



**ROYAL BERMUDA YACHT CLUB  
IMPORANT RACE INFORMATION**

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS *(Subject to change)*

<u>Date/Time</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Location</u>
<b>Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup></b>		
10:00am – 4:00pm	Duty Desk (if required)	Calabash Lounge
17.30 – 19.00	Finish Line Reception	St. David’s Lighthouse
<b>Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup></b>		
08:00am – 8:00pm	Duty Desk (if required)	Calabash Lounge
11:00am – 3:00pm	Lunch	Terrace
<b>Tuesday, June 25<sup>th</sup></b>		
8:00am – 8:00pm	Duty Desk (will remain open later if required)	Calabash Lounge
11:00 – 1:00pm	Gosling’s Rum Tasting	Hardstand
11:00am – 4:00pm	Lunch	Terrace
4:00pm – 6:00pm	Gosling’s Rum Tasting	Hardstand
8:30pm	Lowering of Colours Ceremony (Bagpiper)	Terrace/Hardstand
<b>Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup></b>		
8:00am – 8:00pm	Duty Desk	Calabash Lounge
11:00 – 1:00pm	Gosling’s Rum Tasting	Hardstand
11:00am – 4:00pm	Lunch	Terrace
3:00pm	Protest Hearings	Newport Room
4:00pm – 6:00pm	Gosling’s Rum Tasting	Hardstand
8:30pm	Lowering of Colours Ceremony (RBR Bugler)	Terrace/Hardstand
6:00pm – 1:00am	Live Entertainment <i>(Steelman Poncho &amp; Rivah)</i>	Hardstand
<b>Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup></b>		
8:00am – 4:00pm	Duty Desk	Calabash Lounge
9:00am – 4:00pm	Registration – Bermuda Shorthanded Return	Calabash Lounge
9:00am	Protest Hearings	Newport Room
10:00am	Acting Governor, Inspection of the Yachts	RBVC Marina
11:00am	Weather Briefing	Dining Room
11:00 – 1:00pm	Gosling’s Rum Tasting	Hardstand
11:00am – 4:00pm	Lunch	Terrace
3:00pm	Navigators Forum (Discussion by Class Winners)	Dining Room
4:00pm – 6:00pm	Gosling’s Rum Tasting	Hardstand
6:00pm – 1:00am	Gosling’s Swizzle Washing Machine Party <i>(DJ Bones &amp; Blues Band)</i>	Hardstand
8:30pm	Lowering of Colours Ceremony (Bagpiper)	Terrace/Hardstand
<b>Friday June 28<sup>th</sup></b>		
8:00am – 4:00pm	Duty Desk	Calabash Lounge
9:00am – 11:00pm	Registration for Bermuda Shorthand Return Race	Calabash Lounge
9:00am	Protest Hearings <i>(if required)</i>	Newport Room
11:00 – 1:00pm	Gosling’s Rum Tasting	Hardstand
11:00am – 4:00pm	Lunch	Terrace
4:00pm – 6:00pm	Gosling’s Rum Tasting	Hardstand
6:00pm – 1:00pm	Gosling’s Dark n’ Stormy Party <i>(DJ, Silver City, Hanah Bushara)</i>	Hardstand
8:30pm	Lowering of Colours Ceremony (RBR Bugler)	Terrace/Hardstand

## Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>

8:00am – 4:00pm	Duty Desk	Calabash Lounge
11:00am	Weather Briefing	Dining Room
11:00am – 4:00pm	Lunch	Terrace
2:00pm	Bermuda Shorthanded Return Race – Competitors’ Briefing	Dining Room
6:00pm – 8:00pm	Prize Giving Reception <i>(BY INVITATION ONLY - Skipper, Navigator (+ 2 Guests) Plus, limited additional crew from winning boats)</i>	Pier 6, Front Street

## Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>

9:00am – 12:00pm	Duty Desk	Calabash Lounge
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## YACHTS PROCEEDING BETWEEN ST. GEORGE’S AND HAMILTON

After finishing the race, and PRIOR TO ENTERING the ship channel proceeding to Hamilton, yachts are requested to contact Maritime Operations on **VHF Channel 16 or 27** to receive an update on shipping traffic.

