

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

May 21, 2011

1.0 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the “Rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012.
- 1.2 International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing US Edition 2010-2011.

2.0 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the OA office (race headquarters) located at The Rice Mill Building.

3.0 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the notice of race and/or sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 **Eastern Daylight Time (EDT)** on 21 May 2011. If the scheduled start of 21 May 2011 is cancelled, changes to the start of the race will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4.0 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore in Charleston will be displayed at the Charleston Yacht Club.
- 4.2 Signals made ashore in Bermuda will be displayed at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club.

5.0 START SIGNALS

- 5.1 The classes will be started in accordance with RRS 26, with classes starting at “10-minute” intervals. There will be no less than a five (5) minute interval between the starting signal for each class and the warning signal for the next class.

Sequence:

1255 Warning for First Class to start

6.0 CLASS FLAGS

6.2 The class flags will be announced at the Captain's Meeting

7.0 THE COURSE

7.1 The course is to be sailed is as follows:

Starting line as described in Section 9.3

G "25" to Starboard

R "18" to Port and G "17" to Starboard

Isle of Bermuda to Port

The Finish line will be a line extending .25 nm (nautical miles) on a bearing of 90 degrees magnetic from the SB Buoy ("SB" (F1)). A yacht finished when SB Buoy bears 270 degrees magnetic and is within .25 nautical miles. Each yacht shall take the time of her own finish, enter that time in the running log, that time shall be reported on the compliance sheet and submitted to the OA at the RBYC within 14 hrs of finishing.

7.2 A length of 777 nautical miles will be used for the correction of all times.

8.0 MARKS

Marks R "4," G "25," R "18, and" G "17" and "SB" are Government Navigation Buoys.

9.0 THE START

9.1 Each yacht must check-in with the Race Committee (RC) prior to the warning signal of the first class to start. Check-in can be completed via VHF Channel 74 or by hailing and receiving a response from the RC.

- 9.2 The races will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.3 The starting line will be between an orange flag on a race committee boat and an orange floating pin.
- 9.4 The RC will attempt to hail any yacht incurring a penalty described in 9.5 and attempt to broadcast her name and sail number on VHF Channel 74. Failure of the RC to notify any yacht of their penalty will not, however, release such yacht of their obligation from the penalty.
- 9.5 A yacht starting before her start time will be penalized by having her elapsed time increased by two hours in lieu of disqualification. This changes to RRS 29.1

10.0 THE FINISH

- 10.1 The Finish line will be a line extending .25 nm (nautical miles) on a bearing of 90 degrees magnetic from the SB Buoy ("SB" (F1)). A yacht finishes when SB Buoy bears 270 degrees magnetic and is within .25 nautical miles.
- 10.3 Each yacht will be responsible for recording time of finishing in EDT (Eastern Daylight Time). This information shall be submitted in writing on the compliance sheet to the RC within twelve (12) hours of the yachts finish time. *The official depository for the RC will be the back bar on the terrace of the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club.*

11.0 TIME LIMITS

- 11.1 There will be no time limit for this race.

12.0 PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 12.1 Protests and requests for redress will be delivered in writing to the RC within twelve (12) hours of the protesting boat finishing.
- 12.2 All protests involving the start of the race will be relayed to the RC on VHF Channel 74 within 15 minutes of the incident.
- 12.3 Protests may be heard and decided by peers racing in this event. If asked each boat will be required to provide one member of the jury. As a minimum any person serving on the protest committee will be a member of the US Sailing or their National Sailing Authority.
- 12.4 The time for any protest hearings will be determined at RBYC on a need be basis. All protests hearing times will be noticed on the official Notice Board at the RBYC.

13.0 SCORING

Scoring will be based on PHRF corrected times over distance of all finishing yachts. The distance of 777 nautical miles will be used in the scoring calculations.

14.0 WITHDRAWAL FROM RACE

14.1 A yacht withdrawing from the race shall, as soon as possible, report such fact on VHF Channel 16 to a yacht in the race, as well as notifying the RC as stated in Section 17 and as stated in Appendix A of the NOR number 13.

14.2 The Captain of such yacht must report the circumstances in writing to the OA no later than 4 June 2011.

15.0 SAFETY

15.1 Any yacht failing to observe of RRS 1.1, "Helping Those in Danger," may be subject to disqualification.

16.0 SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats will not be allowed in this race.

17.0 RADIO COMMUNICATION

17.1 The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 74 from the start of the race until three (3) hours after the start of the last class.

17.2 While racing each yacht shall stand a continuous radio watch on VHF Channel 16.

17.3 Yachts shall not use any electronic devices to gain information not available to all competitors and the general public and be in strict compliance of NOR 14.2 Special Limitations.

18.0 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded based on corrected PHRF times. One first place overall trophy will be awarded in addition to awards for each class (PHRF Racing, Cruising and Doublehanded) based on entries per class.

19.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

The South Carolina Maritime Foundation, the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, OnDeck Group US LLC and Charleston Racing Association bear no responsibility for accidents, damage or injuries to yachts or persons arising from any cause during the race or related activities. The captain's responsibility is set out in the latest edition of the ISAF Special Regulations for Offshore Racing Category 1 including US Sailing prescriptions as defined by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race.