



# **2008 KING EDWARD VII GOLD CUP MATCH RACING TOURNAMENT**

**7<sup>th</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> October, 2008**

**ISAF Grade WC**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Abbreviations:

PC – protest committee

OA – organising authority

RRS – racing rules of sailing

IJ – International Jury

RC – race committee

NA – national authority

SI – sailing instructions

NoR – notice of race

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The event will be governed by
  - (a) the 'rules' as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
  - (b) the rules for Handling Boats (SI appendix C), which also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor races. Class rules will not apply.
  - (c) any prescriptions of the national authority that will apply shall be posted on the official notice board.
- 1.2 Skippers who fail to attend the meetings outlined in SI 3.3, 3.5 and 3.6, or who leave the event before completing all his/her scheduled matches, without the permission of the OA, may be protested by the OA or RC. The IJ may impose any penalty it deems appropriate, including the withdrawal of any prize money or the withholding of deposits. This amends RRS 64.1.
- 1.3 An IJ will be appointed, in accordance with RRS Appendix N, and the right of appeal will be denied in accordance with RRS 70.4.
- 1.4 Add RRS C8.6: 'When the match umpires, and at least one other umpire, decide that a boat has broken RRS 14 and damage results, they may, without a hearing, impose a 0.5 point penalty. A competitor who is so penalised will be informed as soon as practical and may request a hearing. The PC will then proceed in accordance with RRS C6.6. Any penalty decided by the PC may be more than 0.5 point. When the umpires decide that a penalty greater than 0.5 point would be appropriate, they shall act in accordance with RRS C8.4.'
- 1.5 Replace final sentence of C11.3 (a) with: 'In a "Round Robin" series, when the RC decide that a sail off is not practical, the tie shall be decided in favour of the competitor who has the highest score in the round robin after eliminating the score for the first race for each tied skipper or, should this fail to break the tie, the second race for each tied skipper and so on until the tie is broken. When a tie is partially resolved, C11.1 and/or C11.2 should be re-applied to the remaining ties.'
- 1.6 Change the first sentence of C11.1 to "A round-robin series means a grouping of competitors who are all scheduled to sail against each other one or more times."

## **2 ENTRIES and ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 Only skippers invited by the OA are eligible for the event. The skippers are listed in SI Appendix A.
- 2.2 To remain eligible the entire crew shall complete registration, pay deposit of US\$1,500 for damage and complete crew weighing, all between 1500 hours and 2100 hours Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> October 2008 and/or between 0830 hours and 1200 hours on Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October 2008 unless extended by the OA.
- 2.3 The damage deposit is the limit of liability of each skipper for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper will be required to restore the deposit to the original value to maintain eligibility.
- 2.4 Each skipper is responsible for the damage or loss to their boat unless responsibility is otherwise assigned by the umpires or PC.
- 2.5 After the warning signal for a match the registered skipper shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.
- 2.6 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the IJ may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- 2.7 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the IJ may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

## **3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the veranda at the RBYC.
- 3.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the yardarm of the main Club flagpole. When Code Flag "AP" is flown ashore, the attention signal (Code Flag "F") will not be made less than 30 minutes after Code Flag "AP" is lowered. This amends Race Signals.
- 3.3 Skippers shall attend the first briefing, which will be at 1700 hours, Monday 6<sup>th</sup> October in the Lord Mark Kerr Dining Room unless excused by the OA.
- 3.4 The first meeting with the umpires will be immediately following the first meeting with the OA in the Lord Mark Kerr Dining Room.
- 3.5 Skippers shall attend a daily morning meeting which will start at 0800 hours on the veranda, except on 12<sup>th</sup> October when the meeting will be held at 0900 hours.
- 3.6 Skippers shall attend a press conference on the veranda each day they race, starting as soon as possible after the last race of each day.

## **4 AMENDMENTS TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1 Amendments to the SI made ashore will be posted at least 1 hour before the start of any race affected and will be signed by the RC and the IJ representatives. Amendments to the time of the morning briefing will be posted no later than 1900 hours on the day before the change will take effect.
- 4.2 Flag L over the numeral pennant of the most recent amendment will be displayed ashore each day until the boats have departed for the racecourse.

- 4.3 Amendments made afloat will be signalled by the display of flag 3rd substitute with three sound signals. An umpire may communicate these either verbally or in writing.

