OA will publish Crew Lists which may include each competitor's name, hometown, World Sailing Sailor ID, Classification group, and safety training date(s) for vetting. (See NoR 7, Classification, which requires some competitors to provide their World Sailing Sailor ID by the Crew Deadline).

5.5 A boat may withdraw and cancel her entry upon failing to meet any deadline stated herein. Late or cancelled entries may be accepted or reinstated at the discretion of the OA and upon payment of an additional fee equal to three times the boat's LOA in feet for <u>each</u> calendar day on which the boat's entry was deficient for failure to meet a deadline.

5.6 The OA will limit the total number of entries accepted to 220 boats. A Waiting List will be formed once the maximum number of entries has been reached. Boats on the Waiting List will be allocated an entry as and when they become available.

6. MEASUREMENT and INSPECTIONS

6.1 Ratings Measurement

a. Boats requiring measurement must send an e-mail to an approved measurer and their Certificate Processor (listed below) by **April 7, 2018** indicating when the boat will be ready for measurement and requesting an acknowledgement e-mail from the measurer for this purpose. Certificate Processors are as follows:

Rule	Certificate Processor	E-mail Address
ORR	U.S. Sailing	Offshore@ussailing.org
ISYR, ORR-MH	ORA/ISYR Management Team	ora.rating.services@gmail.com

b. All boats must submit a completed application, renewal or amendment to their Certificate Processor on or before **May 24, 2018** ("Measurements Deadline"). Boats should not submit a copy of their rating certificate to the OA or race committee unless specifically requested to do so.

c. Measurer Verified sail measurements may be declared to the Certificate Processor and submitted in advance of building and measuring the sails. Once built, but not later than **June 1, 2018**, the measurer must acknowledge to the Certificate Processor receipt of sail certificates confirming that no sail exceeds the declared measurements.

d. Except as otherwise provided herein, boats shall comply with the sail restrictions set by their rating rule. (See, e.g., ORR 10.02.1). Sails other than those permitted by the applicable rating rule may be aboard provided they are stowed separately and marked clearly: "Not for Racing."

e. Boats with design features not permitted by ORR may apply to the OA for the use of an experimental certificate. If the OA determines that the boat'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 this race only.

6.2 Safety Inspections

a. Boats must: (1) request, (2) schedule and (3) pass inspection by **June 1, 2018** (the "Inspection Deadline"). Boats that fail to do so will not be entered in the race. See the inspection documents posted on the Official Notice Board for more information.

b. Boats may also be inspected after finishing and shall moor in Hamilton for this purpose for at least 24-hours after finishing. (See RRS 60.4 and 92). The Technical Committee will endeavor to inspect at least 75% of the fleet in Bermuda, including but not limited to all potential prize winners.

c. Boats will be required to submit a paper copy of their completed Inspection Checklist, On Board Training Certificate, and Deferred Inspection Checklist at RBYC after finishing.

6.3 **Measurement/Inspection Deadline Extensions**

a. Certificate Processors and the Chief Inspector will identify boats that fail to meet any of the measurement/inspection deadlines.

b. The OA may waive NoR 5.5 penalties for any boat that fails to meet a deadline because of: (1) foul weather preventing measurement/inspection at the appointed time; (2) measurer/inspector unavailability despite the boat's diligence in scheduling; or (3) "Catastrophic Gear Failure," which means damage to the hull resulting in a loss of its watertight integrity; loss of or damage to the keel or rudder rendering it either ineffective or inoperable; and/or loss of or damage to mast(s), boom(s), and/or standing rigging, any of which require repair or replacement to maintain a boat's seaworthiness. Damage to sails or running rigging are not considered Catastrophic Gear Failures. The new/final rating certificate, if any, must be requested by June 12, 2018 and inspection must be completed by June 12, 2018. The OA will not waive NoR 5.5 penalties for any of the reasons stated herein if the boat did not timely schedule her original measurement/inspection or was not otherwise prepared at the appointed time.

c. The OA may grant provisional extensions of the Measurements Deadline at its discretion and upon payment of an additional fee, provided all anticipated measurements are submitted to the Technical Committee by the Measurement Deadline and all final measurements are within reasonable measurement tolerances.

7. CLASSIFICATION

7.1 The following classification restrictions will apply in the St. David's Lighthouse, *Finisterre* and Double-Handed divisions only. See RRS 79 and World Sailing Regulation 22, Sailor Classification Code, which applies to any competitor seeking Group 1 (amateur) classification.

7.2 The participation of Group 1 competitors is encouraged. The participation of competitors without a valid Group 1 classification is welcomed but limited as set forth below.

7.3 Competitors seeking a Group 1 classification shall provide their World Sailing Sailor ID with their Crew List registration on SailGate by the June 1, 2018 Crew Deadline, and should visit members.sailing.org/classification to obtain or renew their classification **as soon as possible**. Classifications expiring before June 23, 2018 are invalid. This paragraph does not apply to any competitor who is **not** seeking a Group 1 classification.

