



# 2015 PINEAPPLE CUP MONTEGO BAY RACE

## GENERAL INFORMATION

• **Ocean sailing boats** from 30' LOA and larger are invited to enter the 2015 Pineapple Cup race to Montego Bay Jamaica.

The race website is [www.montegobayrace.com](http://www.montegobayrace.com)

• A Skipper's Meeting shall be held at 1830 hours on Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at:

The Lauderdale Yacht Club  
1725 SE 12<sup>th</sup> Street  
Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33316.  
LYC Phone: 954-524-5500

• The Race is scheduled to begin at 1300 hours on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

• The Montego Bay Yacht Club welcomes all competitors to Montego Bay, Jamaica. Race Coordinator Evelyn Harrington is the contact for all details regarding visiting Jamaica and the MBYC. E-mail; [evelyn@montegobayrace.com](mailto:evelyn@montegobayrace.com)

## SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

 Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Race Packet pick up at LYC.....1730 - 1830

Skipper's Meeting, Lauderdale Yacht Club.....1830

Pre Race Cocktails, LYC.....1730 - 1900

 Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Race Start off Port Everglades Inlet.....1300

## **PINEAPPLE CUP RACE to MONTEGO BAY**

 Wednesday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Early Bird Cocktail Party, MBYC.....1830

 Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

Prize Giving Banquet, MBYC.....1830

## NOTICE OF RACE & RACE CONDITIONS

### 1.0 AUTHORITY / VENUE / CLASSES / DATES

1.1 The Pineapple Cup – Montego Bay Race is an 811 mile ocean race for ocean racing monohull and multihull boats. Classes invited to compete include **IRC** rated boats, **PHRF** boats (with handicaps 150 sec/mile or less), and ocean racing / cruising **Multihull** boats. Ocean Racing **One Design** classes are invited to participate with 5 or more entries.

1.2 The Jamaica Yachting Association (JYA) is the Organizing Authority for the 2015 Pineapple Cup – Montego Bay Race. The race is managed by the Southern Ocean Racing Conference, Inc. (SORC).

1.3 The first warning signal for the 2015 race is scheduled for 1300 hours on Friday, February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2015 off of the Port Everglades (Ft. Lauderdale, FL) inlet.

### 2.0 RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the **Rules** as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (**Rules**), the COLREGS, the 2015 IRC Rules Parts 1, 2, & 3, and the PHRF of Southeast Florida Rules & Regulations as adopted and amended by the SORC Race Committee, except as modified in this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, including any properly posted amendments to the above.

2.2 In accordance with IRC Rule 21.6.1(b), a boat may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current IRC certificate of area not greater than rated SPA without an increase in rating.

### **3.0 MANAGEMENT**

3.1 The race is sponsored by the Lauderdale Yacht Club, the Storm Trysail Club, the Montego Bay Yacht Club, and the Jamaica Yachting Association, and managed by SORC as the Race Committee for the collective group. The Race Committee or its representatives shall have the authority to interpret the rules and conditions of the race and related activities, to decide protests, and to reject the entry of any boat at any time prior to the start of the race or related activities.

3.2 The SORC Race Committee, Lauderdale Yacht Club, Storm Trysail Club, Montego Bay Yacht Club, and Jamaica Yachting Association do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss of or damage to any vessel in any way, or from any cause during this race or related activities.

### **4.0 ELIGIBILITY AND RATINGS**

4.1 The 2015 Pineapple Cup - Montego Bay Race invites ocean racing boats whose owner/charterer is a member of a recognized Yacht Club or their National Authority.

4.2 **IRC** rated boats with a LOA of 30 feet minimum, having submitted a completed entry form, and a valid 2015 endorsed IRC Certificate are invited. Boats submitting a non-endorsed IRC Certificate may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

4.3 **PHRF** boats with a LOA of 30 feet minimum, and rating 150 sec/mi or less, having submitted a completed entry form, and a valid 2015 PHRF Certificate obtained from PHRF of Southeast Florida are invited. For information regarding PHRF of Southeast Florida ratings or to apply for a Certificate from PHRF of Southeast Florida, contact PHRF of Southeast Florida at [www.phrfsef.com](http://www.phrfsef.com).

4.4 A **Multihull** class will be offered for ocean racing / cruising type boats at least 30 feet LOA minimum with enclosed cabins and permanent accommodations, but they will not be eligible to compete for the Pineapple Cup, or the Robert McNeil MoBay Course Challenge Trophy.

4.5 Multihull boats must have a current valid South Florida MASF/PHRF Multihull Rating Certificate. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject any entry that does not comply with their definition of an "ocean racing / cruising" type Multihull boat.

### **5.0 CREW LIMITS**

5.1 **IRC** crew weight and limitations: IRC 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by:

The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a yacht shall be as detailed below.

There is no weight limit.

