2027 Bermuda Team Race Challenge
Bermuda Team Racing Association
March 17–20, 2027
Royal Bermuda Yacht Club

The Organising Authority (OA) is the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (RBYC) with the endorsement of the Bermuda Team Racing Association (BTRA).

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

1 RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the RRS, including Appendix D, Team Racing Rules.

1.2 The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 and D1.2(a).

1.3 The right of appeal will be denied in accordance with RRS 70.3(b).

1.4 RRS 17 is deleted.

1.5 All races will be umpired.

1.6 [DP] Competitors shall provide their own personal flotation device and it shall be worn outside of all clothing except team identification bibs. Bibs provided by the OA or supplied by the team shall be required to be worn over PFDs while racing.

1.7 [DP] Each team shall provide a minimum of two VHF radios capable of communicating on international VHF channels.

1.8 The OA will provide water-filling stations both ashore and on the water. Teams are responsible for providing their own individual water containers.

2 ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

2.2 The OA may provide bibs that competitors are required to wear as permitted by the World Sailing Advertising Code.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board (ONB), located at https://www.regattaweb.org/events/2027-bermuda-team-race-challenge

3.2 As a courtesy, a WhatsApp group will be used to repeat event information and has no official status. A link to this group, and other quick access links will be located on the ONB. Wi-Fi will be provided at the host club.

4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

4.1 The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available on the ONB no later than 8 March 2027. Printed copies of the SIs will not be made available by the OA.

5 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1 All teams interested in competing shall request an invitation using the link on the ONB.

5.2 The request shall include the team captain's name, representing club, email address and mobile telephone number. Crew lists and highlights from sailors' résumés are encouraged but not required.

5.3 Requests for invitation are due by November 30, 2026.

5.4 Invitations with links to the electronic entry form will be sent on December 11, 2026.

5.5 Only teams invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event.

5.6 Acceptance of the invitation shall be made by submitting the electronic entry form and paying the USD/BMD 1,000 non-refundable entry bond no later than January 15, 2027.

6 FEES

6.1 The entry fee for this regatta is USD/BMD 3,000, which includes the USD/BMD 1,000 non-refundable entry bond. The balance of all fees is due by February 15, 2027, and is non-refundable after March 1, 2027.

6.2 The entry fee includes the use of the provided Fareast 28R sailboats for the duration of the event.

6.3 The entry fee includes 8 tickets to all social functions. Additional tickets will be available for purchase.

6.4 Payment details will be provided along with invitations.

7 DAMAGE DEPOSIT

7.1 Each team shall provide a credit card or RBYC member account number to guarantee the refundable damage deposit of USD/BMD 2,000 with RBYC. Teams must do this at or before onsite registration closes unless extended by the OA. This damage deposit is the limit of liability of each team for each incident. In the event that a deduction is made from the deposit, the skipper concerned will be required to restore the damage deposit to its original value to continue in the event.

7.2 The OA will refund or authorise the refund of any remaining damage deposit within 14 days after the event.

7.3 Each supplied boat (Fareast 28R) is insured by the OA for third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of USD/BMD 500,000 per incident.

8 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

8.1 A team shall comprise a total of 8 persons (2 boats), which will include a minimum of two females and two males. All registered crew shall sail all scheduled races.

8.2 The total weight of the team, including the two skippers, dressed in at least shorts and shirts, shall not exceed 700 kg, determined at the time of onsite registration or such time as required by the RC.

8.3 At least four team members shall be bona fide members or spouses, in good standing, of the yacht club they represent.

8.4 All helmspersons shall be current members of a World Sailing Member National Authority (MNA) during the regatta.

8.5 Each team shall submit a crew list and eligibility affidavit (provided), which will include information for each competitor, their club membership, and MNA membership, to the OA by February 15, 2027. The OA reserves the right to make reasonable exceptions to the eligibility requirements. Requests for exceptions shall be made in writing and submitted to the OA.

