



BACARDÍ®

INTERNATIONAL MOTH WORLD CHAMPIONSHIPS

Hamilton, Bermuda
19th March to 1st April 2018

**The Organising Authority is the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club in conjunction with the
International Moth Class Association**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

[DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the Jury.

[SP] denotes a rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the race committee without a hearing or a discretionary penalty applied by the International Jury with a hearing

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The Class Rules and the Race Management Guidelines of the International Moth Class Association will apply except for any that are altered by the Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions
- 1.3 The Bermuda Sailing Association Prescriptions will apply
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. IDENTIFICATION [DP][NP]

- 2.1 Sailors are required to wear sponsor bibs provided by the Organising Authority while on the water.
- 2.2 From Tuesday 27 March onwards, each day while racing, the first, second and third boats in the series ranking at the beginning of the day shall wear a yellow, blue or red bib respectively. These bibs will be available at the Race Office each day from two hours before the first scheduled warning signal of the day.

3. CAMERAS AND ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT [DP][NP]

Boats may be required to carry on board cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the Organising Authority. Competitors may also use their own camera recording equipment. A boat shall not be given redress based on a claim involving this equipment. This changes RRS 62.1

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board at the Regatta Centre, Dockyard

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than two hours before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races, will be posted within the protest time limit the day before it shall take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located at the Regatta Centre, Dockyard.
- 6.2 [DP][NP] Flag D displayed ashore with one sound signal this means: “the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed or not before the scheduled time, whichever is later. Boats shall not leave their allocated berth until this signal is made”.

7. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| 7.1 | Monday 19 March | | Early Arrivals |
| | Tuesday 20 March | | Early Arrivals |
| | Wednesday 21 March | | Early Arrivals |
| | Thursday 22 March | 0900 - 1700 | Registration & Measurement |
| | Friday 23 March | 0900 - 1700 | Registration & Measurement |
| | | 1200 warning | BERMUDA NATIONALS Day 1 - 3 races |
| | Saturday 24 March | 0900 - 1700 | Registration & Measurement |
| | | 1200 | BERMUDA NATIONALS Day 2 - 3 races |
| | Sunday 25 March | 1400 | Practice Races - Bangin' the Corners Cup |
| | | 1800 | Opening Ceremony, Bacardi Headquarters, Hamilton |
| | Monday 26 March | 1200 warning | SERIES Day 1 - 3 races |
| | Tuesday 27 March | 1200 | SERIES Day 2 - 3 races |
| | Wednesday 28 March | 1200 | SERIES Day 3 - 3 races |
| | Thursday 29 March | 1200 | SERIES Day 4 - 3 races |
| | Friday 30 March | | SPARE DAY |
| | Saturday 31 March | 1200 | SERIES Day 5 - 3 races |
| | Sunday 1 April | 1100 | SERIES Day 6 - 3 races |
| | | 1800 | Prize Giving and Closing Ceremony |
- 7.2 On Sunday 1 April there will be no warning signal after 1500.

8. FORMAT OF RACING

The regatta will consist of a Single Series with a maximum of FOUR races in a day.

9. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag will be a Moth class insignia on a white background

10. RACING AREAS

Attachment B shows the location of the race area.

11. THE COURSE

- 11.1 Attachment A shows the course to be sailed, the order in which the marks are to be passed, the side on which each mark is to be left, and the signals indicating the number of rounds to be sailed. The