The Swing Bridge at Ferry Reach is currently closed for the duration of 2022. All boats proceeding to Hamilton Harbour will need to sail around Fort St. Catherine and up the North Shore. **IT IS STRONGLY RECOMMENDED THAT VESSELS CROSSING THE FINISH LINE AFTER DARK REMAIN IN ST. GEORGE’S HARBOUR UNTIL DAY LIGHT, SO AS NOT TO UNNECESSARILY PUT AT RISK THE SAFETY OF THE VESSEL, THOSE ON BOARD AND EMERGENCY SERVICES PERSONNEL.** Yachts entering St Georges Harbour at night shall anchor in the quarantine area to the south of the town identified on the charts as Powder Hole. They will remain under quarantine and crews must remain aboard until proceeding to the Customs Department at RBYC in Hamilton at daybreak.

Yachts transiting the channels at night do so at their own risk. Any tow assistance required, and associated costs, due to mechanical problems or grounding will be the sole responsibility of the vessel owner.

Vessels with serious mechanical, rigging or medical problems on-board that are unable to proceed to Hamilton in the normal manner should contact Maritime Operations for further guidance on Customs Department clearance.

## ANCHORAGE

Yachts, when anchoring, are warned to be careful of the submarine cable between Albuoy’s Point, the western end of White’s Island and Hogdson’s Ferry Landing. All yachts at anchor should berth, for their own safety, WELL CLEAR of the Main Ship Channel (making due allowances for Southerly winds) as outlined in the charts and, if their anchor berth is temporarily vacated, are recommended to leave a mark buoy.

## BERTHING AT RBYC

The RBYC has reserved moorings in their marina for class winners and pre-arranged reservations. Yachts should contact the RBYC Marina Manager on VHF Channel 74 once they have passed through Two Rock Passage and are proceeding down Hamilton Harbour. The RHADC will monitor VHF Channel 73. The Finish Line Committee will monitor VHF Channel 72.

All vessels must have sufficient fenders, dock lines and anchor ready on arrival at RBYC. Please be patient when it comes to docking as the Marina Manager cannot be everywhere at once and will be working to get everyone docked as quickly and efficiently as possible. Our Marina Team actively follows YB Tracking and AIS.

It would be appreciated if yachts could fly dress colours and flags after berthing for the duration of their stay.

### Hours for Berthing:

**6am – 12 midnight. There will be no berthing available outside of these times.**

**PLEASE DO NOT ENTER THE MARINA ON YOUR OWN.**

**Yachts are requested to anchor in the Harbour between the hours of 12am and 6am.**

### Shore Power:

The RBYC cannot guarantee that there will be a shore power outlet available for all yachts due to the large number of yachts in this event; therefore, shore power electricity will be available at the RBYC Marina on a first come / first served basis. **Yachts are REQUIRED to bring their own shore power leads AND adaptors.** Shore power options are 120v 30 amp or 120/240v 50 amp. Electricity use will be charged at \$25/day per connection connected to shore power.

## OTHER BERTHING

Yachts intending to berth off the Hamilton Princess & Beach Club (Tel: 441-295-3000), or off the RHADC (Tel: 441-236-2250) are requested to inform their Dock Masters well in advance. Owners and skippers of yachts using the facilities of Hamilton Harbour during Bermuda Race week are warned to expect heavy shipping traffic and to be guided accordingly.

## BERMUDA CLEARANCE PROCEEDURE

### PRE-RACE:

#### 1. BERMUDA IMMIGRATION - All Crew:

Bermuda Department of Immigration officers will be posted at [Race Headquarters in Newport](#) \*\* to provide pre-clearance services. In order to take advantage of this each **crew member's passport must be presented to the Immigration Officers. Ideally the skipper, or boat representative, can present all crew passports at one time, however, Immigration Officers will accept individuals presenting their own passports along with an electronic copy of the [Bermuda Arrival Card](#).**

**\*\*Pre-clearing in Newport is strongly recommended - this will help avoid long waits at RBYC and put you closer to that first post-race Dark 'n Stormy. Please clear as many of your crew as possible in Newport (AT THE SAME TIME, IF POSSIBLE) on June 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> or 19<sup>th</sup> leaving 20<sup>th</sup> for late arriving crew.**

