



Bequia Sailing Club
BEQUIA EASTER REGATTA 2019, April 18th - 22nd

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 ORGANISATION

1.1 The Bequia Easter Regatta is organized by the Bequia Sailing Club. Regatta headquarters are located at the Plantation House Hotel, near reception.

2.0 RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 2019 CSA rules, and these Sailing Instructions except where these are changed by the Racing Information page in the Programme or the J24 Class Declaration and Amendments.

2.2 CSA Rule A7 (crew weight restrictions) will not apply, except in the J24 Class.

2.3 All boats are strongly urged to comply with Bequia Easter Regatta Minimum Safety Recommendations as posted on the Bequia Easter Regatta website and on the Official Notice Board. 2.4 Anchors shall not be carried over the bow or stern while racing.

2.5 All classes shall race with a minimum of three adult crew on board except in the Single-Handed Race on Sunday April 21st 2019

3.0 COMMUNICATION

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board which will be at the Plantation House Race Headquarters. An additional Results Board will be located at the prize-giving locations indicated with “*” below.

Date	Event	Location	Time
Thursday 18 th April	Skippers briefing	Plantation House	1730 hrs
Friday 19 th April	Daily prize-giving	Plantation House	1730 hrs
*Saturday 20 th April	Daily prize-giving	Fig Tree Restaurant	1730 hrs
Monday 22 nd April	Grand prize-giving	Plantation House	1630 hrs

3.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0800hrs on the day they take effect. Any change to the schedule of races or change of courses to be sailed will be posted by 2000 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

3.3 VHF Radio - The R/C will be operating on VHF Channel 06. When appropriate, the R/C may broadcast non-prejudicial information to competitors on this channel. Competitors shall not make transmissions on this channel except in the event of an emergency, or to inform the R/C of retirement from a race or of a protest.

3.4 Time check - The R/C may broadcast an official time check on VHF Channel 06 between 0830 to 0930 hrs each race day, followed by an announcement of any changes to the Sailing Instructions that have been posted.

4.0 ENTRIES

4.1 Eligible boats may be entered by completing an entry form and submitting it together with a valid measurement certificate (if applicable) and the required entry fee to the

Regatta Registrar by the deadline for entries at 3.30pm on Thursday 18th April. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee but may be subject to penalty on the entry fee. Boats will not be scored until they meet all of the entry requirements.

5.0 CLASSES

5.1 The Classes racing and Courses to be sailed by each Class will be determined after the close of registration by a committee appointed by the Race Committee and Organizing Authority.

5.2 The number of Classes and the assignment of a yacht to a particular Class rest solely with this Committee.

6.0 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Each yacht will receive a Class flag at the Skipper's Briefing on Thursday April 18th at 1730 hrs. Class flags shall be displayed at all times while racing. Flags shall be flown from the backstay above the level of the pulpit. In the absence of a backstay, Class flags shall be flown from the starboard shroud or signal halyard at least six feet above deck level. Apart from the class, protest or penalty flag(s), no other flag(s) shall be flown while racing, except where provided by an official named day race sponsor.

6.2 Class Colours:

Class	Class Flag
Racing	White
Cruising I	Blue
Cruising II	Dark Green
Windward Island Sloop	Lime Green
Surprise	Class insignia
J 24	Pink

7.0 RACING AREA AND COURSES

7.1 The racing areas and course descriptions are designated in the Regatta Programme. The J24 & Surprise Classes' course descriptions are on a separate sheet in the Regatta Programme.

7.2 In all cases the written course description shall govern over the course diagram.

7.3 MARKS: All course marks will be orange inflatable; start mark and finish mark will be orange inflatable. There will be a stand-off mark (orange painted drum) at West Cay. No boat shall pass between this mark and the land.

7.4 Positions of marks shown in course diagrams are approximate.

7.5 Competitors should be aware that the Admiralty Mark has an orange inflatable Offset Mark to the northwest. This orange inflatable Offset Mark must be left to Port by all boats, in all classes, in all races.

8.0 THE START

8.1 The starting line will be between the staff displaying a Yellow Flag or shape on the R/C boat and the nearby mark.

8.3 The first warning signal for Friday's races is scheduled for 0955 hrs.

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8.3.2 The J 24 & Surprise Classes will be racing different courses from the rest of the fleet, and their warning signals on Saturday and Monday are scheduled as follows:

Saturday: (first race of 3-race series) 0855 hrs.

Monday: (first race of 2-race series) 0855 hrs.

