2010 Bermuda International Invitational Race Week

Hosted by the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club

April 24th to 30th, 2010

NOTICE OF RACE

Abbreviations:

RBYC	**Royal Bermuda Yacht Club**
OA	**Organising Authority (Royal Bermuda Yacht Club)**
BSA	**Bermuda Sailing Association (National Authority)**
NOR	**Notice of Race**
SI ('s)	**Sailing Instruction ('s)**
SPBC	**Spanish Point Boat Club**
RC	**Race Committee**
IJ	**International Jury**

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in ***The Racing Rules of Sailing.***

1.2 The BSA, Code of Conduct will apply. See Appendix 1.
The BSA is an active member and supporter of the Bermuda Council on Drug Free Sport. Invitees to the 2010 Bermuda International Invitational Race Week **MAY** be subject to random drug testing, as per ISAF Regulation 21.

1.3 The Bermuda Fleet Class Rules of the J-24 and IOD Classes will apply and these may modify the International Class Association rules.

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to Category A for all Classes except the J-24, IOD and Snipe Classes, which will be Category C. The OA may require that boats have sponsor's logos affixed on the hull or boom, in accordance with ISAF Regulation, 20.3 (d) (i).

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Entry to the Regatta is by invitation only.

3.2 The regatta will provide racing for the following Classes that meet the minimum entry requirements:

Etchells, International One Design, J-105, J-24, Laser and Snipe classes as applicable.

3.3 The Bermuda Class Associations for these Classes, acting on behalf of the OA, will choose invitees from these Classes, at their discretion and entry forms will be sent by the OA to those invitees only.

3.4 Invitees shall confirm their acceptance by submitting completed entry forms together with the required entry fees not later than Friday, 5th March, 2010 to:

Royal Bermuda Yacht Club
Attn. Sailing Secretary
P.O. Box HM 894
Hamilton HM DX

3.5 Entry forms received after Friday, 5th March, 2010 may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.
If rejected the OA will promptly return the entry fee.

3.6 i) Each class must have a minimum of eight entries and of these, a minimum of four skippers must be not normally resident in Bermuda unless alternate arrangements are applied for and permission in writing received from the OA.

ii) In order for a race to be scored, at least 3 entries whose skippers are not normally resident in Bermuda must start not later than 5 minutes after their starting signal.

If, by Friday, 5th March, less than four non-Bermuda residents' entries have been received for any class, racing for that class may be cancelled and application fees promptly returned.

3.7 Each class is limited to a maximum of 40 entries.

4 SCHEDULE

4.1 The Opening Reception will be on Saturday, 24th April 2010.

4.2 Racing will take place from the Sunday, 25th to Friday, 30th April, 2010. There will be a No Race day for all classes on Wednesday, 28th April, 2010.

4.3 On racing days, one or more races may be scheduled. Multiple races will be sailed 'back to back'. For all classes the scheduled time for the warning signal for the first race on each racing day will be 1100 hours.

All racing will be completed on or before Friday, 30th, April, 2010 for all classes and Prize Giving is scheduled for that day.

5 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The SI's will be available from Friday, 23rd April, 2010. Provisional SI's may be available on the RBYC web site (www.rbyc.bm) from Tuesday, 13th April 2010.

6 VENUE

The racing areas for all classes will be in the Great Sound and/or Granaway Deep.

7 THE COURSES

Courses will be triangular, modified trapezoid and/or windward leeward according to the Course Card provided with the SI's.

8 INTERNATIONAL JURY

There will be an IJ appointed according to Appendix N and the decisions of the IJ will be final as provided in the Rule 70.5.

9 SCORING

The 'Low Point' scoring system (RRS, Appendix A) will apply.

10 BERTHING

Boats shall be kept in their assigned places.

11 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the International Jury.

12 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, whilst racing, a boat shall neither make nor receive radio or telephone transmissions which are not available to all boats, except that for the keelboat classes the RC may attempt to notify boats that are OCS on VHF radio. Provision of VHF radio is the responsibility of each skipper.

13 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded on the results of the week's series. The number of prizes in each class will be dependant on the number of entries in that class.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA, the RBYC and SPBC 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.