Bermuda Immigration Officers will be at Registration in the Newport Pre-race Headquarters at Sail Newport, in Fort Adams State Park, for pre-clearance during the following dates and hours:

Monday, June 17 <sup>th</sup>	09:00 – 16:00
Tuesday, June 18 <sup>th</sup>	08:00 – 17:00
Wednesday, June 19 <sup>th</sup>	08:00 – 17:00
Thursday, June 20 <sup>th</sup>	08:00 – 18:00

#### 2. BERMUDA CUSTOMS - Skippers:

All boats MUST ALSO be entered through [SailClear](#) (Bermuda Customs) including a complete list of crew.

**Racing crew returning by air:** If you're racing to Bermuda but flying home, you'll need to present your return ticket, boarding pass, or airline confirmation to Bermuda Department of Border Control during your in-person

pre-clearance interview at Pre-Race Headquarters at Sail Newport. E-tickets are acceptable BUT documentary proof of ticket MUST be shown, i.e. printout showing Locator ID and confirmation of flight itinerary.

**Return crew arriving by air:** In order to clear Border Control at Bermuda’s airport, you’ll need a letter from your skipper confirming you’re a part of the boat’s return trip crew and an anticipated departure date. You’ll also need your passport and a completed Bermuda Customs form, along with a completed [Bermuda Arrivals Card](#) (or proof of completion).

**Racing crew returning on a different boat:** In these circumstances you’ll also need a letter from your return boat skipper confirming you’re a part of the boat’s return trip crew and an anticipated departure date.

Border Control Officers will be based adjacent to the Duty Desk (Calabash Lounge) at the RBYC. This office will be manned during the following periods:

Saturday, June 22 <sup>nd</sup>	TBD as required
Sunday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	TBD as required
Monday, June 24 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am to 17:00pm if required
Tuesday, June 25 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am to 17:00pm
Wednesday, June 26 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am to 17:00pm
Thursday, June 27 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am to 17:00pm
Friday, June 28 <sup>th</sup>	TBD as required
Saturday, June 29 <sup>th</sup>	TBD as required
Sunday, June 30 <sup>th</sup>	TBD as required

\*\* Hours may be adjusted depending upon number of boats expected to dock each day

**Upon Arrival in Bermuda**

**Boats that Pre-Cleared in Newport:** Skippers MUST report to RBYC Duty Desk

**Boats that did NOT Pre-Clear in Newport:**

**All skippers that did not take advantage of pre-clearing all of their crew in Newport MUST clear their remaining crew at RBYC. Crew that did not pre-clear in Newport must accompany their skipper to the Border Control Officers in Bermuda with their passport and all paperwork outlined above and all other crew should remain on board until full clearance has been completed.**

**Yachts must fly their Quarantine Flag (Yellow Code Flag ‘Q’) until all crew have been cleared by Immigration Officers at the RBYC.**

If any crew member has a contagious disease, the quarantine flag must remain hoisted, and all crew members must remain aboard until a Medical Officer clears the yacht.

There are no Port charges as the customary passenger tax has been waived for the event. Documentation requirements are as for pre-clearance set out above.

### **Customs Clearance for Boats Berthed at Other Marinas (e.g. RHADC or Princess Hotel)**

All Newport pre-cleared yachts must report to the RBYC Duty Desk to file their completed Declaration of Health for their yacht.

## **IMMIGRATION DETAILS**

### **PROOF OF CITIZENSHIP AND IDENTIFICATION**

Visitors from the United States of America must present a valid, machine-readable U.S. passport. Persons born outside of the USA, who are landed immigrants in the USA, must be in possession of a valid, machine-readable passport in addition to their landed Immigrations Status card (green card)

Visitors from Canada must present a valid, machine-readable Canadian Passport. Citizens born outside of Canada who are landed immigrants in Canada must be in possession of a valid, machine-readable passport in addition to their landed Immigrations Status card.

Visitors from the U.K. and Western Europe must present a valid, machine-readable passport from their country.

