



The Moorings 40th Interline Regatta



11-15 October 2024

Sailing Instructions

The Organising Authority is the Royal BVI Yacht Club (RBVIYC) in conjunction with the Moorings

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 All boats will be rated in accordance with the Caribbean Sailing Association (CSA) Rating Rule.
- 1.3 In the event of a collision with damage, both boats' deposits may be used, starting with the boat considered to be at fault. The Organizing Authority's decision regarding the use of deposits is final. The security deposit from the boat adjudged to be wrong will be used for repairs initially, then the second boat's security deposit will be used if required. The remainder of the security deposit, if any, will be returned upon completion of the repair.
- 1.4 Advertising will be in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code.

2. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect or be announced verbally on VHF CH 06 on the morning of the day in which it takes effect except that any change to the schedule will be posted by 2100 on the day before it will take effect.

3. Communications with Competitors

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm or announced verbally on VHF CH 06 on the morning of the day in which they take effect.
- 3.2 An announcement will be made each morning at 0930 hours on VHF CH 06 describing the location of the starting area for the first race of the day.
- 3.3 Code flag "LIMA" will be flown from the Race Committee boat when a notice has been posted.
- 3.4 The Race Committee boats will maintain a listening watch on VHF CH 06 throughout racing and may, in accordance with RRS 90.2(c), broadcast the following:
 - i) Time checks before the first start each day.
 - ii) Notification of Amendments to the Sailing Instructions
 - iii) The Abandonment, Shortening or Postponement of any race.
 - iv) Inform individual recalls.
- 3.5 Failure of a boat to hear or interpret any announcement broadcast afloat shall not be grounds for redress.
- 3.6 The Committee Boat will monitor and make announcements on VHF Ch 06.
- 3.7 The support boats and dinghy towing boat will monitor VHF Ch 68.

4. Signals Ashore

- 4.1 There will be no signals ashore.

5. Equipment and Ratings

- 5.1 Boats will be using an assigned CSA rating for the duration of the regatta. Any questions concerning the ratings shall be submitted to the race committee immediately after the skippers meeting.
- 5.2 Only equipment provided as standard by The Moorings and allowed on the boat's CSA rating certificate will be permitted. Water and fuel shall not be less than as stated on the CSA measurement certificate. All equipment shall remain in its proper place aboard. Boats will remove the anchor(s) from the anchor platform. The primary anchor and chain will be stored in the bow anchor locker. The

secondary anchor may be stored in a cockpit locker. No anchors will be removed from boats. No equipment, gear, hardware, fixtures or fittings will be removed from the boat. Boats may be inspected at random for compliance.

- 5.3 No substitution or replacement of any provided sail may be made without first receiving approval from the Race Committee.
- 5.4 Racers may remove the bimini canvas from the bimini frame. The bimini canvas must remain on board the boat. The bimini frame may not be removed. The sail cover and battens may be removed from the boom but must remain on board the boat.
- 5.5 Booming out of headsails: Boats may not boom out headsails with boat hook, oars, etc. Holding out by hand is allowed. When holding out the headsail by hand RRS 49.2 is still in effect.
- 5.6 The total number of crew of each boat shall consist of a number specified in the charter contract with The Moorings, unless a different number is declared before the start of the first race, and maintained for the duration of the regatta. In addition, each boat is permitted to invite up to two (2) guest crew members on board on race days.
- 5.7 Boats registered in the women helm category must have a female at the helm during the entire race except that once on a leg of a course the female helm may take a short break.

6. Schedule of Races

- 6.1 The warning signal for the start of the first race each day shall not be earlier than 10:25 AM.
- 6.2 Subsequent races each day will start immediately following the finish of the preceding race.

7. Class Flags and Identification

- 7.1 Class flags will be as follows:
 - Class A – Pink Flag – Moorings 46.3
 - Class B – Green Flag – Moorings 52.4
- 7.2 Identification ‘tie-on’ guardrail or stick-on bow numbers will be provided by The Moorings and shall be clearly displayed on both sides of the forward lifelines in such a manner that the number is easily read by the Race Committee. Boats whose numbers cannot be read by the Committee may be scored DNF. Tie-on bow numbers must be returned to The Moorings after the regatta.

8. Courses

- 8.1 No later than the warning signal the Race Committee will display the course to be sailed, approximate range and magnetic bearing to the laid windward mark, if a laid windward mark is being used, the order and side in which marks are to be left or rounded, on a white course board by listing the marks in order. (This changes rule 27.1) A mark followed by the letter “P” shall be left or rounded to port; a mark followed by the letter “S” shall be left or rounded to starboard.
- 8.2 A Course will be described as follows: eg. **(S)-10S-11P-9S-(F)**. Where (S) and (F) are the designated start and finish lines.
- 8.3 The race committee will broadcast the course to be sailed, and the approximate range and bearing to a laid windward mark if used, on VHF CH 06.
- 8.4 A description of the finishing area for each race will be announced with the course before the warning signal.