8.6 After registration no team member may be permanently changed without the prior written permission of the RC. Permission will only be given in exceptional circumstances. Teams are permitted to make temporary changes to cover short-term absences. No temporary substitute may sail more than 2 races. The RC shall be informed of these changes.

8.7 After the warning signal for a race, the registered skippers shall not leave the helm, except in an emergency.

8.8 When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.

8.9 When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event, the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.

9 EVENT FORMAT

9.1 The regatta format will be the 2v2 team racing discipline:

(a) Each team will race two Fareast 28R boats with 4 sailors per boat.

(b) Spinnakers will not be used.

9.2 The intended format will be a double round robin with each team racing each other team twice. If time permits, a finals series with the top teams from the round robin may be sailed. The number of races and the boat rotation will be described in the SIs.

9.3 There will be a maximum of 8 teams.

9.4 Boats will be provided and allocated by the OA.

9.5 The class rules will not apply.

9.6 While all reasonable steps are taken to equalise the boats, variations will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS D1.2(a)(3).

9.7 When the winds exceed 15 knots, the OA may shorten sail (e.g. reef mainsails).

9.8 Any additions, omissions or alterations to the boats supplied are prohibited.

9.9 Additional boat handling requirements will be included in the SIs.

9.10 The number of races to be sailed each day will be determined by the RC, with the intention of starting each subsequent race as soon as practicable after the previous race.

9.11 The RC may change the format, or terminate any stage or the event when, in its opinion, it is impractical to attempt to hold the remainder of races under the existing conditions or in the remaining time scheduled. Early stages may be terminated in favour of later stages.

9.12 The course will be described in the SIs.

9.13 The intended racing area will be Hamilton Harbour, with Granaway Deep as an alternative option. Both are shown in Addendum A.

10 SCHEDULE

10.1 Boats will be available for practice sailing on Wednesday March 17, 2027. Two-hour time slots will be available and will be assigned by the OA on a first-come, first-served basis. Team captains shall request a time slot. Teams shall complete onsite registration before their practice.

10.2 The schedule of events is:

	Wed Mar 17	Thu Mar 18	Fri Mar 19	Sat Mar 20
Onsite Registration	0930–1600			
Practice	1000–1600			
Welcome Reception (RBYC Terrace)	1830			
Team Photo (RBYC Terrace)	1900			
Competitors' Briefing (RBYC Terrace)		0900	0900	0900
First warning signal		1030	1000	1000
Umpire Debriefing (RBYC Terrace)		After racing	After racing	After racing
No warning signal after				1500
Trophy Presentation (RBYC Terrace)				After racing

10.3 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

(a) Welcome Reception and Team Photo

(b) Daily Competitors' Briefing

(c) Trophy Presentation

11 SCORING

11.1 Scoring for individual races will be in accordance with RRS D3 and RRS D4 for the event.

12 PRIZES

12.1 Prizes will be given to the top three teams, and other prizes as the OA deems appropriate.

13 [NP] CODE OF CONDUCT

13.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with any reasonable request from any official, including attendance at official functions and co-operation with event sponsors, and shall not behave in a manner so as to bring the event into disrepute.

13.2 The following actions by skippers and/or crew while racing may be considered a breach of sportsmanship under RRS D2.3(f):

(a) Excessive attempts to coerce verbally, coach or influence umpire decisions;

(b) Repetitive or ongoing objection to an umpire decision (verbal or otherwise);

(c) Abuse of umpires before or after a decision (see also TR Call M8).

14 [NP] SUPPORT PERSONS

14.1 No support person vessels will be permitted on the course.

15 RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

15.1 By participating in this event, competitors grant the OA, host club, event sponsors, media outlets, and competitors' national class associations the perpetual right to use and publish their names, likeness, voice, and image in any photography, audio or video recordings, or other reproductions made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue until their final departure, without compensation.

16 PRIVACY STATEMENT

16.1 The personal information you provide to the OA will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and the other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis for processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that personal information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the OA's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the BSA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

17 RISK STATEMENT

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

18 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

18.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organisers (organising authority, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organisation or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organisers from all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

19 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

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ADDENDUM A - COURSE AREAS