Whatever the visitor's country of origin, several things should be stressed:

- Driver's licenses are not acceptable as proof of citizenship.
- Foreign citizens not bearing one of the listed documents may be refused entry into Bermuda. Specific requirements can be obtained from your own Immigration Department.
- Neither Bermuda nor U.S. Immigration Authorities accept a notarized copy of birth certificate, or similar non-governmental document as proof of citizenship (must present a machine-readable passport).
- Married women whose identification documents are in their maiden name, but who are traveling under their married name, should also carry their marriage certificate, or a certified copy, as further proof of identify.
- All bona fide visitors are allowed to remain in Bermuda for **(180 days)** unless restricted by an Immigration Officer. Due to Legislation, there is no opportunity to extend the length of stay for a yachtsman beyond the aforementioned length of time. For any questions, please contact the Department of Immigration's Compliance Section at (441)-293-2542.

### **VISAS & VISA CONTROLLED NATIONALS (VCN)**

With effect on March 6, 2024, the Bermuda Immigration and Protection (Prohibition of Entry) Order lists the countries whose nationals are prohibited from entering Bermuda, unless such persons possess a multiple re-entry visa (MRV) or other permission [such as a valid permanent resident certificate] to reside in any country **not named** in the Order:

In order to be landed in Bermuda as a Visa Controlled National (VCN), the following requirements must be met:

- All travellers who require an MRV for the UK, US or Canada must present this visa-type either at:
  - In Newport at Bermuda Immigration pre-clearance or;
  - In Bermuda for all persons who did not attend the pre-clearance event (this does not make the Newport event optional);
- The MRV for the UK, US or Canada must be **valid for 45 days beyond the expiration of a visitor's intended stay;**

- All travellers must possess a **passport that is valid for 45 days past the expiration of their intended stay in Bermuda;**
- Arranged accommodation in Bermuda must be confirmed before arrival unless remaining on the vessel.

**PLEASE NOTE:** Persons whose MRV and passport validity is less than 45 days will not be landed.

Bottom line is the traveller does not need a Bermuda Entry visa but if a VCN arrives without a multiple re-entry visa (MRV) they will not be permitted to leave the vessel for departure by air, they will have to leave onboard that vessel and may be confined to that vessel until it departs Bermuda waters. Of course, each case will be judged based on its merits.

## **BERMUDA DUTY DESK CHECK OUT AND REQUIREMENTS**

As per SIs skippers are reminded that the following must be completed online or (if applicable) handed in to the Duty Officers' Desk at the RBYC, after clearing Border Control Procedures (i.e. Immigration by Pre-clearance in Newport or Clearance in Bermuda and Customs via SailClear):

1. Certificate of Compliance (Online checklist in Entry System) will be confirmed by Duty Desk.
2. YellowBrick Position Transponder
3. Bermuda Tourism Survey (Available at Duty Desk)
4. Maritime Health Form [\(Hand in\)](#)

Protests and Scoring requests are submitted online – visit the Online Notice Board

## **IF POST-RACE REQUIREMENTS ARE NOT COMPLETED PER THE SIs, A YACHT WILL NOT BE SCORED**

RBYC Duty Desk is located in the Calabash Lounge to assist you with any inquiries at the following times \*\*:

Sunday, June 23 <sup>rd</sup>	2:00pm – 4:00pm or as required
Monday, June 24 <sup>h</sup> – Wednesday, June 26 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am – 8:00pm
Thursday, June 27 <sup>th</sup> & Friday, June 28 <sup>th</sup>	8:00am – 4:00pm
Saturday, June 29 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am – 4:00pm
Sunday, June 30 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am – 12:00pm

\*\*Opening hours may be adjusted depending upon the speed of the race

### **DUTY DESK:**

Participation plaques and ties/ scarves for skippers completing the race, will be available for collection and signed for at the Duty Desk.