<b>IRC Certificate number:</b>	<b>Allowed crew</b>
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Up to 9	certificate number plus 1
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10-13	certificate number plus 2
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14 and over	certificate number plus 3
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5.2 Crew limits for PHRF boats shall be as listed on their current valid certificate, plus one.

5.3 The minimum number of crew is three in addition to the Skipper.

### **6.0 ENTRIES:**

6.1 The entry deadline for the 2015 Pineapple Cup – Montego Bay Race shall be Friday, January 30, 2015.

Entries may be completed online at [www.montegobayrace.com](http://www.montegobayrace.com), or the official entry form can be downloaded, completed and mailed with a check made out to SORC, Inc. to:

Pineapple Cup Race Committee

2410 NE 34 Court

Lighthouse Point, FL 33064

6.2 A completed entry form, a signed waiver form or the electronic acceptance of same on the Race website, a copy of the boat's current Official Rating Certificate and the prescribed entry fee for each boat must be received by the SORC Race Committee prior to the final entry deadline of January 30, 2015.

6.3 No entry fee will be refunded after the entry deadline of January 30, 2015.

## **7.0 RACE ENTRY FEES:**

7.1 Entry fees to participate in the 2015 Pineapple Cup – Montego Bay Race are as follows;

The Race Entry Fee for entries received by 6:00 p.m. January 5, 2015	\$ 650.00 US
Late Entry Fee (Entries accepted after 6:00 p.m. January 5, 2015)	\$ 200.00 additional.
Late Documentation Fee (Late rating certificate or change after Jan. 30, 2015)	\$ 100.00 additional.

7.2 The prescribed entry fee must accompany the Official Entry Form. Rating Certificates must be received by January 30, 2015 to avoid the late documentation fee.

## **8.0 RATINGS**

8.1 A current **IRC, PHRF** of Southeast Florida, or South Florida **PHRF/MASF Multihull** rating certificate is required for each boat. The certificate upon which acceptance of an entry is predicated will be the rating applicable to the boat at the time she starts the race. Each boat must submit their current, valid rating certificate to the Race Committee by 6:00 pm, Friday, January 30, 2015. Rating problems due to re-measurement or modification must be resolved prior to the submission deadline.

8.2 The ratings and class assignments of all boats entered in the Pineapple Cup - Montego Bay Race will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Lauderdale Yacht Club beginning at 1200 (Noon) on Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015, and remain posted until 1800 the same day, at which time all posted valid ratings will stand for the race. Rating, and/or class assignment issues must be resolved with the Race Committee prior to 1800 hours on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015.

## **9.0 DIVISIONS & CLASSES**

9.1 The fleet may be divided into IRC, PHRF, and Multihull divisions with as many classes as dictated by the total number of entries. Scratch sheets will be distributed in each race packet at the skipper's meeting, and posted on the race website [www.montegobayrace.com](http://www.montegobayrace.com).

## **10.0 COURSE**

10.1 The course to be sailed shall be from a Start line south of Port Everglades inlet, through the Bahamas Islands to the Finish line off Montego Bay, Jamaica, leaving Great Isaac (including Northeast Rock and East Brother), Great Stirrup, Eleuthera Island, Long Island, and Cuba to Starboard.

10.2 The rated distance for the race course is 811 nautical miles. Boats will be ranked by corrected time (elapsed times minus time allowance) with the lowest corrected time winning.

## **11.0 TIME ALLOWANCES**

11.1 For the **IRC** division, the boats rating allowance will be applied as a factor of the elapsed time of it's race.

11.2 For **PHRF** division, the boat's PHRF rating times the course length of 811 nm will be it's time allowance.

11.3 For **Multihull** division, the boat's MASF/PHRF rating times the course length of 811 nm will be it's time allowance.

## **12.0 EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION**

12.1 All competing boats shall carry the appropriate nautical charts covering the race course.

12.2 All boats must conform to the current International Sailing Federation Special Regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Racing **Category 2** with the following changes or additions:

- ♦ **Engine and Fuel (OSR 3.28):** OSR 3.28 is amended to permit, as an alternative to the inboard engine required by 3.28.1, an outboard engine which may be carried on the transom or securely stowed below decks in such a way that it is available for immediate deployment. The requirements of 3.28.3 apply, except that a sealed and approved portable container may be carried above the working deck or in a vented locker such that there is no possibility of leakage into the bilges or interior of the yacht.
- ♦ Sufficient fuel to provide range under power of at least 75 miles.
- ♦ Operative VHF/FM transceiver with Channels 9, 16, 68, 71 and 72. (DSC and GMDSS equipped VHF radios are encouraged.)
- ♦ AIS Transponder recommended, but not required.
- ♦ Life raft need not have a canopy or insulated floor.