## **5 BOATS AND SAILS**

- 5.1 (a) The event will be sailed in International One Design type boats.  
(b) The sails to be used will be allocated by the RC.  
(c) Competitors may be requested to exchange sails during a series to satisfy sponsorship commitments. This will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 5.2 The sail combination to be used will be signalled from the RC boat with or before the attention signal. The signals shall have the following meanings:
- | <u>Signal</u> | <u>Sail Combination to be used</u> |
|---------------|------------------------------------|
| No signal     | Jib, Mainsail and Spinnaker        |
| Code Flag "Z" | Jib and mainsail only              |
- 5.3 Other restrictions or instructions may be given to the boats verbally by an umpire. Flag 3rd substitute is not required.
- 5.4 The RC will decide which boats are to be used for each stage and when they decide a boat should not be used, the skipper assigned that boat will be given the temporary use of another boat.

## **6 IDENTIFICATION and ASSIGNMENT OF BOATS**

- 6.1 Boats will be identified by sail number.
- 6.2 The mainsails shall display skipper's names as provided by the OA.
- 6.3 Boats will be drawn each day at the morning meeting or at the beginning of each stage as decided by the RC. In the round robin, competitors will exchange boats with their last competitor after each two races each day.
- 6.4 In the knock-out competition, boats will be exchanged in accordance with the pairing list and race schedule.

## **7 CREW MEMBERS, NUMBER and WEIGHT**

- 7.1 The total number of crew, including the skipper, shall be 4 or 5, excluding persons placed on board by the RC. All registered crew shall sail all races.
- 7.2 The total weight of the crew, including the skipper, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 350 kg, determined at the time of registration or such time as required by the RC.

## **8 EVENT FORMAT AND STARTING SCHEDULES**

- 8.1 The event format and match pairing lists are detailed in SI Appendix A and B. The matches to be sailed in a flight will be displayed in order of starting on the RC boat.
- 8.2 (a) In a knock-out series between two skippers, they shall alternate assigned ends for each match. Unless designated in the pairing list, the initial assigned ends shall be determined by a draw. This changes RRS C4.1.  
(b) When a knock-out series between two skippers has been decided, further matches between these two shall not be sailed.  
(c) Crews will exchange boats after odd matches of each series.

- 8.3 Scheduled racing days are Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> October to Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October 2008
- 8.4 The number of matches to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC.
- 8.6 (a) The RC may terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of matches under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.
- (b) Add RRS C10.3(b): 'When a round robin is terminated before completion, the highest score shall be determined as the average points scored per match sailed by each competitor, unless one or more competitor has completed less than one third of the scheduled matches when the entire round robin shall be disregarded and if necessary the event declared void.'
- 8.7 The intended time of the first attention signal each day is 0900 hours, except on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> October when it will be 1000 hours.
- 8.8 Each subsequent flight will be started as soon as practicable after the previous flight.
- 8.9 When a match cannot start at its intended time, the signals and starts of the following matches will remain as originally scheduled, leaving a blank start for the pair not starting. No starting sequence flags will be displayed for a blank start.
- 8.10 When, in a knock out series, a winner of a particular series has been determined, subsequent starts shall be brought forward to eliminate blank starts. Competitors will be so advised verbally by an umpire.

## 9 RACING AREA

The racing area will be Hamilton Harbour

## 10 COURSE

### 10.1 (a) Course Configuration (not to scale)

Mark W     o

Mark L     o

Start/Finish Line o----- o

### (b) Course signals and course to be sailed

Course signals will be displayed from the RC boat bow, at or before the warning signal.

Marks W and L shall be rounded to starboard.

<u>Signal</u>	<u>Course</u>
Numeral 1	Start-W-Finish
Numeral 2	Start - W - L - W - Finish
Numeral 3	Start - W - L - W - L - W - Finish
Numeral 4	Start - W - L - W - L - W - L - W - Finish

### (c) Description of Marks

The RC boat will be identified by a Blue RC Flag.

The starting/finishing line mark will be between an Orange flag on the Race Committee boat and an Orange tetrahedral mark.

Marks W and L will be Yellow tetrahedral marks.

The replacement mark will be a Red, Green or Yellow tetrahedral mark.

