



**COMET CLASS YACHT RACING ASSOCIATION
INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA
West End Sailboat Club, BERMUDA
June 20–25, 2023**



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)

All times are Atlantic Daylight Time (ADT). The notation '[NP]' means Rules that are not grounds for protest by a boat (This changes rule 60.1(a)). The notation '[DP]' means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta is organized by the Bermuda Comet Class Yacht Racing Association (BCCYRA) with the endorsement of the Bermuda Sailing Association; under the authority of the Comet Class Yacht Racing Association (CCYRA).
- 1.2. The series will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.3. If there is a conflict between the NoR and these SIs, the rules in these SIs will take precedence. This changes RRS 63.7.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Any change to the SIs will be posted before 0930 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 the day before it will take effect.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Notices to competitors will be posted online on the [Official Notice Board](#) (ONB).
- 3.2. There will be a Competitor Briefing in the vicinity of the boat park at 0900 Thu Jun 22nd, 2023.

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1. [DP][NP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from event officials. Failure to comply may be misconduct.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed at the flagpole in the boat park.
- 5.2. Flag AP displayed with one sound means: '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.
- 5.3. [NP][DP] Flag D displayed ashore with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 60 minutes after flag D is displayed or the scheduled time whichever is later.' Boats shall not set sail until this signal is made.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. As described in NOR 7.
- 6.2. To alert boats that a race will begin soon, an orange flag defining the starboard end of the starting line will be displayed with one sound no less than 5 minutes before a warning signal is displayed.

7. CLASS FLAG

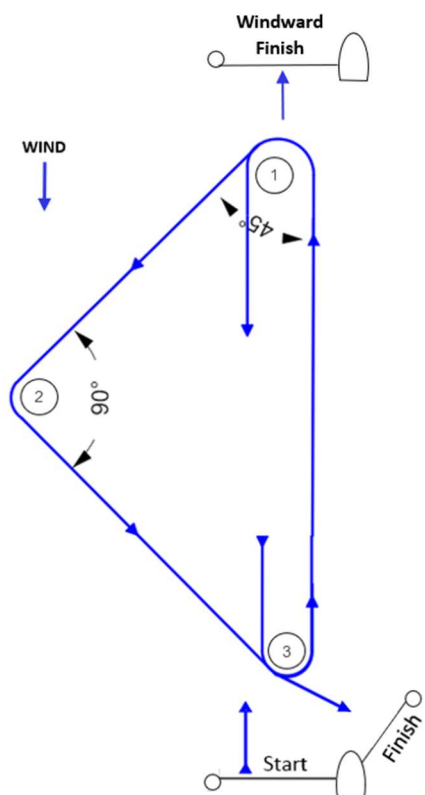
The class flag will be a red Comet class symbol against a white background.

8. RACING AREA

- 8.1. The racing area will be in The Great Sound. The location of the racing area is described in NoR Addendum A. Racing may be moved to other locations within close proximity to WESBC at the discretion of the RC.

9. COURSES

- 9.1. The diagram below shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. No later than the warning signal, the RC Signal Boat will display on placards the course and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.



COURSES	
Signal	Mark Rounding Order
L2	Start-1-3-1-3-Finish
L3	Start-1-3-1-3-1-3-Finish
T2	Start-1-2-3-1-2-3-Finish
TL2	Start-1-2-3-1-3-Finish
TL3	Start-1-2-3-1-3-1-3-Finish
0	Start-1-2-3-1-3-Windward Finish

10. MARKS

10.1. The starting mark shall be an orange tetrahedron. Rounding marks 1, 2 & 3 shall be yellow tetrahedrons. The finishing mark shall be a green tetrahedron. The change mark as provided in SI 12.1 shall be a red tetrahedron.

11. THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 11.2. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end starting mark.
- 11.3. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark.
- 12.2. The RC may, without signal, move a mark to change the direction up to 10 degrees or the length up to 10% of the previous length, provided that no boat is sailing to the mark. This changes RRS 33.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the RC Finish Line Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port end finishing mark.

14. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 14.1. All times will be taken from GPS.
- 14.2. Time Limits:

Race Time Limit	Time Limit to Mark 1	Finishing Window
90 minutes	30 minutes	20 minutes

- 14.3. If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Time Limit to Mark 1 the race will be abandoned.

- 14.4. The target time for each race shall be 50 minutes. Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 14.5. Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expiry (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points for scored by the last boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

15. HEARING REQUESTS

- 15.1. Any request for a hearing (this includes protest, redress, reopening or any report under RRS 69 or concerning a support person) shall be lodged through the ONB.
- 15.2. The protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat finishes, or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The end of protest time limit will be posted on the ONB.
- 15.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held at 5 Freeport Drive, Royal Naval Dockyard, beginning at the time posted.
- 15.4. The posting of hearing notices shall be considered notices as required by RRS 61 and 62.2.
- 15.5. On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- 15.5.1. within the Protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous scheduled day;
 - 15.5.2. no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.
- 15.6. On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

16. SCORING

- 16.1. Scoring shall be as described in NOR 12.
- 16.2. Scoring inquiries shall be submitted online through the [Scoring Inquiries](#) link on the ONB.

17. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1. [DP][NP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 18.1. [DP] Substitution of competitors or equipment (damaged or lost) is not allowed unless authorized in writing by the OA. Requests for substitution shall be submitted online through the relevant [Crew Substitution](#) or [Equipment Substitution](#) links on the ONB. Requests for substitution shall be made at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

19. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 19.1. Official RC boats shall be described to competitors at the Competitor Briefing and may fly a blue or yellow RC flag.

20. SUPPORT BOATS

- 20.1. [DP] Support boats, including spectators, shall not be in the racing area from the time of the warning signal until the race has finished or the RC signals a postponement, general recall, or abandonment, unless specifically authorized by the RC as a matter of safety.

21. TRASH DISPOSAL

- 21.1. Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

22. RISK STATEMENT

- 22.1. 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 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.

END OF SAILING INSTRUCTIONS