## **GENERAL SAFETY ISSUES & LOCAL ETIQUETTE**

- The emergency number in Bermuda is **911**.
- Please remember that vehicles drive on the **LEFT** in Bermuda so please be careful when crossing the road and especially if you intend to rent a scooter during your stay.
- The speed limit is 20 mph/35kmh.
- **Please do not drink and drive** - the Duty Desk team will be happy to call you a taxi.
- Please use common sense with regard to your personal safety while in Bermuda - travel in groups wherever possible and do not carry large sums of cash or wear expensive jewellery.
- **BBQs are strictly forbidden in the marina.**



- Please do not go shirtless or shoeless whilst at RBYC or in other public places in Bermuda -this is considered acceptable only at the beach.
- Bermudians like to say and receive “Good Morning” or “Good Afternoon” pretty much all day. Saying “Good Morning” or “Good Afternoon” will get you service. Think of it as the Bermudian “Pura Vida”.

## **FIRE DRILL INSTRUCTIONS AT THE ROYAL BERMUDA YACHT CLUB**

Call 911 if possible. If not, notify Maritime Operations VHF 16 - if it is necessary to abandon ship via the water, please notify Maritime Operations or 911 of this so marine emergency vessels can be put into action. Sound horn in accordance with international marine regulations for an emergency - three short blows of the horn followed by one long blast.

If possible move boat away from dock. **DO NOT DO THIS IF THERE IS ANY POSSIBILITY OF SERIOUS INJURY.** 911 OR Maritime Operations will contact Fire, Police, and RBYC General Manager David Furtado or Marina Manager Reggie Horseman. They will then notify official parties.

**ALL Occupants** on the dock are required to evacuate the premises in the event of a fire in the marina or Club. Please evacuate to muster on Albouy’s Point.

Skippers are responsible for each of their crew and the assembly thereof. Skippers should report to the Emergency Coordinator who is identified by his/her vest and flag. Only the Emergency Coordinator will correspond with the Police and Bermuda Fire Service.

## **PRIZE GIVING**

**Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> is by Invitation Only.** These will be available from the Duty Desk once the results are finalized (we anticipate that this will be from NOON on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup>). Each boat will receive (4) Official Invitations for the Skipper and Navigator (plus a guest each). Winning boats will be assigned additional invitations for remaining crew only. Skippers are advised that everyone **MUST** take their invitations and an ID along with them to the Prize Giving. **NO INVITATION, NO ENTRY.** *The dress code is as stated on the invitation.*

**THERE ARE NO REPLACEMENTS FOR LOST OR MISSING INVITATIONS AND THEY ARE NOT TRANSFERABLE.** We are limited in the number of available invitations for the Prize Giving, therefore as a courtesy to other competitors and to assist with catering and other arrangements, if you or your crew are unable to attend, please return the invitations to the Duty Desk at RBYC.

## **PROTESTS**

Protest hearings have been scheduled at 3:00pm on Wednesday, June 26<sup>th</sup> and will continue if needed at 9:00am on Thursday, June 27<sup>th</sup> and Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> in the Newport Room located on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor of the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club. Please check the Notice Board for further details.

## **PILOT STATION**

St. George’s. Tel: (441) 297-0178 and (441) 335-1828/1830.

## **RACE RESULTS**

The Official Results will be displayed on the Official Notice Board and TV monitor located at the RBYC. Results are also available on the Newport Bermuda Race website: [www.bermudarace.com](http://www.bermudarace.com)

## **INFORMATION, MAIL**

The Club's Reception Desk has facilities for receiving mail as well as handling telephone calls and inquiries. They will be present between 2:00pm to 8:00pm on Sunday, June 23<sup>rd</sup> and 7:30am to 6:00pm daily from Monday, June 22<sup>nd</sup> to Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup>. There is an alphabetized mail rack, specifically for yachts incoming mail and messages, on Commodore's Row located off the main foyer.

## **TELEPHONE, FAXES, PHOTOCOPIES AND EMAIL**

**Duty Desk:** [dutydesk@rbyc.bm](mailto:dutydesk@rbyc.bm) or [feathers.carol@gmail.com](mailto:feathers.carol@gmail.com)

**Club Telephone:** (441) 295-2214

Facsimile: (441) 295-6361

## **MOBILE PHONES**

Bermuda supports world-class cellular communications. Both mobile operators on Island have relationships with all the major carriers around the world, which will allow you to use your phone while in Bermuda. All support 4G/LTE Networks. Roaming rates can be high.

