



BERMUDA OFFSHORE CRUISING ASSOCIATION



JANUARY – DECEMBER 2012

Overall & Individual Series

NOTICE OF RACE

The Combined Clubs Committee; the Host Club; the Organising Authority; the Bermuda Class Associations; the Event Organisers; the Sponsors; their Officers, Members; Employees; and Volunteers, bear no responsibility for accidents, damage or injuries to boats or their crew however so caused during or related to these regattas. Attention is drawn to ISAF RRS 4 (Decision to Race).

Preamble	The "Standard Instructions" document is to be read with, and forms part of, this Notice of Race.				
Invitation	The Event Organisers & the Organising Authority – The Bermuda Offshore Cruising Association (B.O.C.A.); and Host Club are pleased to invite sailors to compete in BOCA PHRF Racing. The Host Club for each race is indicated in the Schedule of Races.				
Eligibility, Entry & Fees	<p>Eligible boats shall be those that satisfy current BOCA Membership requirements and possess a BOCA Handicap. Boats will be scored in Class 1 (Long course) or Class 2 (Short course) as entered on check-in on each race day.</p> <p>Boats must satisfy ORC Category 5 specifications at a minimum. Boats not ordinarily equipped with stanchions, shall be permitted to sail without lifelines on any racecourse with no mark set on the northern side of a line extending through marks 33 and 34. This changes ORC 3.14.</p> <p>Registration shall be by delivering a completed entry form, and the registration fee, to the B.O.C.A. secretary no later than the day before competing in the first regatta. Time on time PHRF handicaps shall be assigned to boats by the Race Committee based on BOCA PHRF Regulations and shall remain constant for the series.</p>				
Check In	Not more than 25 minutes prior to the warning signal of her first race of the day, each boat shall hail the Race Committee using VHF Channel 73 and advise her boat name; sail number and class until acknowledged by the Race Committee.				
Rules	<p>New Rule SI1.5: BOCA PHRF Regulations for shall form part of and be read with the sailing instructions.</p> <p>New Rule SI1.6: The Offshore Racing Council (ORC) Regulations for Category 5 shall form part of and be read with the sailing instructions.</p>				
Notices To Competitors	SI 2.1 is changed to: "Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board(s) located on the internet at www.boca.bm . The Race Committee will record a cancellation or postponement message on 236 1755 no later than 90 minutes before the scheduled start time on the day of a race. No message means racing is on. Notices to competitors may also be advised by the Race Committee using VHF Channel 73 not more than 25 minutes prior to the warning signal. Competitors shall monitor this channel up to 10 minutes after the start time for race information."				
Schedule of Races	<p>The regatta schedule shall be as indicated in "Appendix 3 –Schedule (Handicap)". One race shall be scheduled for each regatta. One race shall be completed to constitute a series.</p> <p>The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 09:55 hours on each scheduled race day, except for Pursuit Races which will have the start times advised on the official notice board no later that the day before the scheduled start. No warning signal shall be made after 11:00 hours.</p> <p>Races not sailed on the scheduled race day shall be rescheduled to the next free makeup day in the schedule ("BOCA Reserve"), or, if there is no free makeup day, shall not be rescheduled and shall be scored as void.</p>				
Venue & Courses	SI 8.2 is replaced with "The race committee shall advise competitors of the course via the official notice board(s) no later than the day prior to the scheduled start; via VHF Channel 73 not more than 25 minutes prior to the warning signal; and at individual yacht check in. Each competitor shall acknowledge the course. Courses may include any of the following: Government Navigation Buoys; BOCA Buoys; and named features on Government Charts of Bermuda and its waters. It is the responsibility of each boat to note the course prior to the warning signal."				
The Start	<p>The Longtail Regatta shall use "Pompano Start" on the first day, and STGDC Start on the second day of racing.</p> <p>The St. George's Weekend Regatta shall use STGDC Start on the second day of racing.</p> <p>All other regattas will use the "RBYC Start"</p>				
Time Limits	Class	Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time	Protest Time Limit
	Class 1	8 hours	1 hour	4 hours	60 minutes after: the last competitor has finished the race; the time the race was abandoned; or the time limit, whichever is earlier.
	Class 2	8 hours	1 hour	4 hours	60 minutes after: the last competitor has finished the race; the time the race was abandoned; or the time limit, whichever is earlier.
	For races using a Pompano Start, the Mark 1 Time Limit is 8 hours for all Classes.				
Scoring & Prizes	<p>Scoring shall be based on corrected time using time-on-time scoring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o The low point scoring system of RRS Appendix A will apply. o Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each class. o Boats will be scored in Class 1 (Long course) or Class 2 (Short course) based on participation. <p>For the Individual Series:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Races indicated in the Schedule as counting towards the Individual Series will be scored <p>For the Overall Series:</p>				



