



# BERMUDA J/24 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS



NOVEMBER 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2008

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANISING AUTHORITY - THE ROYAL BERMUDA YACHT CLUB

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*The Bermuda J/24 Class Association (BJCA), and The Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (R.B.Y.C.), their Officers, Members and Employees bear no responsibility for accidents, damage or injuries to boats or their crew however so caused during or related to this regatta. Attention is drawn to ISAF RRS 4 (Decision to Race).*

### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta shall be governed by "rules" as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008 (RRS).
- 1.2 With permission of the IJCA, the following IJCA class rules are modified:
  - (a) IJCA rule 5.1 is changed to permit a boat to sail with different crew on different days provided the crew changes are declared at registration. Crew changes not declared at registration require advance written approval of the jury and will only be approved in exceptional circumstances.
- 1.3 Rule 41 will be changed as follows: A boat shall receive no outside assistance, except as provided for in rule 41, after leaving her mooring for the first race of each day until she returns to her mooring. This changes the preamble to Part 4 of the rules.
- 1.4 Rule 42.3 will be changed as follows: The exception described in rule 42.3 (b) is deleted and replaced by the restriction described in IJCA Rule 8.2.2.
- 1.5 All boats may be required to display bow numbers provided by the organizing authority.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors shall be posted on the Official Notice Board located at R.B.Y.C.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions (SIs) shall be posted before 1730 hours the day before it shall take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS

- 4.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the Official Flagstaff at R.B.Y.C.
- 4.2 When Code flag "AP" is displayed ashore this means "Racing is postponed, do not leave the dock". The first scheduled warning signal shall be made not less than 60 minutes after Code flag "AP" is lowered.
- 4.3 Class flags shall be Blue Flag with J/24 Logo.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 5 races shall be scheduled. Two races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race, of each scheduled race day, shall be 11:00 hours.
- 5.3 The warning signal for each succeeding race shall be made as soon as practicable.
- 5.4 No race shall be started after 16:00 hours.

### 6. RACING AREA

- 6.1 The racing area shall be The Great Sound; Granaway Deep; or Hamilton Harbour as advised by the Race Committee on VHF 73 at 09:30 hours.

### 7. THE COURSES

- 7.1 Courses are shown on the Course Card which ranks as part of these Sailing Instructions.
- 7.2 No later than the warning signal, the race committee signal boat shall display the course number, and the approximate compass bearing from the starting line to Mark 1.
- 7.3 When the flag W is displayed with the class warning signal, the course is modified by adding a rounding of Mark 2 prior to the finish. The finish shall be set to weather of the windward mark.
- 7.4 When the flag O is displayed with the class warning signal, that class shall sail around the Offset mark before beginning the downwind leg.
- 7.5 When the flag G is displayed with the class warning signal, the RC shall set a Gate instead of the leeward mark. Boats shall sail between mark S and P from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

### 8. MARKS

- 8.1 New marks, as provided in instruction 11 shall be red inflatable tetrahedral buoys (ITB). The starting and finishing marks shall be orange ITB. The offset mark shall be green ITB. All other marks shall be yellow ITB.

### 9. CHECKING IN

- 9.1 Before the warning signal of her first race of the day, each boat shall sail past the stern of the Race Committee signal boat and hail her sail number until acknowledged by the Race Committee.



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### 10. THE START

- 10.1 Races shall be started by using RRS 26.
- 10.2 The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4.1.
- 10.4 If any part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment is on the course side of the starting line during the two minutes before her starting signal, the RC will display flag V. It will be displayed until all boats have sailed completely to the prestart side, but not after the starting signal.
- 10.5 When a boat breaks rule 30.3, a race committee boat at mark 1 intends to post the identification numbers of the boats to be scored BFD. The race committee will also redisplay the black flag after the start to notify the fleet that one or more boats will be penalized (this changes rule 30.3). Failure of a boat to see her number or of the race committee to post her number shall not be grounds for granting redress. The race committee also intends to announce the numbers of the boats that have broken rule 30.3 via VHF channel 73.

### 11. CHANGE OF THE POSITION OF THE NEXT MARK

- 11.1 To change the position of the next mark(s), the race committee shall lay a new mark(s), or move the finish line, and remove the original mark(s) as soon as practicable. The change shall be signalled before the leading boat has begun the leg in accordance with RRS 33, although the new mark may not yet be in position. Any mark to be rounded after rounding the new mark may be relocated without further signalling to maintain the course configuration. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it shall be replaced by an original mark.

### 12. RECALLS

- 12.1 Individual recalls shall be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2. The Race Committee shall attempt to promptly broadcast the sail number of each recalled boat on VHF channel 73. The following shall not be cause for redress:

Failure of a boat to receive the recall broadcast;  
A boat's position in the sequence of broadcast numbers;  
Failure of the Race Committee to hail a boat's number.

### 13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finishing line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and the course side of the finishing mark.
- 13.2 When the course is shortened at a gate, a Race Committee boat near the gate shall display flag S and boats shall finish by sailing through the gate from the direction of the previous mark. The finish line shall be between the gate marks. This changes Race Signal S.

### 14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The Two Turns Penalty (RRS 44.2) shall apply.

### 15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 Boats failing to finish within 90 minutes after the starting signal, or 15 minutes after the first boat in her class finishes, whichever is the earlier, shall be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE). This changes RRS 35 and A4.1.

