



2026 ILCA Bermuda National Championship
Sailing Instructions
Saturday 11th & Sunday 12th April 2026



The Organising Authority (OA) is Royal Hamilton Amateur Dinghy Club (RHADC)
in conjunction with ILCA Bermuda Association

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5(c).
- 1.3 The following Rules have been changed RRS Race Signals, 30.4, 33, 60.1, 60.2(d), 60.4(a)(2), 61.2.(2), 61.4 (b) (1), 63.5(c), Appendix A4, A5, A5.1, A5.2.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than 30 minutes before flag D is displayed, except that changes to the schedule of races will be posted before 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITOR

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, which is online at:

[OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD](#)

[WHATSAPP GROUP](#)

- 3.2 The race office is located RHADC, 25 POMANDER ROAD, PAGET BERMUDA.
- 3.3 [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.

4 [DP] CODE OF CONDUCT

- 4.1 Competitors and support persons shall place advertising provided by the organising authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the RHADC.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced 'not less than 60 minutes. This changes Race Signal AP.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

Date	Class	Time of 1st Warning (not before)	Schedule of Races/day	Max # Races/day
April 11th	ILCA4 / ILCA6	1025	4	4
April 12th	ILCA4 / ILCA6	1025	4	4

- 6.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before the first warning signal is made.
- 6.3 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 6.4 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

7 CLASS FLAGS

- 7.1 The class flags for each class will be as follows:

Fleets	Class Flag	Intended Start sequence
ILCA 6		1st
ILCA 4		2nd

8 RACING AREAS

- 8.1 The racing area will be the Great Sound.

9 COURSES

- 9.1 The diagrams in SI Appendix A show the course options to be sailed with the order in which the marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 9.2 The course and number of beats to be sailed will be displayed on the Committee Vessel.
- 9.3 The approximate bearing of mark 1 may be displayed on the Committee Vessel.

10 MARKS

- 10.1 The starting & finishing mark will be an orange tetrahedron.
- 10.2 Marks 1 & 2 will be yellow tetrahedrons.

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

N/A

12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 12.2 The Preparatory Signal will be either RRS 30.3 (U Flag Rule), or RRS 30.4 (Black Flag Rule).
- 12.3 The starting line is between the staff displaying an orange flag on the committee vessel at the starboard end, and the course side of the starting mark at the port end.
- 12.4 A boat that does not start within four minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark or replace with a mark of the same colour.
- 13.2 Minor mark moves, up to approximately 150m in any direction, may be made without signalling the change. This changes RRS 33.

14 THE FINISH

- 14.1 The finish line is between the mast displaying a blue flag on the committee vessel and the nearby finishing mark.

15 PENALTY SYSTEM

N/A

16 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

- 16.1 The time limits and target times are as follows:

Time limit	Mark 1 time limit	Target time	Finishing Window
60 minutes	20 minutes	40 minutes	20 minutes

- 16.2 If no boat has passed Mark 1 within the Mark 1 time limit the race may be abandoned.
- 16.3 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 61.4 (b) (1).

17 HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1 Hearing requests, requests for redress, or reopening shall be submitted online via the ONB and shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 17.2 The Protest Time limit is 60 minutes. This limit begins after the last boat of a class finishes the day's final race, or once the race committee signals the end of racing for the day.
- 17.3 A hearing schedule will be posted on the ONB as soon as possible after a protest has been lodged, but not later than 15 minutes after the end of Protest Time to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 17.4 Notices of hearings by the committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 60.2(d).
- 17.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 20 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 63.7(b).

18 SCORING

- 18.1 As per NOR
- 18.2 A competitor shall submit a request to review a boat's score online via the ONB.

19 [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 19.2 A boat retiring for the remainder of the day shall notify the race committee prior to leaving the course area.

20 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 20.1 Equipment protests will only be accepted from the Race Committee. This changes RRS 60.1. The fact that race officials may conduct inspections of a boat does not reduce the responsibilities of competitors set out in the Notice of Race.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee.
- 20.3 Requests for substitution of equipment shall be made to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race. A Competitor shall submit requests online via the ONB.
- 20.4 Substitution of competitors shall not be allowed.

21 SUPPLIED BOATS

N/A

22 OFFICIAL VESSELS

22.1 Official vessels are defined as the Committee Vessel and Mark Layers.

23 [DP] SUPPORT VESSELS

- 23.1 All support and coach vessel shall checkin on the water with the race committee each day.
- 23.2 To ensure fairness to all competitors, support vessels may be required to carry drinks, snacks and spares for competitors who do not have their own support vessel.
- 23.3 Rule 37 applies to all support vessels.
- 23.4 Kill cords shall be worn at all times whilst engines are running. Failure to do so may result in the support vessel and her crew being banned from the racing area for the remainder of the event.
- 23.5 Personal flotation devices shall be worn by all persons in a support vessel at all times, except briefly while adjusting clothing, while on the water.
- 23.6 Except when participating in rescue operations all support vessels shall stay at least 100m away from any boat racing or in sequence to start a race.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

24.1 Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

25 BERTHING

N/A

26 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

N/A

27 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

N/A

28 PRIZES

28.1 Prizes will be awarded in the following categories:

Class		1st	2nd	3rd
ILCA 4	Overall	*	*	*
ILCA 6	Overall	*	*	*

28.2 Other prizes may be awarded by the Organising Authority based upon entry.

29 RISK STATEMENT

29.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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.

30 INSURANCE

30.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of BMD\$500,000 per incident or the equivalent.

APPENDIX A - COURSES

Configuration (not to scale)



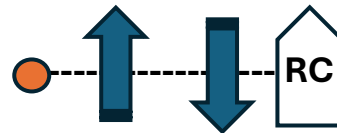
Windward Mark - '1'



Leeward Mark - '2'



Start/Finish Line



COURSES	
<i>Signal</i>	<i>Mark Rounding Order</i>
L2	Start-1-2-1-Finish
L3	Start-1-2-1-2-1-Finish