7.4 Boats in the St. David's Lighthouse Division may include competitors who do not have a valid Group 1 classification up to the following limits per boat:

Total Crew:	4-5	6-9	10-13	14-17	18-21	22-25	26-29	30+
Limit:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	9

7.5 Boats in the *Finisterre* Division may include competitors who do not have a valid Group 1 classification up to the following limits per boat:

Total Crew:	4-7	8-12	13-17	18-22	23-27	28-32	33+
Limit:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7

7.6 Boats in the St. David's Lighthouse or *Finisterre* Division shall not be steered by anyone who does not have a valid Group 1 classification unless they have at least a one-third partner financial interest in ownership of the boat or are actively helping those in danger under RRS 1.1. Such steering shall be logged and reported with the boat's Certificate of Compliance.

7.7 Boats in the Double-Handed Division may include one competitor who does not have a valid Group 1 classification. Both competitors may steer.

7.8 Boats may be protested for breaches of NoR 7.1, 7.3, 7.4, 7.5 and/or 7.7 before **1700, Friday, June 8, 2018** (the "Classification Protest Time Limit"). Such protests will be posted on the Official Notice Board by approximately 0900, Saturday, June 9, 2018. The time limit for such protests other than by boats shall be 0900, Saturday, June 23, 2018. The time limit for all other Classification protests, including but not limited to protests for breaches of NoR 7.6, will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

7.9 With respect to World Sailing Regulation 22.5.6, the "commencement of the event" shall be the Crew Deadline, June 1, 2018.

7.10 When the race committee believes that a boat or her crew may have breached NoR 7, it shall protest such boat.

Note: Certain perpetual prizes are reserved for boats with Crew Lists showing exclusively Group 1 competitors. (See NoR 17.6).

8. START

8.1 The race will start off Newport, Rhode Island. The first warning signal is scheduled for 1300, Friday, June 15, 2018. Postponements may be made according to the RRS and Sailing Instructions, but the race may be cancelled if the starting signal for a class cannot be made by sunset on Sunday, June 17, 2018.

8.2 Each boat shall exercise her responsibility under RRS Fundamental Rule 4 and decide whether to start or to continue to race. (See the preamble to this NoR).

9. 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 more specifically defined in the Sailing Instructions.

10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available at or before the Captains' Meeting.

11. COMMUNICATIONS

11.1 The OA will make announcements and correspond with competitors primarily by e-mail and the race website. All competitors entered on a Crew List agree by their registration on SailGate to receive e-mail messages from the OA and race committee, and may unsubscribe using the links provided therein. Competitors should add the domain bermudarace.com to their e-mail program's safe senders list, follow facebook.com/BermudaRace, and periodically check the race website for updates.

11.2 Beginning June 15, 2018, the race committee may make announcements to the fleet via VHF Ch. 72 (near the start and finish), a low-bandwidth accessible website, plain text email, and/or a prerecorded message available at a phone number provided in the Sailing Instructions. Boats may subscribe to the race committee's plain text e-mail on the entry forms or at http://bermudarace.com/entry/offshore-email-address-submission/

11.3 The Sailing Instructions may establish a radio net during which the race committee's announcements, including rhumb line forecasts, will be broadcast on VHF and SSB/HF following a brief silence period for urgent requests and emergencies. Boats may also be asked to report wind and sea-state observations when conditions warrant.

11.4 The Sailing Instructions will require boats to do the following:

a. use their best efforts to monitor AIS for AIS-SART or similar distress signals at all times;

b. use their best efforts to ensure the transmitting mode of their AIS is enabled at all times;

c. ensure that the boat name provided on the boat's entry form is transmitted on AIS rather than just an MMSI number;

d. call the race committee's voicemail via satellite telephone before starting and be capable of receiving voice calls via satellite telephone while racing; and

e. monitor VHF Ch. 16 at all times, and Ch. 72 near the start and finish.

11.5 Boats shall mount a satellite transponder (supplied by the OA at Registration) according to the instructions provided and make reports to the race committee upon notice of the transponder's failure, as required by the Sailing Instructions. The online publication of transponder positions may be delayed. Transponders must be returned to RBYC after finishing or by June 23, 2018, after which a late fee equal to the retail price of the device will be charged. Boats desiring satellite transponders before or after the race should visit www.ybtracking.com for information about rentals and purchases.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 An international jury will be constituted in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

12.2 The International Jury will be guided by the Newport Bermuda Race Discretionary Penalty Policy, a copy of which will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

13. REGISTRATION

13.1 Each Captain, or a crew member bearing the Captain's written authorization, shall report to Race Headquarters in Newport for Registration between 1200, Sunday, June 10, 2018 and **1600, Wednesday, June 13, 2018** (the "Registration Deadline"). At that time, Captains will be required to correct any entry deficiencies, pay any outstanding fees, receive a transponder, and attest to reading, understanding, and accepting this NoR and the Inspection documents. Neither the OA nor the race committee shall register any boat with an incomplete Entry or Inspection.

13.2 The **Captains' Meeting** will be at **1700, Thursday, June 14, 2018** at Jane Pickens Theater in Newport. Tickets are required for admission. Not more than two tickets will be issued to each boat at Registration.

