



THE ONION PATCH SERIES 2012

Open to all yachts that race in the designated races in all events within the series.

The **Onion Patch Series** is organized by the **New York Yacht Club (NYYC)**, the **Cruising Club of America (CCA)** and the **Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (RBYC)**.

All yachts will race as individual entries and are encouraged to form three-boat teams representing nations, yacht clubs, or other yachting associations to compete for the "**Onion Patch Trophy**".

The **Henry B. du Pont Trophy** is awarded for the best scoring individual yacht participating in the series.

The **Catherine Hollis Memorial Trophy** will be awarded to the yacht entered in the Onion Patch Series that has the lowest corrected time in the Newport Bermuda Race®.

The **Onion Patch Series** consists of these races:

The first completed race of each day of the **New York Yacht Club 158th Annual Regatta** on Saturday, June 9, and Sunday, June 10, 2012

The Cruising Club of America and Royal Bermuda Yacht Club **Newport Bermuda Race®** starting on Friday, June 15, 2012.

All races of the **Royal Bermuda Yacht Club Anniversary Regatta** on Friday, June 22, 2012.

ALL RACES that are sailed shall count; there is no throw-out race. A minimum of three races, which shall include the Newport Bermuda Race®, shall constitute a series.

The Preliminary NOTICE OF SERIES



1. ELIGIBILITY

The series is open to yachts that qualify for entry in all the events that comprise the Onion Patch Series holding a current IRC Standard Certificate.

2. TEAMS

Teams may compete for the **Onion Patch Trophy**. Teams representing nations, yacht clubs or other yachting associations shall consist of any three eligible yachts, which are participating in the series.

3. RULES

- 3.1 All races shall be scored under the IRC rating rule.
- 3.2 All yachts shall race with the same IRC certificate for each event within the series.
- 3.3 All races shall be sailed in accordance with the current RRS, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions set out by the Organizing Authority for each individual event.

4. ENTRIES, CONDITIONS

- 4.1 Individual yacht and team entries for the Onion Patch Series shall be made on line as part of the Newport Bermuda Race® entry process and submitted on or before Thursday, June 7, 2011. Entry in the individual events is governed by each NOR.
- 4.2 Registration will be within the Newport Bermuda Race website, which will offer an opportunity to register for the Onion Patch as an individual yacht and as a member of a team.
- 4.2 There is an entry fee of US\$100 that will be processed within the Newport Bermuda registration system.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Please refer to the OP website www.onionpatchseries.com and the individual regatta websites for schedules.

NYYC 158 th Annual Regatta	June 9-10, 2012	www.nyyc.org
Newport Bermuda Race	June 15, 2012	www.bermudarace.com
RBYC Anniversary Regatta	June 22, 2012	www.rbyc.bm

6 SCORING

- 6.1 The official results of each event will be used to calculate the Onion Patch results.



- 6.2 Each yacht's individual final score in each event will be determined by her finish position within the **Onion Patch fleet**. The yacht's score for the **Onion Patch Series** will be the sum of the weighted points of all three events.
- 6.3 Each individual yacht's scores for the events will be weighted as follows: the finish position in the Newport Bermuda Race will be multiplied by 1.25. The total points gained in the NYYC Annual Regatta will be multiplied by 1.00 and the total points gained in the RBYC Anniversary Regatta will be multiplied by 1.00.
- 6.4 The lowest score wins.
- 6.5 Team scores will be the sum of each yacht's individual qualifying scores as described in paragraph 6.3, the lowest team score wins.
- 6.6 For races 1 and 2 of the Onion Patch Series (the first race of Saturday, June 9 and Sunday, June 10, 2012 of the NYYC Annual Regatta), the scoring shall be based on a formula that converts the yacht's corrected time into a time on distance (i.e., seconds / mile) number and the competitors ranked in order of the fastest sec / mile to the slowest sec / mile. POINTS will be awarded according to ranking, and these points will be used in the compilation of the overall scores in the series.

7. PRIZES

The **Onion Patch Trophy** will be awarded to the team having the lowest combined score in the Onion Patch Series. Prizes will be awarded to each yacht on the winning team.

The **Henry B. du Pont Trophy** will be awarded to the lowest scoring individual yacht in the race series.

The **Catherine Hollis Memorial Trophy** will be awarded to the yacht entered in the Onion Patch Series that has the lowest corrected time under IRC in the Newport Bermuda Race.

Onion Patch prizes will be awarded at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club's Anniversary Regatta Prize-giving to be held after racing on Friday, June 22, at Barr's Bay Park.

8. LIABILITY

The organizers and sponsors bear no responsibility for accidents, damages or injuries to yachts or their personnel arising from any cause during the races or related activities. Attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rules and to the 2012-2013 ISAF Offshore Committee Special Regulations, Fundamental Regulation 1.02, Owner's Responsibility and "Waiver and Release of Liability" as stated on the entry form.



9. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 9.1 Notices of Race for individual events may be obtained by visiting the website of the individual organization, as noted below.
- 9.1 Sailing Instructions for the NYYC 158th Annual Regatta will be available after June 7.
- 9.3 Sailing Instructions for the Newport Bermuda Race will be available at race check-in from June 11, at race headquarters at the New York Yacht Club, Newport, RI.
- 9.4 Sailing instructions for the RBYC Anniversary Regatta will be available from Wednesday, June 20, at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club.

For further information please visit any of the following websites:

www.onionpatchseries.com

New York Yacht Club

www.nyyc.org

Royal Bermuda Yacht Club

www.rbyc.bm

Newport-Bermuda Race® 2012 Organizing Committee

www.bermudarace.com

