



Bermuda Keelboat Regatta sponsored by Bacardi

Notice to Competitors

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EXPECTED MARINE FORECAST

Marine Synopsis - Strong northerly winds are expected in the wake of a weak cold front while low level convergence behind the front aids the development of a few lingering showers and seas build rough for a bit. A brief reprieve is then expected into the start of the week, before a complex and more intense front approaches from the west by Tuesday, with near gales and rough seas.

Today - Winds north-northwesterly 5 to 10 knots, soon increasing 15 to 25 knots and veering northeasterly through the day,... Scattered showers with fair to poor visibility, becoming isolated by late afternoon with mainly fair visibility... Seas inside the reef 1 to 2 ft... Outside the reef 4 to 7 ft, increasing during the evening... Sunrise: 6:52 am.

RACING TODAY

Courtesy VHF Channel 73 - please monitor.

RC Signal Boat will be a blue 35' motorboat named "Inna"
Markboat will be a white 17' Boston Whaler centre console named "Bosun"
(an additional markboat may be sourced and shall be described before racing on VHF73)

Today the Signal Boat will be located in race area:
#1 – SW of Pearl Island

The plan is for 3 races for J105 and Etchells, 2 races for the IOD fleet. Given the building wind forecast for today, if it starts to blow solid over 18 and/or with gusts over 22 (as measured from the signal boat) then spinnakers will be restricted with code flag "W" displayed at the warning signal for the IOD fleet. Consideration will be given to postpone racing for classes for the day if winds are recorded sustained 22 knots with a bad seas state and/or 25 knots or higher (with no indication of it lowering in the near future).

1st Warning Signal scheduled for 0955; we are aiming to start on time.

Intended start sequence each race will be:

- J105
- Etchells
- IOD

Subsequent races will be started as swiftly as possible. Please stay within the vicinity of the signal boat.

RBYC Terrace lunch service closes at 1430.

Finally - have FUN, and good luck.