- course will be displayed on the Race Committee signal boat.
- 11.2 No later than the warning signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing from the race committee boat to Mark 1.
- 12. MARKS**
- Mark 1 (gate).....Orange
Mark 2 (gate)Yellow
Starting marks.....Race Committee vessels
Finishing marks.....Race Committee signal boat and Mark 2p
- 13. THE START**
- 13.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying orange flags on the starting marks (race committee starting vessels) at each end of the starting line.
- 13.2 A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 13.3 If flag U has been displayed as the preparatory signal, no part of the boat's hull, crew, or equipment shall be in the triangle formed by the ends of the starting line and the first mark during the last minute before her starting signal. If a boat breaks this rule and is identified, she shall be disqualified without a hearing but not if the race is restarted or resailed or postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. This changes RRS 26 and Appendix A5.
When flag U is used as the preparatory signal rule 29.1 Individual recall does not apply. The scoring abbreviation for a flag U penalty is UFD.
- 13.4 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with ONE sound signal not less than TWO minutes before the warning signal is displayed.
- 14. CHANGE OF COURSE**
- There will be no changes of course
- 15. THE FINISH**
- 15.1 The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and Mark 2p.
- 15.2 When the leading boat completes the course and finishes, the Race Committee signal boat at the finish will immediately display a chequered flag with a sound signal. The chequered flag will be removed at the end of the finishing window time limit. When the leading boat completes the course and finishes, all boats that cross the finishing line within the finishing window time after the leading boat has finished shall be deemed to have finished irrespective of the number of laps completed. Their position in the race will be taken from their finishing order and the number of laps completed with those having the most laps finishing ahead of those with fewer laps. This changes RRS 28.1 and A4
- 16. TIME LIMITS**
- 16.1 Target time is 30 minutes.
- 16.2 The finishing time window is 15 minutes
- 16.3 Boats failing to finish one lap within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5
- 17. PENALTY SYSTEM**
- RRS 44.1 and RRS P2.1 are changed so that the Two-Turns penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.
- 18. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**
- 18.1 Protest forms are available on the official notice board. Protests and requests for redress or

- reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 18.2 The protest time limit shall be posted on the jury notice board located at the Race Office. The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the last boat of each fleet has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area. This time limit also applies to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 18.3 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room located at the Regatta Centre, Dockyard. Hearings may start before the scheduled time with the agreement of all parties.
- 18.4 The race committee or jury intending to protest a boat under RRS 60.2 or 60.3 will comply with RRS 61.1(b) by informing her by posting a notice before the end of the protest time limit.
- 18.5 Breaches of SIs 2, 3, 6.2, 20, 21, 23, 24, 25 and 28 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the jury so decides.
- 18.8 On the last day of fleet racing of each series a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- i) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - ii) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 18.9 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

19. SCORING

- 19.1 The Low Points Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply
- 19.2 The Championship will be run as a Single Series
- 19.3 SIX races are required to be completed to constitute a valid Championship
- 19.4 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 19.5 When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 19.6 When from 10 to 14 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 19.7 When from 15 to 18 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.

20. SAFETY [DP] [NP]

- 20.1 Competitors are required to 'tag out/tag in' each race day. Tags corresponding to a competitor's bow number must be collected and returned to the board located in the boat park. **There will be a 3 point penalty applied to a competitor's overall score for failing to tag out or failing to tag back in within the protest time limit.**
- 20.2 Boats not leaving the shore for the day's races shall notify the race office as soon as possible.
- 20.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 20.4 When Flag V is displayed by the race committee signal vessel, coach and other support boats shall collaborate with the race committee in rescue tasks.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP]NP]

- 21.1 All boats may be inspected for class rules compliance prior to racing.
- 21.2 In addition, any boat or equipment may be checked for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions at any time.
- 21.3 Limitations of equipment – only measured equipment may be used
- 1) Only TWO sails shall be used during the regatta.

- 2) Only TWO masts, TWO rudders and TWO foils / horizontals shall be used during the regatta.
3) Foils may only be changed in the water in the Dockyard marina
- 21.4 All boats, when not afloat, shall be placed in the official dinghy park.
- 22. OFFICIAL BOATS**
Official boats shall be identified as follows:
Race committee boats.....Flags with letter RC
Jury boats.....White flags with JURY
Safety boats under control of RC.....Blue numbered flag
Media/VIP boats.....Pink numbered flag
- 23. SUPPORT BOATS [DP][NP]**
- 23.1 Coaches and other support personnel shall not be in the area where boats are racing or within 50 metres of any boat racing from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. This SI does not apply during rescue operations.
- 23.2 All support boats are at all times submitting to the Organising Committee and Race Committee authority, are legally considered as assistance / rescue boats and must comply with any instructions given by these authorities or by the police.
- 24. TRASH DISPOSAL [DP][NP]**
As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. The penalty for breaking RRS 55 is at the discretion of the Jury and may be less than disqualification.
- 25. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP] [NP]**
A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- 26. PRIZES**
The Organising Authority will provide prizes for the first FIVE boats as stated in the Notice of Race.
- 27. RISK STATEMENT**
RRS 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”
Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
 - Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
 - The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.
 - It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event

