



# THE ONION PATCH SERIES

## 2004

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The **Onion Patch Series** is sponsored by the **New York Yacht Club (NYYC)**, the **Cruising Club of America (CCA)** and the **Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (RBYC)** and is open to IMS Racing division and IMS Cruiser/Racer division yachts entered in the **2004 Newport Bermuda Race**. All yachts will race as individual entries, but 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 and will be recognized as the **IMS North American Champion**.

The **Catherine Hollis Memorial Trophy** will be awarded to the first yacht, on corrected time in the Bermuda Race, which is a competitor in the Onion Patch Series.

The Onion Patch Series consists of these races:

All races of the New York Yacht Club's 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Regatta on Saturday and Sunday, June 12 and 13.

The Cruising Club of America and Royal Bermuda Yacht Club's Newport Bermuda Race starting on Friday, June 18.

All races of the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club's Anniversary Regatta on Friday, June 25.

All races shall count, however three races, which shall include the Bermuda Race shall constitute a series.



# NOTICE OF RACE

## 1. ELIGIBILITY

All IMS yachts in the Racing or Cruise/racer division entered in the Newport Bermuda Race are eligible to compete by completing the separate Onion Patch Series Entry Form.

## 2. TEAMS

**Onion Patch Series** – Teams may compete for the Onion Patch Trophy. Teams representing nations, yacht clubs or other yachting associations shall consist of three IMS Racing and/or IMS Cruiser/Racer yachts, which are participating in the series.

## 3. RULES

- 3.1 All races shall be sailed in accordance with the current RRS, the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions set out by each individual organization for their individual event.
- 3.2 The IMS certificate submitted shall be the same certificate for all races in the series.

## 4. ENTRIES, CONDITIONS

- 4.1 Individual yacht entries for the Onion Patch Series shall be made on line at the New York Yacht Club website [www.nyyc.org](http://www.nyyc.org) and shall be submitted on or before Monday June 7, 2004.
- 4.2 Onion Patch team entries shall be made on line at the New York Yacht Club website [www.nyyc.org](http://www.nyyc.org) and be submitted on or before Thursday, June 10, 2004. Yachts wishing to participate on a team who have not yet joined a team will be posted, by request, on the NYYC Website. This may enable those yachts to form teams for the series. Teams that are formed will also be posted on the NYYC Website. NYYC shall not be responsible for forming teams.  
All yacht owners/charterers shall be solely responsible for all communications in this matter between themselves.

## 5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

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| Saturday, June 12 | Course signals in accordance with the NYYC 150 <sup>th</sup> Annual Regatta Sailing Instructions.          |
| Sunday, June 13   | Course signals in accordance with the NYYC 150 <sup>th</sup> Annual Regatta Sailing Instructions.          |
| Friday, June 18   | Warning signals for Newport Bermuda Race in accordance with the Newport Bermuda Race Sailing Instructions. |



Friday, June 25 Course signals, in accordance with the RBYC Anniversary Regatta Sailing Instructions.

## 6. RACE COURSES

In accordance with the Sailing Instructions for each individual event.

## 7 SCORING

- 7.1 Appendix A4, Low-Point Scoring will be used, except that all completed races shall be included in the scoring of these regattas. If ties continue to exist after the application of RRS Appendix A8, they will be broken by determining the lowest cumulative corrected times.
- 7.2 IMS - the IMS Performance Curve Scoring system will be used for all races
- 7.3 The scores for the races will be weighted as follows; the total points gained in the Newport Bermuda Race, will be weighted 1.2 and all other races will weighted 1.0.

## 8. PROTESTS

Decisions of the International Jury will be final in accordance with RRS Rule 70.4.

## 9. 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 six race series and will be recognized as the **IMS North American Champion**.

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 Bermuda Race. Onion Patch prizes will be awarded at the Newport Bermuda Race Prize Giving Ceremony Saturday, June 26 at 1830, by invitation.



## 10. 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 2004 ISAF Offshore Committee Special Regulations, Fundamental Regulation 1.02, Owner's Responsibility and "Waiver and Release of Liability" as stated on the entry form.

## 11. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

- 11.1 Notices of Race for individual events may be obtained by visiting the website of the individual organization, as noted below.
- 11.2 Sailing Instructions for the NYYC 150<sup>th</sup> Annual Regatta will be mailed to entrants beginning May 28, 2004. Class assignments, IMS rating sheets and scratch sheets will be available at registration and on the NYYC web site, [www.nyyc.org](http://www.nyyc.org).
- 11.3 Sailing Instructions for the Newport Bermuda Race will be available at race check-in June 13-16 at race headquarters in Newport, Newport, RI. Class assignments and crew lists will be available at the Captains' Meeting in Newport, on Thursday, June 17 at 1700.
- 11.4 Sailing instructions, class assignments, IMS rating sheets and scratch sheets for the RBYC Anniversary Regatta will be available from Wednesday, June 23 at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club.

*For further information please visit our Website:*

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