**One Communications:** +1 441 700-7000 / [www.onecomm.bm](http://www.onecomm.bm).

**Digicel:** +1.441.500.5000 <https://www.digicelgroup.com/bm/en.html>

## **COURIER/MAIL SERVICES**

Mailboxes Unlimited on Bermudian Road

Guests will find a full range of facilities for faxing, photocopying and courier services at Mailboxes. Open Monday to Friday 8:00am to 6:00pm and Saturday 9:00pm – 5:30pm. For more information call (441) 292-6563.

## **INTERNET FACILITIES**

Wi-Fi access will be available at RBYC during the event dependent upon volume of usage:

Network Name: RBYC

Password: 2024rbyc!

***Due to the heavy usage, it would be appreciated if you could disable Wi-Fi when not in use.***

## **DRINK TICKETS**

Beverage tickets can be purchased from the various ticket kiosks. Cash, Visa and MasterCard are accepted. Tickets are for Beverages only. No souvenirs or food can be purchased with tickets. Multiple unused RBYC tickets at the end of stay will be redeemed by the RBYC before Sunday, June 30<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

## **SAILS AND SPINNAKERS**

**MUST NOT** BE WASHED ON GRASSY AREAS IN BARRS BAY PARK OR ELSEWHERE AS THE CHEMICALS ON THE SAILS WILL KILL THE GRASS!

## **CATERING AND BAR FACILITIES AT RBYC**

A full range of facilities is available. Please note that all prices include gratuities. See calendar of events.

## **CONTAINER COLLECTION**

It is expected that the Event containers be delivered at 9:00am on Monday June 24. Competitors may collect items that were shipped to Bermuda from the containers located at the front of the building. Hours of operation are:

- Monday June 24 – Wednesday June 26: 9:00am – 4:00pm daily.
- Thursday June 28: 9:00am – 11:00am

## **MERCHANDISE SHOP**

Official race merchandise can be purchased at Waterfront Man, located opposite the Hamilton Ferry Terminal, less than a block from the Club.

## **SHORE SERVICES – Laundry, Fuel, Ice, Garbage**

### **LAUNDRY**

Laundry will be collected from the RBYC Flagpole at 08:00am starting on Tuesday, June 24<sup>th</sup>. The last pickup will be Friday, June 28<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am and the last delivery will be Saturday, June 29<sup>th</sup> at 9:00pm.

Please note that delivery of laundry back to RBYC will be made on a cash basis only at \$1.95 per pound.

Laundry should be placed in bags clearly marked with the name of the yacht. Laundry tags can be found in your competitors' packs upon arrival.

Yachtsmen are responsible for being at the Club to RECEIVE AND PAY for their laundry.

Card operated washer/dryer machines are also available at:

Quickie Lickie Laundromat on 74 Serpentine Road (441-295-6097), a 5 minutes' walk from RBYC. Monday through Saturday 6:00am to 10:00pm, and 6:00am to 6:00pm on Sunday.

### **RBYC LAUNDRY FACILITIES**

The Club has 3 washer/dryer unit available in the basement on a first come/first serve basis. Loads (washing or drying) are \$3.00 each, laundry soap pod available for \$1. Tokens and Soap Pods are available from the Front Entrance Reception Office.

### **GARBAGE COLLECTION**

Garbage will be collected twice daily. Please put regular bagged garbage in the large dumpsters provided at the side of the Club. Recyclable items (glass and cans only) should be placed in blue recycling bags.