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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Races indicated in the Schedule as counting towards the Overall Series will be scored <p>Boats unable to compete in a regatta or series due to competing in a regatta overseas or offshore race shall be scored average points, for prior races, in the Class in which they most often race.</p>
Safety	All boats shall be expected to comply with Bermuda Government Marine & Ports Regulations regarding safety, including the carrying of VHF radio and flares.
Social	The Overall Prizes will be awarded during the end of season prize giving. Post Race social, and prize-giving (if any), will be held as advised in the Schedule, unless advised by the Race Committee at check in, or on the BOCA website.



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Honesty Series

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Preamble	The "Standard Instructions" document is to be read with, and forms part of, this Notice of Race.				
Invitation	The Event Organisers & the Organising Authority – The Bermuda Offshore Cruising Association (B.O.C.A.); and Host Club are pleased to invite sailors to compete in BOCA Honesty Series. The Host Club is R.H.A.D.C.				
Eligibility, Entry & Fees	<p>Eligible boats shall be those that satisfy current BOCA Membership requirements and possess a BOCA Handicap.</p> <p>Boats shall enter by coming to the starting area.</p> <p>Boats must satisfy ORC Category 5 specifications at a minimum. Boats not ordinarily equipped with stanchions, shall be permitted to sail. This changes ORC 3.14.</p> <p>Time on time PHRF handicaps shall be assigned to boats by the Race Committee based on BOCA PHRF Regulations and shall remain constant for the series.</p>				
Check In	Check in is not required.				
Rules	<p>New Rule SI1.5: BOCA PHRF Regulations for shall form part of and be read with the sailing instructions.</p> <p>New Rule SI1.6: The Offshore Racing Council (ORC) Regulations for Category 5 shall form part of and be read with the sailing instructions.</p>				
Notices To Competitors	SI 2.1 is changed to: "Notices to competitors shall be posted on the official notice board(s) located on the internet at www.boca.bm ."				
Schedule of Races	Boats may start at any time, and may sail the course multiple times, on any day up to and including December 2 nd , 2012.				
Venue & Courses	<p>SI 8.2 is replaced with "The course shall be: #50</p> <p>Courses may include any of the following: Government Navigation Buoys; BOCA Buoys; and named features on Government Charts of Bermuda and its waters."</p>				
The Start	The Honesty Series shall use the "RBYC Start"				
Time Limits	Class	Time Limit	Mark 1 Time Limit	Target Time	Protest Time Limit
	All	8 hours	1 hour	4 hours	60 minutes after: the last competitor has finished the race.
Scoring & Prizes	<p>Scoring shall be based on each boats best corrected time using time-on-time scoring:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Competitors will record their own start and finish times using standard GPS time and forward those times including date and time of sailing to the Class Scorer. Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each class. 				
Safety	All boats shall be expected to comply with Bermuda Government Marine & Ports Regulations regarding safety, including the carrying of VHF radio and flares.				
Social	The Prizes will be awarded during the end of season prize giving.				