



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

ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

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).

NOTICE OF RACE

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.

Including NoR Amendment #1 in green

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The by-laws and appendices of the Comet Class Yacht Racing Association (CCYRA) shall apply and may be found at www.cometclass.com.
- 1.3. RRS 40.1 will apply.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the Official Noticeboard (ONB) before 1700 ADT Tue June 13, 2023.

4. COMMUNICATION

- 4.1. The ONB is located at: <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/5086/event?name=ccyra-international-championship>
- 4.2. On the water the Race Committee (RC) may make courtesy broadcasts to support persons and competitors via VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the SIs.
- 4.3. On shore the RC & OA may make courtesy broadcasts to a WhatsApp group located here: <https://chat.whatsapp.com/L59MEXb9w7jBoKROmfptd6>. Competitors and support personnel are encouraged to join this channel.
- 4.4. [DP] From the first warning signal until the end of the last race of the day, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. This includes the use of mobile telephones.

5. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 5.1. The event is open to all boats of the Comet class.

- 5.2. Entries will only be accepted via the ONB, which can be accessed via:
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/5086/event?name=ccyra-international-championship>
- 5.3. Competitors shall be members of the CCYRA who have paid their 2023 dues.
- 5.4. All competitors shall submit during onsite registration in Bermuda a completed Liability Waiver and Health Declaration. The Health Declaration will include a requirement for COVID-19 antigen tests for any competitors that have traveled internationally in the preceding 7 days. Antigen tests will be available for competitors at onsite registration.
- 5.5. The closing date for entries will be Mon May 1, 2023. Entries after this time may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.
- 5.6. To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

6. FEES

- 6.1. The entry fee is USD325. Entries accepted after May 15th will be subject to an additional fee of \$75.
- 6.2. The following is included in the entry fee: 3 days of racing (weather permitting), a welcome reception, continental breakfast and buffet dinners each racing day, and Long-Distance Race entry fee and boat transport, \$10 Comet class assessment, and refreshments.

7. SCHEDULE

<i>Date</i>	<i>From</i>	<i>To</i>		<i>Location</i>
Sat Jun 17	0900		Unpacking of boats from shipping container	5 Freeport Drive, Dockyard
Sun Jun 18	1200	1400	Early Registration	West End Sailboat Club, 43 Malabar Rd, Sandys Parish
Mon Jun 19	1100		Warning Signal for Edward Cross Long Distance Race*	
	1300	1500	Edward Cross Long Distance Race Post-Race Party*	East End Mini Yacht Club, Convict Bay Ln, St. George's
	1600	1900	Hauling of boats from Edward Cross Long Distance Race*	5 Freeport Drive, Dockyard
Tue Jun 20	1300	1700	Early Registration	West End Sailboat Club, 43 Malabar Rd, Sandys Parish
	1800		Complimentary Social – Snack Food and Beer	West End Sailboat Club, 43 Malabar Rd, Sandys Parish
Wed Jun 21	1030	1200	Registration	5 Freeport Drive, Dockyard
	1400		Practice Race	
	1730	2030	Welcome Reception	West End Sailboat Club, 43 Malabar Rd, Sandys Parish
Thu Jun 22	0730	0900	Late Registration & Continental Breakfast	5 Freeport Drive, Dockyard
	0900		Competitors Meeting	5 Freeport Drive, Dockyard
	0930		Harbour Gun	
	1100		Warning Signal	2 races scheduled
	1830		BBQ Dinner	Mid Atlantic Boat & Sports Club, 37 North Shore Rd, Devonshire Parish

Fri Jun 23	0730	0900	Continental Breakfast	5 Freeport Drive, Dockyard
	0930		Harbour Gun	
	1100		Warning Signal	2 races scheduled
	1830		Class Dinner	Anchor Restaurant, 1 Freeport Drive, Dockyard
Sat Jun 24	0730	0900	Continental Breakfast	5 Freeport Drive, Dockyard
	0930		Harbour Gun	
	1100		Warning Signal	3 races scheduled
	1900		Awards Ceremony & Dinner	West End Sail Boat Club, 43 Malabar Rd, Sandys Parish
Sun Jun 25	1000		Preparation of boats for shipping	Endeavour West Fort, 5 Freeport Drive, Dockyard

- 7.1. On each day of racing the lunch break shall be on the water (as determined by the RC), and no warning signal shall be made after 1600.
- 7.2. Events indicated with an asterisk (*) are associated with the Edward Cross Long Distance Race and are not officially part of the CCYRA International Championship Regatta.
- 7.2.1. Registration for the Edward Cross Long Distance Race and participation in associated events is included for all registered participants in the CCYRA International Championship Regatta. See Edward Cross Long Distance Race Notice of Race for more details.
- 7.2.2. Boats competing in the Edward Cross Long Distance Race will have the option to be towed by sea from St. George's Harbor back to Dockyard using motor craft provided by the organizers of the Edward Cross Long Distance Race. See Edward Cross Long Distance Race Notice of Race for more details.

8. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

- 8.1. [DP] Boats shall comply with RRS 78.1.
- 8.2. [DP] Boats shall be available for equipment inspection during Registration and may be inspected on the water at any time. On water inspection shall include (but is not limited to) confirmation of boats having 1 x US Coast Guard approved PFD for each crew member, 1 x paddle, and 1 x anchor (4lb minimum) and 50 feet of line.
- 8.3. During Registration all sails may be subjected to measurement and checking for CCYRA Sail Tax labels.
- 8.4. Sails shall display the number as submitted on the boat's entry.
- 8.5. During Registration boats may be weighed at the owner's discretion (if a scale is available) to determine an official weight. Weights may then be recorded and sent to the CCYRA as an official record.

9. VENUE

- 9.1. The event is hosted by West End Sailboat Club (WESC), 43 Malabar Rd, Sandys Parish.
- 9.2. Boats will be stored and launch from 5 Freeport Drive, Royal Naval Dockyard.
- 9.3. The racing area will be in The Great Sound. The location of the racing areas is described in the Addendum A. Racing may be moved to other locations within close proximity to WESBC at the discretion of the RC.

10. CHARTER BOATS

- 10.1. A limited number of charter boats are available. These will be reserved for sailors that are too remote from the shipping location to make it practical. See NoR 23 for more information.

- 10.2. Failure of charter equipment will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 10.3. Overseas competitors shall provide their own boats and equipment. More regarding shipping logistics may be found on the class association website (www.cometclass.com) or by emailing cometclass@comcast.net.

11. BERTHING AND LAUNCHING

- 11.1. Boats shall be kept in the assigned area during the regatta from the start of the event until the completion of the final race.
- 11.2. A boat ramp is available for launching and haul out.

12. SUSTAINABILITY

- 12.1. **NO** single-use plastics are permitted at the regatta venue. Refillable water bottles will be provided to all registered competitors and refilling stations will be available on-site.
- 12.2. Fresh water is in short supply in Bermuda. Use of the hose for rinsing boats after racing will be significantly limited by the OA.

13. DIVING EQUIPMENT & PLASTIC POOLS

- 13.1. SCUBA equipment shall not be used to clean hulls and plastic pools are prohibited.

14. COURSES

- 14.1. The course will be either Windward/Leeward or Olympic. The course will be at the discretion of the RC taking into consideration the wind and sea state.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

N/A

16. SCORING

- 16.1. Three races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.1.1. When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 16.1.2. When four or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

17. SUPPORT PERSON VESSELS

Vessels may be provided by WESC for the use of support persons, sponsors, club officials; and others will be boarded on an as available basis.

18. PRIZES

- 18.1. Regatta trophies: Awarded to top five (5) skippers and crew
- 18.2. Perpetual trophies:

- 18.2.1. President's Permanent Trophy 1st Overall
- 18.2.2. Jay Achenbach Trophy 2nd Overall
- 18.2.3. C. Lowndes Johnson Trophy 1st in 1st race
- 18.2.4. Wilbur Hamilton-Haines Trophy 1st in last race
- 18.2.5. Eugene Barilla Trophy Best finish from the sponsoring club
- 18.2.6. Herbert L. Stone Trophy First time participant with best score
- 18.2.7. Dr. Allen Brown Memorial Trophy Best score for Skipper 21 years old or under

19. RISK STATEMENT

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.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

21. RIGHT TO USE NAMES

By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the OA, and their sponsors, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show, from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of the competitor during the period of the competition without compensation.

22. PROHIBITED SUBSTANCES [NP]

- 22.1. The use by a competitor, either on or off the water, of any banned substance (including marijuana) shall be considered an act of Misconduct (RRS 69).
- 22.2. No competitor shall use alcohol during racing. The consumption of alcohol by competitors under the age of 18 is prohibited during the entire event.
- 22.3. Competitors found to have breached SI 22.1 shall be excluded from the remaining races in the series, and where practical removed from the regatta venue and sent home. The competitor's boat shall be disqualified from all races of the series.

23. FURTHER INFORMATION

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END OF NOTICE OF RACE