12.3 Multihull Division boats are required to carry either life rafts as in 12.2 above, or an Immersion (Survival) suit for each person on board, having an inherent reserve buoyancy of at least 15.5 lbs and that otherwise meets SOLAS requirements. Divers' wet suits or dry suits do not comply with this requirement. It is strongly recommended that Multihull boats also carry life rafts in accordance with ISAF OSR as an additional safety measure.

12.4 The Race Committee has the right to inspect any boat without prior warning before the start and after the finish of the race. It may reject any entry or deny an award on its findings.

### **13.0 BOAT TRACKING**

13.1 Each boat is required to be equipped with a SPOT position transponder, be subscribed to the "Track Progress" option offered by SPOT, and provide the Race Committee with the "shared URL" for the purpose of inclusion in the official race tracking program. ([www.findmespot.com](http://www.findmespot.com)). The unit shall be mounted and operated throughout the race in accordance with the instructions provided. Only the race committee may protest a boat for an alleged violation of this section. Tracking data may not be used as grounds for a protest.

### **14.0 SPECIAL LIMITATIONS ON WEATHER AND OCEANOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

14.1 During the race, boats may not receive weather, current, or navigational information except from publicized sources available to all competitors. Subscription, password protected or restricted access web pages as well as phone conversations and text messages that contain any of the above information are not allowed. Accessing other information during the race will be considered a violation of the *Rules 41* (Outside assistance).

### **15.0 SKIPPERS MEETING**

15.1 A Skippers meeting will be held at 1830 hours, Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2015 at the Lauderdale Yacht Club, 1725 S.E. 12th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33316. (phone 954-524-5500). The Skipper and Navigator from each boat should attend the Skipper's meeting to receive final instructions, handicap sheets, and race packets with immigration and customs forms for entry to Jamaica.

15.2 Each boat will be required to supply a full and accurate crew list, including names, addresses and emergency contact information along with an equipment declaration form in order to obtain their race packet.

### **16.0 CHANGES / ADDITIONS**

16.1 Changes or addendums to the Notice of Race or to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the [www.montegobayrace.com](http://www.montegobayrace.com) website, the official bulletin board at Lauderdale Yacht Club and/or the Montego Bay Yacht Club official bulletin board. Code Flag "L" will be displayed from the Lauderdale Yacht Club and Montego Bay Yacht Club flagpoles if an amendment or notice has been posted.

16.2 No notice or amendment(s) affecting the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions will be posted on the [www.montegobayrace.com](http://www.montegobayrace.com) website or at the Lauderdale Yacht Club later than 0900 hours on the day of the race.

### **17.0 MAJOR AWARDS & TROPHIES:**

17.1 **ROBERT McNEIL MOBAY COURSE CHALLENGE TROPHY** - For the 1<sup>st</sup> monohull boat to break the Montego Bay Race 811 nm course record of 2<sub>days</sub>, 10<sub>hrs</sub>, 24<sub>min</sub>, and 42<sub>sec</sub> set in 2005 by "Titan 12".

**SILVER ROSE BOWL PERPETUAL TROPHY** - For 1<sup>st</sup> monohull boat to finish.

**SILVER PINEAPPLE CUP PERPETUAL TROPHY** - For 1<sup>st</sup> overall corrected time IRC rated boat.

**SILVER SEAHORSE PERPETUAL** – For 1<sup>st</sup> overall corrected time PHRF rated boat.

**ARAWAK PERPETUAL TROPHY** – For 1<sup>st</sup> overall corrected time Multihull MASF rated boat.

**E.J. GARMHAUSEN PERPETUAL TROPHY** - For 1<sup>st</sup> overall corrected time IRC & PHRF navigators. (Shared)

**CLASS TROPHIES** - For 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.

17.2 **THE JAMAICA TOURIST BOARD LOG AWARD:** Will be awarded for the most interesting log, to be determined at the discretion of the Montego Bay Yacht Club Race Committee.

**18.0 RACE WEBSITE**

18.1 Access the official race website at [www.montegobayrace.com](http://www.montegobayrace.com) for the Official Notice of Race, Entry Forms, and complete information concerning the 2015 Pineapple Cup – Montego Bay Race. The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the race website on or before the final entry deadline of January 30, 2015

**19.0 RACE REQUIREMENTS / ENTRY INFORMATION**

19.1 Contact Race Chairman Ken Batzer at [kbatzer@sorcsailing.org](mailto:kbatzer@sorcsailing.org). Phone; 954-275-0839

**20.0 JAMAICA & MONTEGO BAY YACHT CLUB INFORMATION**

20.1 Contact Race Coordinator, Ms. Evelyn Harrington at Montego Bay Yacht Club, P.O. Box 1133, Montego Bay, Jamaica. Phone; (876) 361-2396. E-mail; [evelyn@montegobayrace.com](mailto:evelyn@montegobayrace.com)



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