## 10.2 Starting/Finishing Line

- (a) The starting/finishing line will be a straight line between the course side of a starting/finishing mark and the staff with an orange flag on the RC boat.
- (c) A buoy may be attached to the RC boat anchor line just below keel depth. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the RC boat at any time. This buoy is part of the RC boat ground tackle

## 10.3 Course Limits

- (a) While racing no part of a boat shall sail inside the areas marked by small orange buoys and shown in the diagram in Appendix E.
- (b) These areas rank as obstructions and are the limit of safe pilotage for the purposes of Part 2 of the RRS.
- (c) There is no penalty for touching these buoys or objects defining these areas.
- (d) A breach of this sailing instruction is not open to protest by boats but is subject to action by umpires in accordance with RRS C8.2. This changes RRS C6.2 and C8.2.

## 10.4 Abandonment and Shortening

- (a) RRS 32 is deleted and replaced with: 'After the starting signal the RC may abandon or shorten any match for any reason, after consulting with the match umpires when practical.'
- (b) Within a flight, when a visual signal is displayed over a numeral pennant, the signal applies only to that match.

## 11 BREAKDOWN and TIME FOR REPAIRS

- 11.1 Before the attention signal of a flight, or within two minutes of finishing, or within five minutes of changing into a new boat, whichever is later, a boat may display flag L to signal breakdown or damage to the boat, her sails or injury to her crew and request a delay to the next start. She shall proceed as soon as possible to close to leeward of the RC boat and remain there, unless otherwise directed.
- 11.2 The time allowed for repairs shall be at the discretion of the RC.
- 11.3 After the attention signal of a flight, a match will not be postponed or abandoned due to breakdown unless the breakdown signal was displayed as required by SI 11.1.
- 11.4 Except when RRS 62.1(b) applies, failure to effect repairs in the time allowed, or breakdowns after the attention signal shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.

## 12 STARTING PROCEDURE

- 12.1 Match warning signals will be in accordance with C.3.1, with the following change: The Attention signal (Flag F displayed) will be displayed 7 minutes before the starting signal of the first match in the flight.
- 12.2 The next flight number will be displayed on a white board on the stern of the RC boat.

## 13 CHANGE OF POSITION OF THE WINDWARD MARK

- 13.1 Changes to the course will be made by setting a replacement mark W.

### 13.2 Change of Course Signals (amends RRS 33 and Race Signals)

- (a) Flag C and a coloured flag or board means: 'The windward mark has been moved or replaced. Sail to a mark the same colour as the flag or board.'
- (b) When a change of course after starting only affects some matches these shall be designated by the appropriate numeral pennant.

### **13.3 Signalling vessel**

- (a) When a change of course is made for the first leg, the signal shall be displayed from the RC boat with the preparatory signal for each mark affected. The preparatory signal shall be followed by a series of repetitive sound signals.
- (b) When a change of course is signalled after the first leg it shall be displayed from a boat in the vicinity of mark L.

## **14 TIME LIMIT**

A boat that does not finish within 5 minutes after her opponent has completed the course and finished will be scored DNF. This changes RRS 35 and A5.

## **15 COACH BOATS**

Coach boats will not be permitted in the course area.

## **16 MEDIA, IMAGES and SOUND**

- (a) The OA may require media personnel and equipment (or dummies) to be carried on board at any time and may require competitors to be available for interviews.
- (b) The position of non-racing personnel and equipment will be determined by the RC and may be advised verbally.
- (c) The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of charge.
- (d) Crew members (including the skipper) may be required to carry an audio microphone.

## **17 PRIZES**

- (a) The winner of the regatta will be the winner of the King Edward VII Gold Cup for 2008.
- (b) Monetary prizes for position will be as stated in the NoR (as amended).
- (c) Prizes have been approved by the Bermuda Sailing Association.
- (d) ISAF have been notified of these Prizes.

## **18 CODE of CONDUCT**

- (a) Competitors shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions, co-operation with event sponsors and shall not behave so as to bring the event into disrepute.
- (b) Competitors shall handle the boats and equipment with proper care and seamanship and in accordance with SI Appendices C and D.
- (c) The penalty for breaking this SI is at the discretion of the IJ and may include exclusion from further participation in the event, the withdrawal of any prize money or the withholding of deposits. This amends RRS 64.1.

## **19 DISCLAIMER**

All those taking any part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.