15 INSURANCE

Each boat shall carry Third Party Liability Insurance with a minimum of US /BD $500,000 (or equivalent) per incident, valid for all skippers who are to sail that boat during the Regatta.

For boats based in Bermuda it will be the responsibility of the relevant Bermuda Class Association, not later than Friday, 5th March, 2010 to provide evidence, satisfactory to the OA, of such insurance cover.

For boats based outside Bermuda it will be the responsibility of the person entering the boat to provide satisfactory evidence to the OA of such insurance cover. Such evidence shall be included with the completed Entry Form no later than Friday, 5th March, 2010.
Bermuda Class Associations may arrange such insurance cover locally by request. Please confirm with your relevant Bermuda Class Association.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

PROVISION OF BOATS AND SAILS; RESTRICTIONS THEREON AND CREW REQUIREMENTS

In the Laser and Snipe Classes each skipper shall be responsible for ensuring that a boat and sails are available for them, either by bringing their own boat and sails, or by making private arrangements with the relevant Bermuda Class Association.

Visiting boats may be required to present a current valid measurement certificate.

In the J-24, Etchells and International One Design Classes, boats will be provided and allocated to competitors by the respective Bermuda Class Associations, subject to the following provisions:

In all classes, when an owner races their own boat this will not constitute grounds for redress.

In the J-24 Class, each competitor will be allocated one boat for the entire regatta. Competitors shall be responsible for providing all of their sails. These sails shall be submitted for the approval of the Bermuda J-24 Class Association and no other sails shall be used without the written permission of that body. Class registration/crew weigh-in will take place between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday 24th April 2010. Early arriving crews, however, may arrange independently with the Bermuda J-24 Class Association for a weigh-in on Friday, 23rd April, 2010. IJCA Class Rule 5 is changed so that the International Jury will be responsible for authorising any crew substitutions, which will be subject to a weighing of the proposed substitute and the total number of crew shall continue to meet the weight requirement

In the Etchells Class, each competitor will be allocated one boat for the entire regatta at the discretion of the Bermuda Etchells Class Association. Each competitor shall be responsible for providing one measured mainsail, two measured jibs and two measured spinnakers. These sails shall be submitted for the approval of the Bermuda Etchells Class Association and no other sails shall be used without the written permission of that body. There shall be three or four persons on board while racing. The same number of persons shall sail throughout the event and their total combined

weight as measured wearing light clothing shall be no more than 285 kgs. Class registration/crew weigh-in shall take place between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m. on Saturday, 24th April, 2010. Once crews have weighed in, there shall be no crew substitution without the express permission of the International Jury. If permission is granted, the substitute crew member must be weighed and the total number of crew shall continue to meet the weight requirement of 285kgs.

In the International One Design Class, each boat will be provided with one mainsail and one jib, which will remain with that boat throughout the regatta unless written permission to the contrary is given by the Bermuda International One Design Class Association. Boats, together with their mainsails and jibs will be exchanged, on a daily basis, in accordance with a draw, which will be held by the International One Design Class before the first race. Each skipper will be allocated a spinnaker and will use that spinnaker for the entire regatta. In strong winds spinnaker restrictions may be imposed. All equipment provided with the boat for sailing purposes shall be carried while afloat. Unless the Bermuda International One Design Association gives permission, no boat shall be modified or caused to be modified except that:

a) A compass may be tied or taped to the hull or spars.
b) Wind indicators, including yarn or thread, may be tied or taped anywhere on the boat.
c) Hulls (above the waterline only) and decks, sails and equipment may be cleaned only with non-abrasive materials.
d) Adhesive tape may be used anywhere above the water line.
e) All fittings or equipment designed to be adjusted in accordance with class rules may be adjusted within the limits provided, except that shrouds, forestay and jumper stays shall not be adjusted.

In the J-105 Class, Bermuda resident competitors will be responsible for providing their own boat. Each overseas competitor may either supply their own boat or make arrangements with the Bermuda J-105 Class Association to be provided with a boat, subject to availability. In this case, the competitors shall provide their own sails. For additional information and/or arrangements contact Jon Corless from the Bermuda J-105 Class Association at rigging@northrock.bm or 441-336-8500.