



**Bequia Sailing Club**  
**BEQUIA EASTER REGATTA 2020**

## **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), 2020 CSA rules, and these Sailing Instructions except where these are changed by the Racing Information page in the Regatta Program 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 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.

### **3.0 COMMUNICATION**

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Plantation House Race Headquarters. A Race Results Board will also be located at the Plantation House Race Headquarters. Race results will be posted as they become available.

3.2 Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0800 on the day they take effect. Any change to the Schedule of Races or any change of courses to be sailed will be posted by 2000 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 and 0930 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 1530 on Thursday, 9 April. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee but may be subject to a late entry fee of \$100EC. A boat must be registered in order to participate and be scored.

### **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 the Race Committee, in consultation with the Organizing Authority.

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

## 6.0 CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Each yacht will receive a Class flag at the Skipper's Briefing on Thursday, 9 April at 1730. 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 shall be flown while racing, except where provided by an official named day race sponsor.

6.2 Class Colours:

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

## 7.0 RACING AREA AND COURSES

7.1 The racing areas and course descriptions for all classes and all races are set out in the Regatta Program.

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 Yellow Flag on the R/C boat and the nearby mark.

8.2 The first warning signal for Day 1 races (Friday) is scheduled for 0955 hrs.

8.3 The J24 Class and Surprise Class will be racing different courses from the rest of the Regatta fleet. Their warning signals on Day 2 (Saturday) and Day 3 (Sunday) are scheduled as follows:

Day 2: 0855 (first race of 3-race series)

Day 3: 0855 (first race of 2-race series)

8.3.1 For Racing, Cruising I, Cruising II, and Windward Sloop Classes, the first warning signal for Day 2 (Saturday) is scheduled for 0955.

8.4 For Racing, Cruising I, and Cruising II Classes, the first warning signal for Day 3 (Sunday) is scheduled for 0955.

8.4.1 The warning signal for the Windward Island Sloops Class on Day 3 (Sunday) will be 1005 hrs.

## 9.0 START SEQUENCE

9.1 Races will be started as per RRS 26, namely 5 minutes: raising of Class flag; 4 minutes: raising of Preparatory flag; 1 minute: Preparatory flag removed; and start: Class flag removed.

9.2 Classes will start in the following order:

- 1<sup>st</sup> J24 & Surprise Classes
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Racing Class
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Cruising Class I
- 4<sup>th</sup> Cruising Class II

## 5<sup>th</sup> Windward Island Sloops

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

9.3 Additional Classes and starts may be added as necessary, depending on registrations.

9.4 KEEPING CLEAR. Competitors are reminded of RRS 24.1. Boats whose WARNING signal has not yet been made shall keep clear of the starting area and of official R/C boats. When the J24 Class and Surprise Class are using the start line as their finish line, boats in other Classes waiting to start must keep clear of the start/finish line and of any 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 RRS Appendix A, Rule A4.2.

## 10.0 THE FINISH

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

## 11.0 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 **POST RACE PENALTIES will apply.** RRS, Appendix T, Rule T1 is modified to also allow a penalty of 30% of the difference between a boat's finish position and the number of entrees in that 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 may include disqualification or an alternate penalty.

## 12.0 TIME LIMIT

12.1 The time limit for each race class is 1600, except for Sunday when it will be 1400. 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 R/C actions is the close of Protest Time or one hour after the posting of these R/C Penalties, whichever is later.

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

14.3 It is strongly recommended that protesting boats notify the R/C Boat of their intention to protest and the identity of the boat being protested and also 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 the RRS, Rule 90.3 and Appendix A, A4 will apply. Six races are scheduled for the J24 Class and Surprise Class. Three races are scheduled for Racing, Cruising I, Cruising II, and Windward Island Sloop Classes. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

All 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 Race 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 RRS Rules 2 and 4 and RRS Rule 69 regarding misconduct apply to 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, the Race Committee, the Jury, the Sponsors, or any of their members, employees, or representatives bear any responsibility for any loss or damage, including 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 conduct of each member of his/her crew and guests of the boat while attending any official Bequia Easter Regatta 2020 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.

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