8.3.3 The warning signal for the Single-Handed race on Sunday 21st will be 0825 hrs.

9.0 START SEQUENCE

9.1 Races will be started as per RRS 26

9.2 Classes will start in the following order:

- 1st Racing Class
- 2nd Cruising Class I
- 3rd Cruising Class II
- 4th Windward Island Sloops
- 5th J24 & Surprise Classes (when applicable).

9.2.1 Where changes to this sequence arise following completion for registration, these will be announced at Skippers Briefing, and posted on the Official Notice Board.

9.3 Additional Classes and starts will be added as necessary depending on entries.

9.4 KEEPING CLEAR. Competitors are reminded of RRS 24.1. Boats whose WARNING signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of official R/C boats. When the J24 & Surprise Classes are using the start line as their finish line, boats in other Classes waiting to start must keep clear of the line and of J24 & Surprise boats still racing, wherever they may be on the course.

9.5 No boat shall cross the start/finish line except when starting or finishing or where so required by the course description. This amends RRS 28.1.

9.6 A boat in the J24 Class or Surprise Class starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored "Did Not Start" without a hearing. This amends rule A4.2

10.0 THE FINISH

10.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a yellow flag on the beach in Lower Bay and an orange mark.

11.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS Appendix T1 POST RACE PENALTIES will apply. T1 is modified to also allow a penalty of 30% of the difference between her finish position and the number of entrees in her fleet, whichever penalty is less.

11.2 Penalties for rule infractions other than RRS Part 2 are at the discretion of the Protest Committee and could include disqualification or an alternate penalty.

12.0 TIME LIMIT

12.1 The time limit for each class is 1600 hours except for Monday when it will be 1400 hours. If no boat in a Class finishes before the time limit the race is abandoned. If one boat in a class finishes before the time limit the remaining boats in that class will be required to record their finish time and notify the Race committee and their relation to other boats ahead and behind. Competitors are reminded of RRS 32.1 and RRS 35

13.0 WITHDRAWAL

13.1 If a boat withdraws from a race she shall notify the R/C by VHF Channel **06** or, failing this, she shall notify a member of the Race Committee immediately upon reaching shore.

13.2 A boat which fails to notify the Race Committee of her withdrawal may be protested.

14.0 PROTESTS

14.1 The R/C will post the close of Protest Time which, for each Class, is one (1) hour after the last boat of that Class has finished the last race of the day. Additionally, all boats that have been penalized by the R/C and all protests reported to the R/C will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Plantation House as soon as possible. The time limit for requesting redress for these RC actions is the close of Protest Time or one hour after the posting of these RC Penalties whichever is later.

14.2 All protests will be heard by a jury as soon as possible after filing. Protest forms are available at the protest desk at Race Headquarters.

14.3 It is strongly recommended that protesting boats both notify the R/C Boat of their intention to protest and the identity of the boat being protested and receive acknowledgement of their intent to protest from the R/C boat at the finish line. This communication may be oral or on the designated VHF channel.

14.4 Measurement protests will not be accepted after the expiry of Protest Time for the last class on the first day of racing.

15.0 SCORING

15.1 The low Point Scoring System of Appendix A of the RRS will apply. Three races are scheduled for Racing, Cruising I, Cruising II and Windward Island Sloop Classes. Six races are scheduled for the J24 Class and Surprise Class. One race required to be completed to constitute a series.

The Single-handed Race shall not count towards the series score. All other races in all Classes shall count. This changes RRS Appendix A, Section A2.

16.0 RESULTS

16.1 Provisional results will be posted on the official Results Board at the Race Headquarters as soon as possible after each race.

17.0 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

17.1 All boats shall be afloat before the first warning signal on the first day of racing and shall not be hauled out during the regatta except in an emergency or with the written permission of the Race Committee.

18.0 RESPONSIBILITY AND CONDUCT

18.1 Competitors are reminded that the Fundamental Rules RRS 2 and 4 and RRS 69 apply to the items of this section.

18.2 As a condition of entering and competing in this regatta, skippers and crew accept that they have sole and inescapable responsibility for the management and safety of their boat and crew and that neither the Organizing Authority, Race Committee, Jury, Sponsors or any of their members, employees or representatives bear any responsibility for any loss, damage, loss of life or injury to persons or other boats which may occur, however caused, before, during or after the regatta.

18.3 The skipper of each boat competing in the regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of his/her crew and guests of the boat while attending any official Bequia Easter Regatta 2019 function.

18.4 In the case of any serious breach of conduct, the boat may be banned from further competition in the regatta or future events organized by the Bequia Sailing Club.