### **GASOLINE & PROPANE**

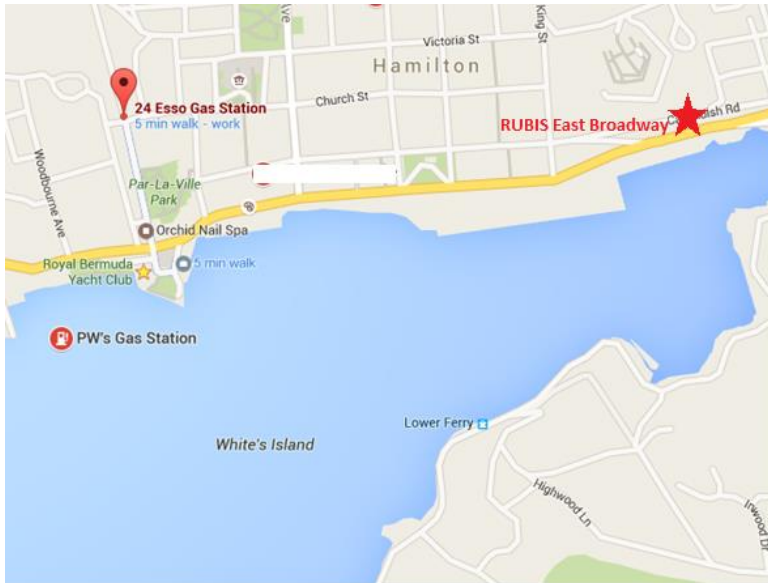
Upon check-in Newport all boats MAY REQUEST (1) numbered NON-TRANSFERABLE voucher for a one-time purchase of duty-free fuel from the assigned RUBIS fuel depot in Bermuda. These vouchers will be issued by HM Customs Bermuda and will be available for collection from the Duty Desk at the RBYC. **NB: Vouchers cannot be accepted at a regular marina fuelling station. Please see details in your skipper pack.**

Regular fuel is available at the PW's Rubis Marine Filling Station (Tel: 441-295-3185) just west of the RBYC Marina. Note that the maximum draft at low tide is 10'. This service station is open from 8:00am to 6:00pm Monday through Saturday and 8:00am to 5:00pm on Sunday. Bagged ice is also available. Fuel can be purchased by credit card 24/7.

For deeper water, fuel can be purchased by appointment at Rubis Dockyard where the maximum draft is 32'. (Howard Williams at 441-234-0233/441-299-7019 or h.williams@rubis-bermuda.com).

Fuel is also available by prior appointment with Sol at Tiger Bay in St. George's. (Chris Gibbons at 294-5236).

Propane refills are available from any Gas/Petrol station, the closest being Esso Tiger Mart at the top of Bermudian Road, a 5-minute walk from the RBYC or RUBIS East Broadway, which is a 5 minute drive by bike at the East End of Hamilton City (stay on Front Street to city limits). Alternative, propane can be delivered by Atlantic Gas- (Arnel) +1-441-534-0404.



## ICE

There will be a daily delivery of both block and bag ice from Monday, June 24<sup>th</sup> between the times of 10:00am and 11:00am and again between 3:00pm and 4:00pm. Contact K.C. Daniels Ltd. Tel: 441-236-3189/441-535-1627.

**RBYC has large 25 lbs bags available on site for \$12. Please see the bartenders to purchase.**

## RHADC TRANSPORT

There will be a water shuttle service between the Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club and the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club. Competitors berthed at the RHADC should contact their Duty Desk for assistance with transportation to RBYC.

## MISCELLANEOUS SERVICES

A list of Marine and Other Services is available at the Duty Desk

## BONDED LIQUOR

Bonded liquor should be ordered 24-48 hours prior to departure. Deliveries will be made directly to yachts moored at RBYC and are subject to Customs Regulations. Under no circumstances must Bonded Liquor be left on RBYC premises. Alcohol is not available for purchase on Sundays. **A Goslings' Duty Free Desk will be set up on the RBYC Hardstand from Tuesday, June 21<sup>st</sup> through Friday June 24<sup>th</sup> from 10:00am to 4pm.**

## CREWS FOR RETURN VOYAGE

Check the Notice Board for a list of persons willing to act as crew on the returning to the US or Canada or check the website under the 2024 Race and Crew [www.bermudarace.com](http://www.bermudarace.com)

## **CLEARANCE & DEPARTURE FROM BERMUDA**

### **LEAVING BY SEA:**

All skippers **MUST** enter details of departing vessel and crew into SAILCLEAR. We suggest that this is completed several days before intended departure.

To avoid the requirement to call into YRC St George's, the skipper should then send an email to Senior Customs Officer, Andrea McKey, [akmckey@gov.bm](mailto:akmckey@gov.bm), advising the name of the vessel and intended departure date, and that SAILCLEAR has been updated. Ms. McKey will clear the vessel for departure from Bermuda and will issue a certificate which will be delivered to RBYC for collection by the skipper the following day.