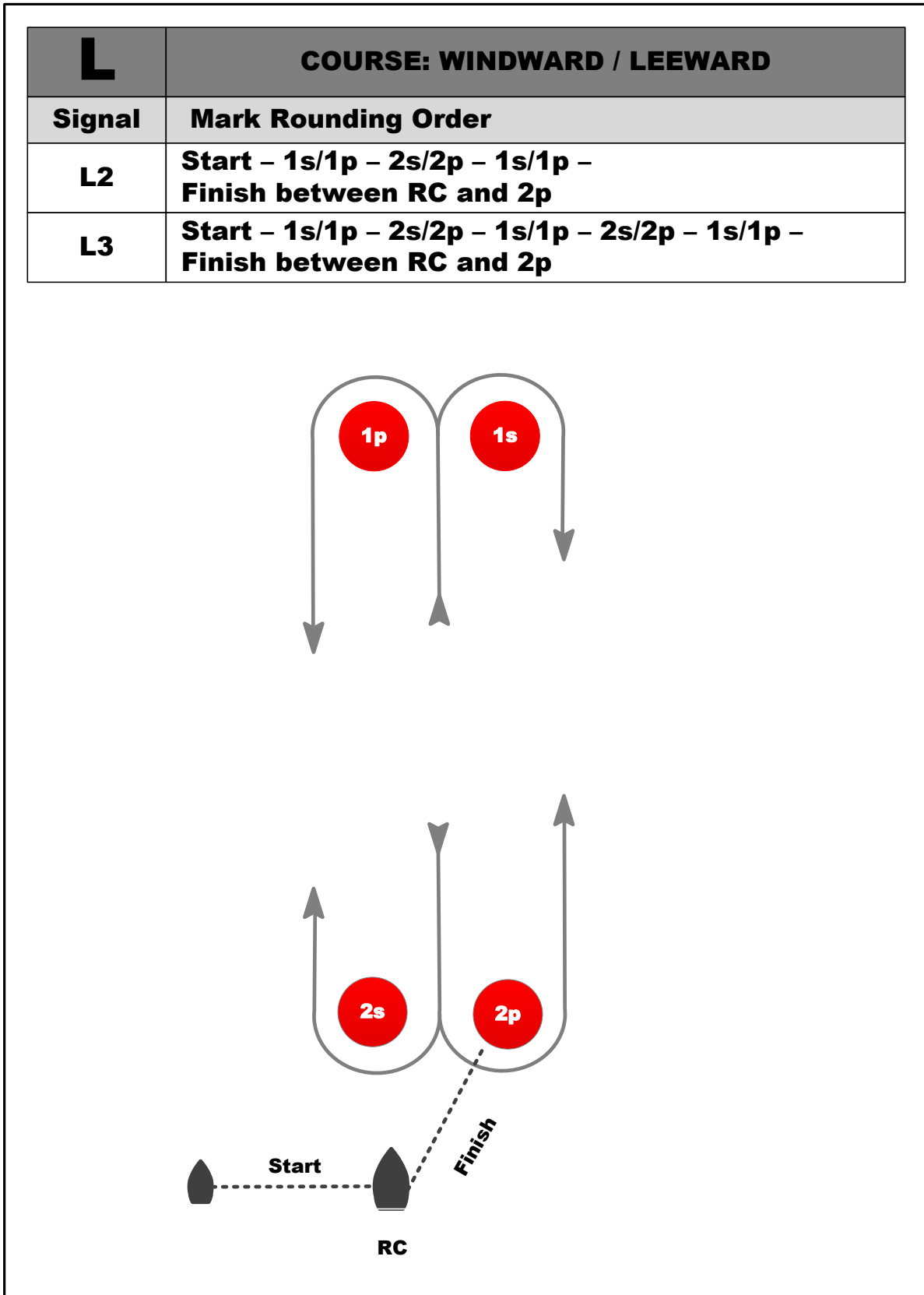
drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any safety briefing held for this event.

28. INSURANCE [DP][NP]

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of US\$ 1,000,000 or the equivalent.

Attachment A

Course Diagram



Attachment B

Course Locations