### 16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 A boat intending to protest or request redress for an incident that occurred while racing shall notify the race committee signal boat as soon as possible after retiring or finishing. This amends RRS 61.
- 16.2 Protest forms are available at R.B.Y.C.. Protests shall be delivered to a representative of the protest committee located at the lower level of the R.B.Y.C. clubhouse within the protest time limit.
- 16.3 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the docking of the race committee signal boat. The same protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 16.4 Hearing notices will be posted on the official notice board within 5 minutes after the protest time limit to inform parties to a hearing of the time and place of the hearing. Hearings may commence at any time if parties are present and prepared; otherwise hearings may be scheduled as early as 10 minutes after the protest time limit. The posting of hearing notices shall be considered notice as required by RRS 61 and 63.2.
- 16.5 A boat may not protest another boat for an alleged breach of Sailing Instructions 18, 16.1. This amends RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. This amends RRS 64.1(a).



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16.6 Protest Arbitration. RRS 44.2 is modified to allow a boat to take a 20% Scoring Penalty for a breach of a rule of RRS Part 2 after the incident but prior to the protest hearing by acknowledging the infringement before arbitration or by accepting the opinion of the arbitrator. After a protest has been lodged, one designated representative from each boat, who shall have been on the boat when the incident occurred, may appear together before an arbitrator appointed by the jury. No witnesses shall be allowed. The arbitrator will have each party describe the incident, limiting each party to approximately two minutes. After hearing the testimony, the arbitrator will express one of the following three conclusions:

- No rule was broken. The protestor has the option of withdrawing the protest. If he decides to do so, he signs to this effect on the protest form. The protest is then withdrawn and shall not be reopened or appealed. If the protestor does not withdraw the protest it will be submitted to the jury for hearing.
- A rule was broken by one of the boats involved. The representative of the offending boat has the option of accepting a 20% penalty or submitting the matter to the jury for a protest hearing. Application of the 20% penalty shall be calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). If the penalty is accepted the matter is closed and cannot be submitted to a hearing, be reopened, appealed or submitted for redress.
- The protest should be submitted to the jury for hearing. When the protest is submitted to the jury, the arbitrator shall not be a member of the jury, be called as a witness or be present in the jury room. The arbitrator shall not discuss the matter with jury members until after the jury's decision has been made.

### 17. SCORING

17.1 The Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A shall apply using the Low Point System with no score excluded for up to 3 races, and 1 score excluded for 4 or more races.

17.2 Boats identified "Time Limit Expired" shall be scored points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus two points by the race committee without a hearing. This changes RRS A4.1, A4.2 and A5.

### 18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

18.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. VHF channel 73 is permitted for this.

### 19. OFFICIAL BOATS

19.1 Official boats shall display R.B.Y.C. burgee.

### 20. RADIO/TELEPHONE COMMUNICATIONS

20.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

20.2 The Race Committee shall use VHF channel 73 which shall be made available to all boats to monitor. The Race Committee shall endeavour to use this channel to advise of racing being postponed or abandoned.

### 21. PRIZES

21.1 Prizes shall be awarded as described in the Notice Of Race.

### 22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

22.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority shall not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

### 23. INSPECTIONS

23.1 The Race Committee may carry out checks of safety and other equipment, including compliance with Class Rules. Boats not correctly equipped are subject to protest.

### 24. INSURANCE

24.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$500,000 per event or the equivalent, valid for all skippers.

### 25. ADVERTISING

25.1 The Regatta is classified Category "C" per rule 79 and Regulation 20, and by ICJA rule 2.6.1.

25.2 Boats may be required to display event Advertising on the forward part of the hull provided by the organizing authority in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3 (d)(i). This would change ICJA rule 2.6.1 (b).

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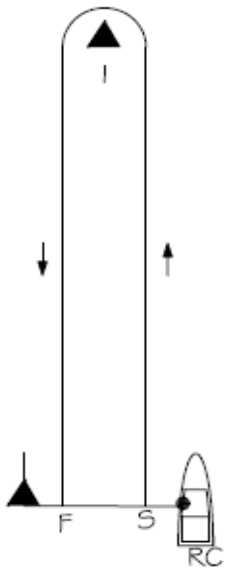
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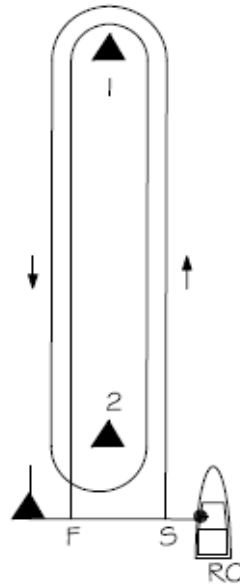
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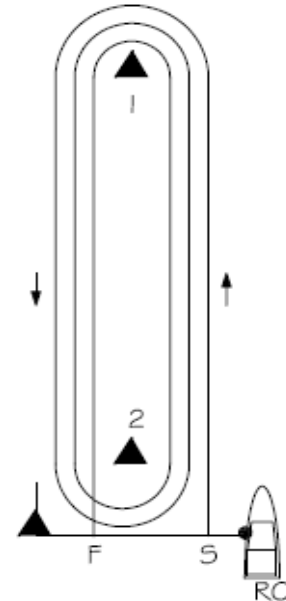
### COURSE CARD



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