

Sailing Instructions
Charleston 2 Bermuda Race
May 16th and 17th 2013

1.0 Rules

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the “Rules” as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing US Edition 2012-2013.

2.0 NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Charleston Yacht Club.

3.0 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0900 Eastern Time (EDT) on May 16th, 2013. If the scheduled start for May 16th is changed or 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 start will be in accordance with RRS 26.

6.0 THE COURSE

6.1 The course is as follows:

Starting line will be between an orange flag on a race committee boat and an orange inflatable mark. Located near the yellow anchorage buoy in the eastern portion of Charleston Harbor.

G "25" to Starboard

R "18" to Port

G "17" to Starboard

Isle of Bermuda to Port

The finish line will be a line extending .25NM (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. 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 12 hours of finishing.

6.2 The official length of the course to used for the correction of all times is 774 nautical miles.

7.0 MARKS

G "25", R"18", G"17" and "SB" are government navigation buoys.

8.0 THE START

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

8.2 The race will be started using Rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

8.3 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 the their penalty will not, however release such yacht

of their obligation from the penalty.

- 8.5 A yacht starting before her start time will be penalized by having her elapse time increased by two hours in lieu of disqualification. This changes RRS 29.1.

9. THE FINISH

- 9.1 The finish line will be a line extending .25 NM (nautical miles) on 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.
- 9.2 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 with 12 hours of the yachts finishing time. The official depository for the RC will be the back bar on the terrace of the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club.

10. TIME LIMITS

- 10.1 All yachts must be finished by 1800 hours on May 25th 2013.

11. PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 11.1 Protests and request for redress will be delivered in writing to the to the RC within 12 hours of the protesting boat finishing.
- 11.2 All protests involving the start of the race will be relayed to the RC on VHF channel 74 within 15 minutes of the incident.
- 11.3 Protests may be heard and decided by peers racing at 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.
- 11.4 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.

12. SCORING

Scoring will be based on PHRF corrected times over distance of all finishing yachts. The distance of 774 nautical miles will be used in the scoring calculations.

13. WITHDRAWAL FROM RACE

13.1 A yacht with drawing 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 15.

13.2 The Captain of such yacht must report the circumstances in writing to the OA no later than May 31st, 2013.

14. SAFETY

14.1 Any yacht failing to observe of RRS 1.1 “helping those in danger” may be subject to disqualification.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

15.1 The Race Committee will monitor VHF Channel 74 from the start of the race until three hours after the start.

15.2 While racing each yacht shall stand a continuous radio watch on channel 16 .

16. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded based on corrected PHRF times. One first place overall trophy will awarded.