9. Marks

- 9.1 All islands and other marks of the course are described in the “Course Mark Card”. Courses may include a combination of Islands, government buoys and inflatable marks. A written description of each island mark can be found on the back side of the Course Mark Card.
- 9.2 Laid marks of the courses will be orange or yellow inflatable buoys.

10. The Start

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee boat and a nearby orange mark.

- 10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area. The Race Committee may protest a boat not keeping clear under Rule 2.
- 10.4 The order of starts will be Class A, Class B. The Race Committee may start both classes at the same time by displaying both class flags simultaneously.
- 10.5 A boat that does not start within 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 15.1 and A5.2.
- 11. The Finish**
- 11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the Race Committee boat and a nearby orange mark.
- 12. Shortening the Course**
- 12.1 RRS 32.2 is changed to add: 32.2(d) at a known point of land and a staff displaying flag S.
- 13. Retirements**
- 13.1 Any boat retiring shall advise the Race Committee at the earliest opportunity, failure to do so may, following a hearing, result in disqualification from the regatta.
- 14. Penalty System**
- 14.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2 RRS 64.2 is changed so that the Jury may decide what penalty to apply for non-Part 2 rule infringement.
- 14.3 A boat that does not take a penalty in accordance with SI 15.1 may accept a 30% scoring penalty before a hearing provided there was no damage or injury caused and the boat did not gain a significant advantage. No yellow flag need have been flown nor does the RC need to have been notified. This modifies RRS 44.3
- 14.4 When a percentage penalty is imposed, it shall be calculated as the percentage of the number of entrants in the class and fleet, rounded up to the nearest tenth of a point.
- 15. Time Limit**
- 15.1 Boats in each class will have 45 minutes to finish after the first boat to finish in her class for the distance races, 20 minutes to finish for the Windward/Leeward races.
- 15.2 Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored TLE as described in SI 18.3. This changes RRS 35.
- 16. Hearing Requests**
- 16.1 For each class the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Race Committee has docked or anchored.
- 16.2 The Race Committee shall be notified of intention to protest at the time of finishing the race.
- 16.3 Hearing request forms must be given in writing to the Race Committee within the Protest Time Limit.
- 16.4 Protestor must notify protestee of their intent to protest at the earliest possible opportunity.
- 16.5 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt, starting as soon as possible.
- 16.6 Other than as allowed in SI 18.5, no measurement or rating protest / redress may be lodged after the first day of racing.
- 17. Scoring**
- 17.1 The Low Point scoring system, RRS A4.1, will be used.
- 17.2 For all classes two races shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 A boat that was in the starting area but did not start, did not finish, was scored TLE or retired after finishing shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats that finished the race. A boat that was disqualified shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the number of boats entered in the series. This rule replaces RRS A5.2.
- 17.4 In calculating the Overall Class Position, all races sailed will be counted. No scoring will be excluded. For the Champion Boat Award and Team Award, all races sailed will be counted. Champion Boat Award and Team Award will be based on lowest total Fleet Points scored. Where there is a points tie between two or more boats, the tie will be broken in favor of the boat with the most first place

finishes. And if the tie remains, the most second place finishes, etc. A continued tie shall be broken on the basis of lowest total accumulated corrected time. This changes RRS rule A2.1.

- 17.5 When the Race Committee is satisfied that there is an error in a boat's assigned handicap at any time during the regatta, the boat will be assigned the correct handicap and the score for all races in the regatta will be adjusted. This changes RRS 90.3(e).

18. Use of Engines

- 18.1 Any boat that uses her engine during racing, after her preparatory signal, shall submit a written report of the incident, including the time, distance covered and reasons, to the Race Committee within protest time. The Jury may, following a hearing, take any action it deems appropriate.

19. Conduct and Liability

- 19.1 As a condition of entry into this Regatta, the entrant accepts that it is his/her sole and inescapable responsibility for the management and safety of his/her yacht, and that neither The Moorings, the Race Committee, the Royal BVI Yacht Club, the event sponsors, the event hosts, nor their employees accept any responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants or others, or damage to any yacht howsoever caused, during or after the Regatta.
- 19.2 The skipper of each yacht shall be responsible for all actions of his/her crew during the Regatta. In the event of a serious breach of good conduct, sportsmanship, destruction of property, or damage to a Moorings yacht, the skipper and his/her yacht shall be subject to disqualification.
- 19.3 Trash or garbage shall not deliberately be thrown overboard.

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