



2015 PINEAPPLE CUP MONTEGO BAY RACE

OFFICIAL SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES GOVERNING THE RACE:

1.1 The Race will be governed by the *Rules* as defined in the current *Racing Rules of Sailing (Rules)*, the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS), the PHRF of Southeast Florida Rules & Regulations, the current IRC Rules #1, 2, & 3, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, including any properly posted amendments or addendums to the above.

1.2 In case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. (This changes *Rules* 63.7.)

1.3 Each yacht is allowed one media crew member whose purpose shall be to obtain video and audio recordings of activity aboard the vessel. This crew member may not directly enhance the performance of the yacht in any way, and must disembark the vessel no later than five minutes after the start of the race. Plans for their recovery must be approved by the Race Committee and may not interfere with any other competitor. (This changes *Rules* 47.2.)

1.4 The Jamaica Yachting Association (JYA) prescribes that the authority responsible for interpreting the rules of a handicap or rating system is the organization that issued the handicap or the rating certificate involved.

2.0 SAFETY & EQUIPMENT:

2.1 All boats shall conform to the current International Sailing Federation Special Regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Equipment and Preparation Category 2, with exceptions and amendments as detailed in the Notice of Race, section 12.2.

All competing boats shall carry hard copies of the appropriate NOAA charts covering the race course.

2.2 Competitors are reminded they shall comply with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS) when encountering vessels that are not racing.

2.3 RENDERING ASSISTANCE: Observance of *Rules* 1.1, Helping Those In Danger is mandatory. A boat failing to comply shall be subject to protest that may result in penalties or disqualification.

At the discretion of a Jury, an elapsed time credit may be given to a boat complying with *Rules* 1.1.

Specific attention is directed to Fundamental *Rules* 1.1 & 4, which state:

(1.1.) A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

(4.) The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.

3.0 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

3.1 At the Lauderdale Yacht Club the Official Notice Board will be located inside the club main entrance. Any signals made ashore shall be displayed on the flagpole on the eastern most part of the club property. At the Montego Bay Yacht Club notices to competitors will be located in the main hall of the MBYC Clubhouse. Notices will also be posted on the race website at www.montegobayrace.com.

3.2 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted before 1800 hours on February 5, 2105, except any change to the schedule of the race will be announced at the Skipper\$ Meeting and posted immediately following the meeting.

4.0 STARTING AREA:

4.1 The Starting Line will be established approximately ½ mile South of Port Everglades Inlet, and approximately 1 mile offshore. The start line will be between an inflatable race mark, and a staff on the Race Committee Signal Boat displaying an orange flag.

5.0 START:

5.1 The first **Warning signal** is scheduled for 1300 hours, Friday, February 6th, 2015. The final starting sequence and Division/Class breaks for the Pineapple Cup fleet will be published on or before February 5th, 2015, and distributed at the Skipper\$ Meeting.

5.2 Signals & Times are:

<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>DIVISION FLAG COLOR</u>	<u>WARNING FLAG</u>	<u>PREP. FLAG</u>	<u>PREP. FLAG REMOVED</u>	<u>START SIGNAL</u>
IRC 1	Yellow	1300	1301	1304	1305
PHRF 1	Green	1300	1301	1304	1305
Class 40	Green	1300	1301	1304	1305

5.3 All boats shall check in with the Race Committee on station prior to their Warning Signal by sailing past the stern of the R/C Signal boat on Starboard tack and hailing their sail number.

5.4 Any boat not starting within 30 minutes of her start time will be scored DNC (did not compete) unless permission to start at a later time has been obtained from the Race Committee prior to the first Warning Signal.

6.0 RECALLS:

6.1 An effort may be made to recall premature starters by hailing or by broadcast on VHF Channel 68. Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, the timing and order of such hails, or the length of time it takes to make a notification on the VHF radio shall not be grounds for redress. (This changes *Rules* 29.1 and 60.1b)

6.2 Boats starting prematurely and not properly re-starting shall be penalized 30 minutes elapsed time.

7.0 COURSE:

7.1 From the Start Line, 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.

8.0 NIGHT SAILING:

8.1 Between the hours of local sunset and sunrise, Part 2 of the *Rules* will be replaced by **COLREGS Part B** (*The Steering and Sailing Rules, of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea*).