Otherwise, the skipper will need to call in at the YRC at Ordnance Island in St George with all delivery crew passports, to receive clearance.

Skippers of yachts returning to the US with any aliens on board should ensure that the aliens present themselves to the US Immigration Officer at the US Consulate, "Crown Hill", 16 Middle Road, Devonshire, telephone 441-295-1342, fax 441-295-1592 and if their passports are in order, they will be issued an immigration permit and clearance to enter the US. This will avoid embarrassment and unnecessary delay at the yacht's port of entry.

### **DEPARTURE FROM BERMUDA**

Prior to departure from Bermuda, all yachts are required to notify Maritime Operations on VHF Channel 16, to give them a departure time, Persons On Board, and next port of call in the event of an incident after they leave. Skippers are recommended to call on the way up from Hamilton as you approach the Narrows Channel.

### **MARITIME OPERATIONS CONTACT DETAILS**

Tel: (441) 297-1010 Fax: (441) 297-1530

Inmarsat C: 581 431010110 RCCB X or 584 431010120 RCCB X

E-mail: [operations@rccbermuda.bm](mailto:operations@rccbermuda.bm) or [dutyofficer@marops.bm](mailto:dutyofficer@marops.bm)

Website: [www.marops.bm](http://www.marops.bm)

SSB: 4,125 kHz and 2,182 kHz

VHF: Channels 16 and 27

### **MISUSE OF DRUGS ACT 1972**

Importation of, possession of, or dealing with unlawful drugs (including marijuana) is an offence. Anyone contravening this Act is liable to fines of up to \$10,000 or 5 years' imprisonment or both. Conviction on indictment carries a maximum penalty of a fine or imprisonment for life, or both. This includes marijuana and other 'soft' drugs as well as 'hard' drugs. All medically prescribed drugs and medications **MUST** be declared to the Customs Department Officers.

### **FIREARMS ACT 1973**

Under this Act, the importation of any firearm, part of a firearm, or ammunition into Bermuda is strictly forbidden except under the authority of a permit granted by the Commissioner of Police. Such a permit will not ordinarily be granted other than in exceptional circumstances. Spear guns and a variety of dangerous weapons are treated as firearms, such as Verey Flare Pistols and signals guns and no one can legally possess, purchase, or acquire or import such weapons in these islands. No spear fishing whatsoever is permitted within one mile of any shore. It is nonetheless normal that most non-commercial vessels entering Bermuda will have on board at the very least a Verey Flare Pistol or signal gun, or perhaps some other firearm. If this is the case, the Captain must immediately and voluntarily declare all firearms and ammunition to the Customs Department Officers as soon as he presents himself to the Officers. Depending on the circumstances, the

Customs Officer will either detain all such firearms and ammunition and return them upon departure of the vessel; or he may decide merely to seal such weapons on board in some appropriate place; he would then check the seal upon departure to ensure it has not been broken.

PLEASE NOTE ALL PARTICIPANTS IN THE 2024 BERMUDA RACE WILL HOLD HARMLESS THE OFFICERS, OFFICIALS, STAFF AND MEMBERS OF THE ROYAL BERMUDA YACHT CLUB AND THE CRUISING CLUB OF AMERICA AND ALL OTHER OFFICERS AND PERSONS CONNECTED WITH THE 2016 BERMUDA RACE, INCLUDING THE UNION PATCH SERIES FROM ANY CLAIMS AND LIABILITY ARISING FROM INJURY, LOSS OR DAMAGE TO THEMSELVES, THEIR YACHT OR ANY EQUIPMENT BEING SHIPPED FROM THE UNITED STATES TO BERMUDA BY EUROPEAN CONTAINER LINES SUSTAINED AS A RESULT OF ANY NEGLIGENCE OR MISCONDUCT WHATSOEVER AND HOWSOEVER ARISING ON THE PART OF ANY SUCH ORGANISATION OR PERSONS. ATTENTION IS DRAWN TO RRS PART 1, FUNDAMENTAL RULES.

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