



Scrub island Invitational

March 29, 2023

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the 'Rules' as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), except as altered by these sailing instructions. The regatta organizing authority (OA) is the BVI Spring Regatta & Sailing Festival and the Royal BVI Yacht Club.

- a) All monohull boats will be rated in accordance with CSA Rules.
- b) All Sport and Cruising multihull boats will be rated in accordance with the CSA Multihull Rule.
- c) The minimum number of crew for each boat will be two, except where class rules state otherwise.
- d) Rule 26 is changed as follows: There will be no signal flags except the "X" flag. Signals will be made by horn and radio announcement only.
- e) RRS 29.1 is changed such that Individual Recalls may be announced by Radio. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for redress.
- f) The decision as to the class in which a boat races rests entirely with the Organizing Authority.
- g) RRS 44.1 is changed to allow a One Turn Penalty for a breach of Part 2 rules and rule 31.
- h) RRS 52 will not apply.
- i) RRS 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: However, discarding wool bands when setting a sail is permitted.
- j) Bareboats: Anchor and chain provided must be carried on board when racing. Anchor and chain only may be relocated from its normal position.
- k) Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. Bow stickers, when provided, shall be attached near the bow as close to the toe rail as possible.

2. SAFETY REGULATIONS

Yachts may not have an anchor overhanging the bow. It shall be the individual responsibility of each competitor to wear adequate personal buoyancy when conditions warrant.

3. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board at yachtscoring.com.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the sailing instructions or course will be announced on the Race Channel by the Race Committee. The Race Channel is **VHF channel 69**.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

Class	Warning
Cruising Multihull	1000 hrs
Cruising/Performance Cruising	1010 hrs
Bareboat	1015 hrs
Racing	1020 hrs
Offshore Multihull	1025 hrs

6. THE START

The starting line will be between a staff with an orange flag on a Signal Boat and the course side of a nearby inflatable mark. **Rule 26 is changed as follows: There will be no signal flags except the "X" flag. Signals will be made by horn and radio announcement only.** The Race Committee will attempt to inform competitors who are OCS on **VHF CH 69**. Failure to do so, or failure of a competitor to hear or receive such transmissions will not be grounds for redress. There will be no penalty for late starters.

7. THE COURSE

The course to be sailed will be posted on the Official Notice Board at **yachtscoring.com** before 0800 hours on the day of the race. Announcements including a time check, the order of starts and the course to be sailed will be broadcast on **VHF CH 69** prior to the first warning.

8. FINISH:

Finish off Scrub Island resort between the course side of an inflatable mark and an blue flag displayed from the Marina Bulkhead.

9. YACHTS RETIRING

A yacht retiring shall inform the Race Committee at the first available opportunity on **VHF CH 69**.

10. CLASSES

There will be a maximum of five classes. Classes may be subdivided for scoring at the discretion of the Race Committee.

11. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

A yacht intending to protest must submit her protest to the Protest Desk during the protest time limit. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the race in her class. The protest time limit applies to all protests by the race committee and for requests for redress. This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2. For non Part 2 rule infringements, the protest committee may assign a penalty other than DSQ.

For the purpose of rule 64.4(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organizing authority.

11.1 POST-RACE PENALTY

Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty (30% Scoring Penalty) at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.

12. HANDICAPS

Corrected times will be calculated using the CSA rating system for Bareboat, Racing and Cruising classes. Yachts must declare their CSA rating at the time of registration. Corrected times for the Multihull Class will be calculated using ratings assigned by the CSA Multihull Rule.

13. TIME LIMITS

The time limit will be 1500 hours for all classes. Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored TLE and receive a score of one place more than the last boat to finish in her class. This adds to appendix A.

14. PRIZE GIVING

Prizes will be awarded at Scrub Island at 1730 hours or as soon as results are finalized.

15. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for each class. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee and Sponsors.

16. LIABILITY

As a condition of entry into this race the entrant accepts that it is their sole and inescapable responsibility for the management and safety of their yacht, and that none of the Race Committee, the BVI Spring Regatta & Sailing Festival, their Officers or Members, Nanny Cay or sponsors shall accept any responsibility for the loss of life or injury to participants or others, for the loss of or damage to any yacht however caused, before, during or after any race. The entrant agrees to be bound by the World Sailing racing rules and the sailing instructions.

BVI Regatta committee is focused on offering world class racing. All participants will have to comply with guidelines that are set by the BVI Government and the Event Organizers. These guidelines are found on the **[BVI Government site](#)** as well as the **[BVI Spring Regatta Covid Update](#)**. Social distancing and proper sanitization will be implemented. Group contact will be limited. We understand the importance of implementing quality measures to ensure the safety of participants and visitors. Racing safely is our main priority.