Important sections paraphrased below:

Two sailing vessels approaching one another at night must give-way as follows:

- **Port gives way to Starboard.**
When each has the wind on a different side, the vessel which has the wind to port must give way;
- **Windward gives way to leeward.**
When both have the wind on the same side, the vessel which is windward must give way to the vessel which is leeward.

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- **Unsure port gives way.**
If a vessel, with the wind on the port side, sees a vessel to windward and cannot determine whether the other vessel has the wind on the port or the starboard side, they must give way.
- **An overtaking vessel** must keep out of the way of the vessel being overtaken.
'Overtaking' means approaching another vessel at more than 22.5 degrees abaft her beam, i.e. so that at night, the overtaking vessel would see only the stern light and neither of the sidelights of the vessel being overtaken.
- **The give-way vessel**
The give-way vessel must take early and substantial action to keep well clear.
- **The stand-on vessel**
The stand-on vessel shall maintain her course and speed, but she may take action to avoid collision if it becomes clear that the give-way vessel is not taking appropriate action, or when so close that collision can no longer be avoided by the actions of the give-way vessel alone.

9.0 FINISH LINE:

9.1 The Montego Bay Yacht Club Race Committee will be aboard a boat at the Finish Line. The Finish Line will bear 114° true between the vessel and a Yellow Buoy (FI G. 5 miles) anchored approximately 1/2 mile off the Montego Bay Airport.

9.2 The approximate coordinates of the Yellow Buoy as advised by the Jamaica Port Authority are: 18° 30.255 North and 077° 55.990 West.

10.0 ALTERNATE FINISH:

10.1 If the finish boat is not able to hold station the MBYC Race Committee will be on shore. Boats should finish within 50 yards of the Yellow Buoy (FI G. 5 miles), leaving it to PORT. The Finish Line will bear 114° true from the Yellow Buoy to a rotating aero beacon at the airport.

11.0 CALL IN:

11.1 Approximately 5 miles out from the finish, yachts should make a warning call to the Montego Bay Yacht Club Race Committee on VHF channel 68, announcing the boat name and sail number. The call will be acknowledged by the Race Committee on station. Boats should confirm their finish with the Race Committee on VHF channel 68 immediately after finishing.

12.0 NIGHT FINISH:

12.1 Boats finishing at night shall shine a bright light on their sail numbers continuously from within 2 minutes of their finish until 1 minute after their finish and confirm their finish with the Race Committee on VHF channel 68 immediately after finishing.

13.0 FINISH DECLARATION FORM:

13.1 Each Navigator shall log the boat's actual Eastern Standard Time of finish and the boat's elapsed time for the race, and enter it on the Finish Declaration Form provided by the Race Committee. The Finish Declaration Form must be delivered to the Race Committee Duty Officer at the MBYC upon arrival at the Yacht Club docks.

14.0 POST FINISH ADVISORY:

14.1 Boats are advised to sail in a westerly direction well beyond the finish line to ensure that they have actually crossed the line, and are advised NOT to sail below a course of 200° from the finish line until the lights of Montego Bay are in sight.

15.0 TIME LIMIT:

15.1 The time limit for finishing the race will be 1200 hours on Friday, February 14th, 2015. Any boats not finished by this time will be scored %DNF+ (This changes Rules 35.)

16.0 RETIRING FROM THE RACE:

16.1 A boat retiring from the race for any reason must notify the Montego Bay Yacht Club Race Committee on VHF Channel 68 or by phone at (876) 361-2396 or (876) 979-8038 as soon as possible.

17.0 RACE TRACKING:

17.1 All boats are required to carry a SPOT race tracking device. Failure to carry a SPOT tracking device, failure to enable the SPOT device in Race Tracking mode+available to be tracked publicly by Kattack thru the race website, failure to refresh the device as required in 17.2, or disabling the device during the race may result in disqualification or other penalty at the discretion of the Jury.

