



2015 NOTICE OF RACE

**BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival
Nanny Cay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands
Monday - Sunday (March 30 – April 5, 2015)**

Official Notice and Conditions of Race

The Organizing Authority is the BVI Spring Regatta & Sailing Festival Committee.

You are invited to enter the 2015 BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival, the Caribbean regatta with the most racing. For forty-four years sailors from around the world have enjoyed superior and innovative racing in the spectacular setting of Sir Francis Drake Channel and Caribbean Sea and parties after racing in our Regatta Village.

1. RULES

1.1 The BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival will be governed by the following:

- ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016;
- CSA Rating Rule along with IRC and HPR for 2015;
- Multihull Rating Advisory Committee;
- The class rules for those classes sailing as one-designs
- Sailing Instructions of the BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival for and on behalf of the Royal BVI Yacht Club as the National Authority.

1.2 An International Jury may be convened in accordance with RRS 70, denying the right to appeal, and which may have discretion over penalties other than for infringements of RRS Part 2.

1.3 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

1.4 RRS are altered in the sailing instructions as follows:

RRS 52 will not apply.

RRS 44.2 is changed in that only one turn is required.

RRS 29.1 is changed. Recalls may be notified by radio.

RRS 33 (a) and (b) are changed. New course information will be made by radio.

2. CLASSIFICATION

2.1 Assignment of yachts to a particular class rests entirely with the Regatta Committee, whose decision will be final.

2.2 The Regatta Committee reserves the right to create additional classes if needed.

2.3 Sailing within the different Divisions will be the following classes:

Division A

CSA Spinnaker Classes A - E, which includes Racer/Cruiser. These classes will be racing a combination of windward / leeward and round island courses. With up to five races a day

Division B

CSA Performance Spinnaker, Jib and Main, Bareboat, Classic, Multihull classes sailing round island courses with up to three races a day.

Multihull: Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker using ratings determined by the Multihull

Rating Advisory Committee

Performance Cruiser: For those yachts that wish to race with or without spinnakers but use racing type sails and a spinnaker pole or some form of bearing out spar. Their Rating Certificate must show that they are rated with the equipment they choose to use. Any discrepancies found between what the boat is rated for and what is carried during the event could result in a penalty.

Jib and Main: For cruising yachts in cruising mode, who wish to race with cruising type sails, only one jib at a time, except during sail changes, and one mainsail. A yacht with more than one mast may carry a mizzen or foresail. A staysail may be used in conjunction with a headsail on cutter-rigged boats if the largest headsail is less than 120%. Downwind type sails are not allowed, which include light headsails designed to be poled out downwind. Stripping out and lightening is not allowed.

Bareboat: Yachts in this class must be owned or managed by a known bareboat operator acceptable to the Regatta Committee. Yachts shall conform to all restrictions for the Jib & Main Class except as follows:

- a) Bow numbers will be supplied.
- b) Spinnaker poles or other forms of bearing out spars are not allowed.
- c) Yachts must carry all the equipment normally carried on a bareboat charter in its normal position except for the dinghy and its motor, oars and fuel tank. Biminis and sail covers may be removed and stowed below, but must remain on board, along with the frame. Any boats found to be stripped or lightened shall be subject to a penalty. Yachts must comply with all safety requirements including that no part of an anchor shall overhang the bow while racing.

One Design Classes will sail in a separate area with courses determined in agreement with the class representative.

3. ENTRIES AND REGISTRATION

3.1 Entries are limited to yachts with valid Caribbean Sailing Association (CSA) Rating Certificates, except for Multihulls and One Design Classes and Boards. The CSA Bareboat Rating Office will issue Bareboat rating certificates directly to the regatta upon receipt of entry, for which a fee may be charged. IRC and HPR certificates will also be accepted.

3.2 Entries must be made on the official Entry Form, which may be obtained from the following:

- The Official BVI Spring Regatta web site: www.bvispringregatta.org.
- All entries are paperless and electronic as part of our Green Pledge

The Entry Form may be found and submitted from our web site as indicated in Section 3.2 above. Payment may be made by cash, cheque, Traveller's Cheque, or Visa and MasterCard. If possible, please submit your entry from the web site as this automatically adds your entry to the results programme database.

Entry Fees	Sailing Festival 3/31 – 4/2/15	Spring Regatta 4/3 – 4/5/15
Monohull & Multihull	\$100	\$350
IC24	\$50	\$200

NO ENTRY WILL BE REGISTERED UNTIL ALL THE FEES ARE PAID. THERE WILL BE NO EXCEPTIONS

3.3 Skipper packages must be picked up at registration, which will be open at Nanny Cay on Monday, March 30, 2015, from 1200 – 1800, and on Thursday, April 2, 2015, from 1200 – 1800.

4. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS (Updated Schedule will be posted online)

The BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival will consist of multiple races and activities as follows:

- Monday March 30, 2015: **Registration:** noon- 1800 hours at Nanny Cay Marina, Regatta Village area.
- Tuesday March 31, 2015: **TBA**
- Wednesday April 1, 2015: **TBA**
- Thursday, April 2, 2015: **Lay Day** - A day to relax and spend time on Tortola or the BVI. Special daily events will be announced.

1200 – 1800 hours: **Registration and Check-in** at Nanny Cay Marina.

1700 – 1900 hours: **Annual Mount Gay Welcome Party** at the Regatta Village. .

- Friday April 3- Sunday April 5: 1000 hours: **First race start.**
- Sunday April 5: 1730 hours: **Awards Ceremony** at the Regatta Village.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available in the skipper packages and at the Committee Desk located in the Regatta Village at Nanny Cay during the event. Scratch sheets will be available at the Committee Desk from 0800 on Tuesday March 31st, for the Sailing Festival and Friday April 3rd, for the BVI Spring Regatta.

6. RACING AREAS

Racing will take place in the waters surrounding Tortola, British Virgin Islands; with classes sailing different courses and using different start and finish areas. The starting area for the first race each day will be posted by 2000 hours the preceding evening. Courses will be announced on the water for each class prior to their warning signal.

7. PRIZES

7.1 Class Awards for the Sailing Festival -TBA.

7.3 BVI Spring Regatta awards, based on the cumulative scores for the event will be awarded to first, second and third place finishes in each class after the final race on Sunday April 5, 2015. Other prizes will include the Premiers Award (Best BVI Yacht), and other special awards, including the International Yacht Club Challenge winner and the Guy Eldridge "Spirit and Enthusiasm" award.

8. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

8.1 The BVI Spring Regatta Committee reserves the right to amend this notice. Any amendments of this notice will be posted on the Official BVI Spring Regatta website & posted on the Official Notice Board located at Committee Desk at the Regatta Village.

9. LIABILITY

a) As a condition of entry into this Regatta, the entrant accepts that it is his/her sole and inescapable responsibility for the management and safety of his/her yacht, and the BVI Spring Regatta Committee, BVI Chamber of Commerce and Hotel Association, Royal BVI Yacht Club, Nanny Cay Resort and Marina, Sponsors, any of their members and employees or members of the race committee accept no responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants or others or the loss of, or damage to, any yacht however caused, before, during or after the Regatta.

b) The Skipper/Owner of each yacht participating in the Regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his yacht. In the case of any destruction of property, any breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by skipper or any crew member, or the failure to comply with any reasonable request of any officer or agent of the BVI Spring Regatta Committee directed to any member of any participating yacht, that yacht may be disqualified from participating in any future races in the Regatta.

Thank you for your participation in the BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival.



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