



Bermuda Short-Handed Return

- a post NBR race to Newport -



Organizing Authority: New York Yacht Club Regatta Association Inc.

Starting Sunday, June 26, 2022

Bermuda - Newport RI

Notice of Race (NoR) 1.2

Incorporating Amendments 1 & 2

1. SPIRIT AND OBJECTIVE OF THE RACE

- 1.1. The race is intended to be a sporting competition that additionally serves to enhance the safety of the return voyage. The event seeks to encourage more sailors to participate in and to advance the skills of short-handed ocean sailing.

2. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY AND EVENT MANAGEMENT

- 2.1. The New York Yacht Club Regatta Association, Inc. is the Organizing Authority (OA) for the race. The Organizing Committee ("Committee") for the race is comprised of the New York Yacht Club (NYYC) and the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club. The OA and the Committee will work in concert in planning and conducting the Bermuda Short-Handed Return.
- 2.2. The Cruising Club of America ("CCA") is a collaborating partner.
- 2.3. The OA may make amendments to the NoR at any time prior to the skippers meeting and such amendments shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.

3. RULES

- 3.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* except as modified herein or in the Sailing instructions.
- 3.2. Between the times of local sunset and sunrise, RRS Part 2, WHEN BOATS MEET will be replaced with RRS Appendix RV, Reduced Visibility.
- 3.3. RRS 41 (c), OUTSIDE HELP will be replaced with: "(c) Help in the form of information freely available to all boats even if that information is only accessible at a cost. However, such 'at a cost' help shall not include private forecast or tactical advice or information customized for a particular boat or group of boats and/or her/their situation."
- 3.4. The term "Skipper", as used in this NoR and other race documents means the Person in Charge under RRS 46.
- 3.5. RRS 52, Manual Power, shall not apply, as per ORR 4.08. The use of autopilots is permitted.

- 3.6. RRS 56.2 IRPCAS 10 (traffic separation) will not be grounds for protests by boats. If there is a report from a government agency or from a disinterested vessel which was using the Traffic Separation Scheme that created an incident, the Race Committee may make a report to the jury which may call a hearing.
- 3.7. The current Offshore Racing Rule ("ORR") shall apply.
- 3.8. Addendum 1 – US Sailing Prescriptions to the RRS shall apply. Only the prescriptions listed in this Addendum shall apply.
- 3.9. If there is a conflict between languages, the English text takes precedence.
- 3.10. See 14.2.2 re RRS 62.1 re Covid 19.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. The sailing instructions will be published no later than 1400 ADT Saturday, June 25 at RBYC.
- 4.2. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary sailing instructions that will be on the official notice board and may also be posted on the notice board located at RBYC.

5. COMMUNICATION

- 5.1. The online official notice board is located at <https://nyyc.org/2022-bermuda-short-handed-return>.
- 5.2. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 13, 16, and 72.
- 5.3. On the water, the Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF channel 72.
- 5.4. VHF channel 72 will be used as the Race Committee reporting channel for the check-in at the start, the finish in Newport, and for any inter-yacht communications and chats during the race.
- 5.5. While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions to and shall not receive voice or data communication from non-race participants that is not available to all boats.
- 5.6. All yachts shall monitor VHF channel 16 throughout the race, channel 72 until past the coordinates of Kitchen Shoals outbound from Bermuda, and VHF channels 72 & 13 when within 10 nm of R2 when approaching Newport.
- 5.7. Boats shall:
 - 5.7.1 use their best efforts to maintain an electronic watch via an AIS proximity alarm and use their best efforts to monitor AIS for AIS-SART or similar distress signals at all times;
 - 5.7.2 use their best efforts to ensure the transmitting mode of their AIS is enabled at all times and to log and report to the OA after the race all known times that the AIS was not transmitting and the reason why. Other competitors who identify that a yacht is not transmitting AIS shall make an attempt to notify the yacht of the condition;

- 5.7.3 ensure that the boat name provided on the boat's entry form (rather than just an MMSI number or former name) is transmitted on AIS;
- 5.7.4 do all of the following before the skippers meeting:
 - a. call the Race Committee's voicemail via satellite telephone;
 - b. email the Race Committee via satellite connection at a contact email to be provided;
 - c. be capable of receiving voice calls and email messages via satellite telephone while racing.
- 5.8 Boats shall mount a satellite transponder (supplied by the OA at Registration) according to the instructions. Transponders must be returned to the OA after finishing or before July 3, 2022, after which a late fee equal to the retail price of the device will be charged against a deposit made prior to the race.

6. ELIGIBILITY

- 6.1. The race is open to yachts meeting the following criteria:
 - 6.1.1. they are seaworthy, self-righting monohulls with an enclosed cabin and a watertight, self-bailing cockpit.
 - 6.1.2. they must be fitted with an auxiliary motor. The engine or motor must be capable of propelling the yacht through the water at a speed of not less than five (5) knots.
 - 6.1.3. boats must have a valid ORR Double-Handed rating certificate with the stated LOA not less than 32.5 feet (9.906 meters) nor greater than 65.6 feet (20.00 meters) and an ORR GPH not less than (faster than) 290 seconds / mile.
 - 6.1.3.1. Yachts wishing to enter the race that did not compete in the NBR and do not hold a current ORR rating certificate may petition the OA for entry with an ORRez certificate.
 - 6.1.4. The skipper shall submit a sailing resume to the OA by May 25, 2022.
 - 6.1.4.1. Single-handed skippers must show a minimum of 100 miles and no less than 30 continuous hours of offshore experience single-handing the yacht they wish to enter.
 - 6.1.4.2. The OA may amend these requirements by application from a sufficiently qualified skipper.
 - 6.1.5. All participants shall be at least 18 years of age. A singlehanded skipper and at least one of the doublehanded crew shall be 21 years of age. However, skippers under 21 years of age may petition the OA to rule for a variation of this eligibility requirement.
 - 6.1.6. The movement of water ballast and conventional canting keels, including by non-manual power means, is permitted by ORR, provided such features are declared for measurement. See ORR 2.03.3 and Appendix 7, which modifies RRS 51 and 52.