17.2 All boats are required to refresh the SPOT tracking device prior to the first warning signal for the race, and to refresh their SPOT device daily within 24 hours of the last refresh or startup.

("Refreshing" the unit between the hours of 12:00 Noon and 12:30 daily is recommended.)

17.3 GPS tracking of all boats will be used for public viewing and public media purposes. Information from the tracking system shall not be used as evidence, or be used as a basis for a protestor request for redress by either the Race Committee or a boat, although the Protest Jury may use available information from the system at their discretion. (This changes Rules 60.1 and 60.2.)

18.0 SCORING AND TIME ALLOWANCES:

18.1 Appendix A, using the Low Point scoring system of the Rules shall be in effect. The course distance of the Race is established at 811 nautical miles for scoring purposes.

18.2 For the IRC division, the boat's rating allowance will be applied as a factor of the elapsed time of its race.

18.3 For the PHRF division, time allowances shall be calculated using the 2015 PHRF of Southeast Florida handicap rating and the rated course distance.

18.4 For Class 40 boats competing in their own One Design sub class within the PHRF division, no time allowance will be calculated for the awarding of the 1st in Class trophy. The first Class 40 boat to finish will be awarded a 1st place in class trophy.

19.0 PENALTIES FOR INFRACTIONS OF THE RULES PART 2:

19.1 The One and Two Turns Penalty, Rule 44.2 **shall not apply.**

19.2 The Scoring Penalty, Rules 44.3 (a) shall apply. The penalty for accepting a penalty by displaying a yellow flag in accordance with Rule 44.3 (a) shall be one percent (1%) of a boat's elapsed time added to her corrected time. (This changes Rules 44.3 (c).) A yacht taking a scoring penalty shall report it to the Race Committee within the protest time limit of finishing.

19.3 Alternative Penalty: At the discretion of the Jury, as an alternative to disqualification, the penalty assessed by a protest committee for an infraction of the Rules Part 2 shall be no less than five (5) percent of a boat's elapsed time added to her corrected time.
(This changes Rules 64.1 (a).)

19.4 If a breach of any rule is found, other than a rule of Part 2 of the Rules or COLREGS, penalties shall be at the discretion of the Jury. (This changes Rules 64.1)

20.0 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

20.1 Protesting boats shall conform to all the conditions of Rule 61. Protests shall be made in writing on an approved RRS protest form and submitted to the Race Committee located at the Montego Bay Yacht Club Duty Office within two (2) hours after finishing (if between 0800 and 1800 hours). Boats finishing after 1800 hours must submit their protest form to the MBYC Duty Office before 0900 the following day.

20.2 Notices of protests filed by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted on the official notice board at the Montego Bay Yacht Club before the protest time limit to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

20.3 Completed protest forms shall be delivered no later than the final protest time limit of 1400 hours on Friday, February 14th, 2015.

20.4 Protest hearings will be held at the Montego Bay Yacht Club, and will begin as soon as possible after the protest time limit.

21.0 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY:

21.1 Competitors participate in the Pineapple Cup . Montego Bay Race entirely at their own risk. See *Rule 4*, Decision to Race.

21.2 The Organizing Authority, SORC Inc., Lauderdale Yacht Club, Montego Bay Yacht Club, and Storm Trysail Club do not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, or during, or after the regatta.

22.0 AWARDS PARTY AND TROPHY PRESENTATION:

22.1 The awards party and trophy presentation will be held at the Montego Bay Yacht Club on Friday, February 14th, 2015 beginning at 1830 hours. Dress is Yacht Club Casual.

23.0 CONDUCT ASHORE:

23.1 The Skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of the crew when ashore. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, destruction of property, or failure to comply with a request to remove a boat or crew from the premises, the Race Committee may reject or rescind a boat's entry, and hold the boat owner or skipper financially responsible for damages. The boat may be barred from competition in any race managed or sponsored by the SORC, Lauderdale Yacht Club, Storm Trysail Club, or the Montego Bay Yacht Club. Any such incident shall be referred to a Protest Committee for consideration under *Rule 69*, ~~%Gross Misconduct+~~

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