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RENAISSANCE RE INVITATIONAL JUNIOR GOLD CUP

Royal Bermuda Yacht Club

October 24th – 29th 2017

ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)

The regatta is organized by the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club with the endorsement of the Bermuda Sailing Association (BSA).

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2. The Bermuda Sailing Association National Prescriptions and Code of Conduct shall apply and may be found at www.sailing.bm.
- 1.3. The current Conditions of the IODA will apply and may be found at www.optiworld.org.
- 1.4. Racing rules 61.1, 40, and the preamble to Part 4 will be changed as follows:
 - 1.4.1. RRS 61.1 "Informing the Protestee" is changed as follows: Rule 61.1 (a) is amended by adding the following at the end of paragraph (a), before the word "However"; A boat intending to protest from an incident on the race course shall immediately after finishing proceed directly to the RC Official Finish Line Boat, sail on the starboard side of the RC boat and notify the RC that she intends to protest, hail her sail number and the number of the boat she is protesting before leaving the finish line area.
 - 1.4.2. RRS 40 and the preamble to Part 4 are changed as follows: The first sentence of RRS 40 is deleted and replaced by: "Each competitor shall wear a personal floatation device (PFD) according to class rule 4.2 (a), properly secured at all times while on the water except when temporarily adding or removing clothing."
 - 1.4.3. Add to the preamble of Part 4, after 'racing': " , except RRS 40 as amend above".
The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.5. Rule changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions (SI). The SI may also change other racing rules.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1. Sailor advertising is permitted on the hull as per World Sailing Regulation 20.3.2 but as restricted by Class Rule 2.8.
- 2.2. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3. ENTRY

- 3.1. Entry to the regatta is by invitation only.
- 3.2. Invitations for International sailors (non-Bermuda residents) will be communicated through the respective countries National Optimist Class Associations.
- 3.3. Invitations for Bermuda sailors will be communicated through local sailing programs and clubs.
- 3.4. Entry Forms, Fees, and a Guardian Release and Declaration Form shall be received by the OA by close of registration.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. The age of a competitor at the end of the year in which the event occurs shall not exceed 15 years.
- 4.2. All competitors shall be members of BODA, or their respective Country of Residence's Optimist Class Association.

5. FEES

- 5.1. Entry fees shall be \$150 per boat.
- 5.2. A single International Sailor, per country invited by OA, will have their coaching, entry and charter fees, and portion of airfare paid by the Sponsor. Any additional International Sailors from that same country, invited by the OA, will be responsible for their own fees.

6. FORMAT OF REGATTA

- 6.1. The regatta will consist of both Fleet racing and Team racing.
- 6.2. 12 fleet races are scheduled, with up to 3 races per day. However, the RC reserves the right to sail 1 additional race each day if the regatta falls behind schedule or weather reasons dictate.
- 6.3. Four teams (4 person each) will comprise of International Sailors (non-Bermuda residents), automatically seeded based off of ranked Fleet results as of 1800 Friday 27th October regardless of pending protest decisions. (e.g 1st Team 1, 2nd Team 2, 3rd Team 3, 4th Team 4, 5th in Team 4, 6th Team 3, and so on.)
- 6.4. Two teams (4 person each) will comprise of Bermuda High Performance Squad members, and additional teams may sign up during Competitor Check In.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1. The first warning signal will be 1100 each day.
- 7.2. No warning signal will be made after 1500 on the final day.
- 7.3. There shall be a Competitors Briefing on the RBYC terrace each day at 0930.
- 7.4.

Tues 24 th October	Registration (1600-1800)
Wed 25 th October	Fleet Racing
Thurs 26 th October	Fleet Racing
Fri 27 th October	Fleet Racing
Sat 28 th October	Team Racing
Sun 29 th October	Fleet Racing
	Prize Giving (Following Racing)

8. EQUIPMENT & MEASUREMENT

- 8.1. Competitors may only change equipment as allowed by IODA Class Rules.

- 8.2. Substitution of sails, sail numbers or equipment is not allowed throughout the regatta without the written permission of the RC.
- 8.3. Substitution of lost or damaged equipment will not be permitted unless approved in writing by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available at registration.

10. VENUE

The regatta will be held at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club and the racing areas will be the Great Sound and Hamilton Harbour.

11. COURSES

Fleet racing course will be an outer-loop trapezoid with the finish line at the end of the second windward leg. Team racing course will be explained in the SI.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1. Appendix P "Special Procedures for rule 42" will apply. P2.2 "Second Penalty" is changed to "Second and Subsequent Penalties". There will also be an addition to the end of the first sentence, "unless her penalty is signaled after she finishes, in which case she shall promptly notify a race committee finish boat that she is retiring". Appendix P2.3 will not apply.
- 12.2. A boat that has taken a penalty under rule 44.1 shall complete and sign the penalty acknowledgment log at the protest committee desk before the end of the protest time limit.

13. SCORING

- 13.1. 6 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 13.2. When more than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

14. SUPPORT/COACH BOATS

- 14.1. Support/Coach boats shall register with the OA during registration and shall declare the competitors with whom they are associated.
- 14.2. Coaches are required to provide at minimum 1 safety boat for every 10 boats they are associated with.

15. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 15.1. VHF Channel 69 will be used by the RC for communication purposes.
- 15.2. Support/Coach boats are required to monitor VHF Channel 69 to render assistance as requested by the RC.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Prizes for Fleet racing will be awarded for overall 1st, 2nd & 3rd places; for top female skipper; and for top Bermuda skipper.
- 16.2. Prizes for Team Racing will be awarded to the top placing team and the runner up team.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 17.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

18. INSURANCE

Each boat shall carry Third Party Liability Insurance with a minimum of US /BD \$250,000 coverage per incident. It will be the responsibility of the individual entrant, at the time of submitting the entry fee, to provide evidence, satisfactory to the OA, of such insurance cover.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1. For further information please contact:

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