6.1.7. Each entering yacht shall comply with the Newport Bermuda Race 2022 Safety Requirements for Monohulls.

6.1.7.1. Yachts who sailed the 2022 Newport Bermuda Race ("NBR") and met the NBR safety requirements may self-inspect but must declare their compliance and make their yacht available for review before the skippers meeting.

6.1.7.2. Entered yachts who did not sail the 2022 NBR shall be inspected prior to the skippers meeting.

6.1.7.3. All yachts are subject to potential re-inspection after the finish.

6.2 There will be two divisions, single-handed and double-handed. Each may be further divided into classes.

6.3 Subject to qualified interest from a minimum of three entrants the OA will consider a separate class for the Mini 6.5s. Boats entered in this class must have approval by the USA Mini 6.5 Class that they meet the Mini Class rules at the date of the issuance of the class hull number. The Mini shall meet or exceed the 90-degree stability requirement as well as all the class rules of the Mini Class. This class would not be required to have an ORR certificate and would not score against other classes.

7 ENTRY

7.1 Eligible Boats may enter the event by registering online at <https://nyyc.org/2022-bermuda-short-handed-return>. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

7.2 Late entries will be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.

7.3 The OA may reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor in accordance with RRS 76 and the prescription to RRS 76.

8 FEES

8.1 Entry fees are as follows:

8.3.1 The entry fee until April 3, 2022 will be \$500.00

8.3.2 The late entry fee will be \$700.00

8.3.3 Should the OA elect to cancel the race, for whatever reason, it is their intent to refund the entry fees.

9 ADVERTISING

9.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. See World Sailing Advertising Code.

10 SCHEDULE

10.1 Entry opens Saturday, November 6, 2021, with fees due April 3, 2022

10.2 Late entry deadline 1400 ADT June 25, 2022

10.3 Equipment inspection dates:

- 10.3.1 Self-inspection declaration on or before 1600 EDT Thursday, June 16, 2022, for yachts competing in the NBR
- 10.3.2 Inspection on or before Friday, June 24, 2022, for yachts not competing in the NBR
- 10.4 **Mandatory attendance** Skipper's meeting 1400 ADT Saturday, June 25, 2022, at RBYC
- 10.5 Start 1400 ADT Sunday, June 26th in the vicinity of Spit Buoy off St George's Harbour
- 10.6 Prize Giving 1400 EDT Sunday, July 3, 2022 at NYYC Harbour Court in Newport.

11 COURSE

The course will be from a start off Spit Buoy St. George's, passing to seaward of Spit Buoy, Mills Buoy, and Kitchen Shoals and will finish off Newport, RI. U.S. Government marks that are not marks of the course need not be observed.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 An international jury will be constituted in accordance with RRS Appendix N. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
- 12.2 The jury may impose suitable penalties, which may include time penalties, for breaches of a rule. This changes RRS 64.2.

13 SCORING

- 13.3 The event will be scored with the winners those with the lowest corrected times.
- 13.4 Corrected times will be calculated using ORR's Performance Curve Scoring for the course with a distance of 635 nautical miles.
- 13.5 Corrected times will be calculated using the boat's ORR Double-Handed Certificate.

14 RISK STATEMENT

- 14.1 RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform, and fatigue resulting in an increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

14.2 Covid 19

14.2.1 At the time of publication of this NoR, pandemic-related public health restrictions are in place in both Rhode Island and Bermuda including, but not limited to, requiring COVID-19 tests before and/or after the race and vaccination or other information. Proof of vaccination will be required for all competitors. It shall be the responsibility of the Captain of each boat to ensure that the boat and its crew comply with any such restrictions in effect prior to, during, and after the race, and that the health and safety of the crew is safeguarded. Further, by taking part in any of the events covered by this NoR, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are also responsible for complying with any regulations in force from time to time in respect of COVID-19 and for complying with the COVID-19 procedures applicable in Rhode Island, Bermuda, or by virtue of the race rules. Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from an event official. Failure to comply may be misconduct while in Newport and Bermuda.

14.2.2 Reasonable actions by event officials to implement COVID-19 guidance, protocols or legislation, even if they later prove to have been unnecessary, are not improper actions or omissions. A boat may not base a request for redress on issues related to any race or government pandemic-related restrictions. This changes RRS 62.1.

14.3 Each Captain and Crew together shall complete and submit a Compliance, Liability and Media Waiver & Release in advance of the skippers meeting.

15 PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be given as follows:

15.1.1 Overall best corrected time for all yachts.

15.1.2 Best corrected time for a Single-handed yacht.

15.1.3 Best corrected time for a Double-handed yacht.

15.1.4 Best corrected time for each class if more than one class in a division.

15.1.5 Best Corrected Time by a crew including a female.

15.1.6 Best Corrected time by a crew including a person aged 24 or less.

15.1.7 Additional prizes will be offered and awarded as detailed in the final Prize List published by the OA and available on the race website before the first start.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

16.1 For further information please contact: bshr@nyyc.org.

16.2 Event website: <https://nyyc.org/2022-bermuda-short-handed-return>.

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