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MARINE AND PORTS SERVICES (MARINERS) (ROUND-THE-ISLAND BOAT RACE) NOTICE 2026

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The Minister responsible for marine and ports services, in exercise of the power conferred by section 12(1)(a), (b) and (c) of the Marine and Ports Services Act 2021, issues the following Notice:

Citation

1 This Notice may be cited as the Marine and Ports Services (Mariners) (Round-the-Island Boat Race) Notice 2026.

Interpretation

2 In this Notice, "boat" includes a personal water craft and "boatman" includes a person who operates a personal water craft, commonly referred to as a jet-ski.

Round-the-Island Boat Race

3 The Round-the-Island Boat Race (the "Race") will take place on Sunday, 9 August 2026 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Course of the Race

4 The course of the Race will be from Ferry Reach along North Shore to Hog Fish Beacon; to Two Rock Passage and into Hamilton Harbour; around a buoy placed 100 metres to the west of White's Island and through Salt Kettle Bay into Granaway Deep; around Five Star Island and around Port Royal Bay in the Great Sound to Commissioner's Point; past Daniel's Head and along South Shore into St. David's Head; around St. Catherine's Point and past the Oil Docks on the North Shore, before re-entering Ferry Reach to finish.

Closure of certain sea passages etc.

5 (1) On the day of the Race, the sea passages specified below will be closed to normal marine traffic during the following times—

Sea Passages	From	To
(a) the passage between the pylons at the entrance to Ferry Reach:	1:45 p.m.	3:30 p.m. or until opened by the coast guard unit
(b) the passage between Hinson's Island and the Paget shoreline:	2:15 p.m.	2:45 p.m. or until opened by the coast guard unit
(c) the passage between Five Star Island and the Southampton mainland:	2:15 p.m.	2:45 p.m. or until opened by the coast guard unit

(2) On the day of the Race, the areas specified below will be closed to normal marine traffic during the following times—

The Areas	From	To
(a) the area within 400 metres of the shoreline between Wreck Hill and Pompano:	2:15 p.m.	3:00 p.m. or until opened by the coast guard unit
(b) the area within 100 metres of the shoreline between Castle Roads and St. David's Head:	2:30 p.m.	3:30 p.m. or until opened by the coast guard unit

Race course to be patrolled

6 (1) The Race course will be patrolled by the Royal Bermuda Regiment coast guard unit and marshal boats.

(2) For the duration of the Race, all mariners, pilots and boatmen must exercise extreme caution when navigating within the vicinity of the Race course, particularly in the vicinity of Ferry Reach, Two Rock Passage and White's Island in Hamilton Harbour.

Speed limits not to apply

7 The speed limits fixed by the Marine Board (Declaration of Speed Limits for Boats) (Mariners) Notice 2001 do not apply to boats participating in the Race.

Postponement of Race

8 In the event of inclement weather, the Race will take place on either Sunday, 16 August 2026 or Sunday, 23 August 2026 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m., and the provisions of this Notice apply in all respects to the Race held on either of those dates.

Offence

9 It is an offence under section 12(5) of the Marine and Ports Services Act 2021 for a mariner, pilot or boatman to fail to observe the requirements of this Notice, punishable on summary conviction in accordance with section 84 of that Act.

Made this 7th day of August 2026

Acting Minister of Tourism and Transport, Culture and Sport

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