13.3 The Sailing Instructions will require Captains to appear at Race Headquarters at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club after finishing to comply with Bermuda Customs and Immigration, file a Certificate of Compliance and be inspected.

Note: Bermuda has separate agencies to handle immigration and customs, each with their own procedures. 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 boat with H.M. Customs Bermuda, as required by law. H.M. Customs Bermuda officers will be available at Race Headquarters in Newport and Bermuda.

14. RESPONSIBILITY, LIABILITY, AND MEDIA

14.1 Captains are solely responsible for the structural integrity of their boat, and the boat's and crew's fitness to undertake a safe ocean voyage. The rules do not address every precept of safe navigation, prudent seamanship, sportsmanship, and amateur/professional yachting, the importance of which cannot be understated even if a protest cannot be filed.

14.2 All Captains are under a continuing obligation to ensure their boat and crew comply with the rules before the Start, during the race, in Bermuda, and after Prize Giving, including, but not limited to, correcting errors made during the Entry, Measurement/Inspection, or Registration processes. The OA will consider such facts before extending invitations to enter future editions of the Newport Bermuda Race.

14.3 Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 4, Decision to Race). The BROC, CCA, RBYC, NYYC, race sponsors, affiliated companies, and their employees bear no responsibility for accidents, damage, or injuries to boats or their crew arising from any cause during the race or related activities, including their negligence. The Captain's responsibility is as set forth herein, in the Safety Requirements, and on the entry forms, including the Captain's Waiver.

14.4 **Media and Commercial Rights.** Competitors shall acknowledge during online registration that the OA owns all media and commercial rights to the race. Competitors will further grant the OA the unrestricted and perpetual right to use and publish any biographical information, text, and images arising in connection with the race. The OA will exercise these rights in its sole discretion or as it may agree with the race's

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15. SCHEDULE

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

January 12	OA begins receiving Applications for Entry
April 1	Deadline to submit an Application for Entry
April 7	Deadline to request measurement (NoR 6.1(a))
May 15	**Entry Deadline** (online forms, fees, and Captain's Waiver)
May 24	**Measurements Deadline**
June 1	**Crew Deadline** (crew registration and waivers)
June 1	**Inspections Deadline**
June 10-13	Newport Headquarters Open for Registration
1600, June 13	**Registration Deadline**
1700, June 14	Captains' Meeting
1300, June 15	First Warning Signal (as scheduled)
June 17-22	Bermuda Headquarters Open for Check-In
1800, June 23	Prize Giving

16. SCORING

Corrected times will be calculated using ORR's Performance Curve Scoring for the Bermuda Course with a distance of 635 nautical miles. Corrected times for ISYR divisions will be calculated using ISYR's Constructed Course Scoring based on ORR's Bermuda Course with a course distance to be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

17. PRIZES

17.1 The interpretation of the terms of award for all trophies and prizes will be made by the OA, whose decision is final.

17.2 Prize Giving will be on Saturday, June 23, 2018 at 1800. Attendance is by invitation only and subject to a "jacket and tie" dress code.

17.3 **Corrected Time Class Prizes.** The OA will present class prizes for up to the first four places on corrected time in each class depending upon the number of boats entered in the class.

17.4 **Corrected Time Division Prizes.** The OA will present the following prizes for best corrected time in these divisions:

a. St. David's Lighthouse Division..... St. David's Lighthouse Trophy

b. Gibbs Hill Lighthouse Division..... Gibbs Hill Lighthouse Trophy

c. *Finisterre* Division .....Carleton Mitchell *Finisterre* Trophy

d. Double-Handed Division ..... Phillip S. Weld and *Moxie* Prizes

e. Open Division ..... Royal Mail Cup

f. Multihull Division .....To be announced

17.5 **Elapsed Time Prizes.** The OA will present prizes to the boat with the best elapsed time in these divisions:

a. St. David's & Gibbs Hill Divs. combined..... The Corp. of Hamilton Trophy

b. *Finisterre* Division ..... The Herbert L. Stone Memorial Trophy

c. Open Division .....First to Finish Prize

d. Multihull Division .....To be announced

17.6 Additional prizes will be offered and awarded as detailed in the final Prize List published by the OA and available on the race website before the first start. Some prizes require the completion of a Special Entry Prize Form (available on the race website) by 0900, June 15, 2018 and/or a Crew List showing exclusively Group 1 competitors.

17.7 The race is a major part of the Onion Patch Series, the Stamford Yacht Club's Northern Ocean Racing Trophy, the Double-Handed Ocean Racing Trophy, and the Offshore Racing Association's East Coast Championship. Certain prizes will be presented for combined performance in this race and in the Annapolis to Newport Race, the Marion to Bermuda Race, or the Marblehead to Halifax Race. See the race website and Prize List for a complete list of cooperating races and corresponding trophies.

18. RACE RECORDS

There are two elapsed time race records:

18.1 Boats in the St. David's Lighthouse Division will compete for the traditional, best elapsed time record, which is subject to RRS 51 (movable ballast) and RRS 52 (manual power).

18.2 Boats in all divisions will compete for the modern, best elapsed time record, which is not subject to RRS 51 or 52.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

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