

# BARBADOS SAILING WEEK 2024 - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE RUM TO SPICE RACE

24<sup>th</sup> to 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024

Organising Authority: Barbados Sailing Week and Grenada Sailing Week

## 1. RULES

- 1.1 The Race will be governed as defined in the current WS Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024.
- 1.2 No National Prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The Race will also be governed by:
  - a) for boats in CSA classes, the 2024 CSA Rating Rule.
  - b) for boats in Club Class by the Variable Simplified CSA Handicap Rule.
  - c) the CSA Minimum Safety Rules or as spelled out in paragraph 4 following.
- 1.4 RRS52 - Manual Power - is deleted.
- 1.5 RRS 47 - Trash Disposal - shall be changed by adding the following sentence after the first sentence. "However discarding biodegradable environmentally friendly bands when setting a sail is permitted".

## 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 All Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com).

## 3. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 For safety reasons, all boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on international Channel 16.
- 3.2 The Race Committee will communicate with the competitors by VHF radio using Channel 10.
- 3.3 Failure of a boat to hear any information or notification on the VHF radio will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRs 62.1(a).

## 4. SAFETY

- 4.1 No boat shall race with an anchor overhanging the bow. However, written application may be made to the Organising Authority for exemption from this requirement which may be granted solely at the Organising Authority's discretion and without appeal. (Specifically - very large yachts unable to remove their anchor).

- 4.2 Any boat retiring from a race MUST notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by VHF radio.
- 4.3 All skippers and crew shall familiarise themselves with the location, depth and extent of the reefs and shoals in and around the racing area. See charts Imray-lolaire.

## **5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 5.1 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) before 1400 hrs on 24<sup>th</sup> January.

Note - Any conflict arising between the SIs and the NOR then these SIs will take precedence.

## **6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff at Barbados Cruising Club.

## **7. CLASSES**

- 7.1 Classes will be as stated in the Notice of Race and will be determined at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority who reserves the right to amalgamate or cancel any classes for any reason as it sees fit.
- 7.2 Classes racing to the CSA Rating Rule must declare their sail combination prior to close of registration for the Race, which may not then be changed for the duration of the Race.

## **8. COURSE**

- 8.1 The course will be a straight sail from the start line in Carlisle Bay, Barbados to the finish line in Tyrrel Bay, Carriacou. Boats should approach the finish line by sailing around the southern end of Carriacou. The onus is on Skippers / Navigators to ensure safe deep water navigation. See charts Imray-lolaire

## **9. THE START**

- 9.1 The warning signal for the Race will not be before 1555 hrs on Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> January.
- 9.2 To alert boats that the Race will begin soon, a number of short sound signals will be made approximately one minute before the warning signal is made.
- 9.3 The start line will be a line between the pole on the Committee Boat bearing a Mount Gay flag and the flagpole at the Barbados Cruising Club. Boats shall cross the start line heading in a southerly direction.
- 9.4 The starting procedure will be in accordance with RRS 26 (5,4,1, go). An ORANGE flag will serve as the warning flag.
- 9.5 There will be no individual recalls. Boats starting early will be notified on VHF. Delay or failure to broadcast by the Race Committee, or to receive by an OCS boat, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).

9.6 Boats starting ahead of their allocated time will be given an automatic time penalty of 15 minutes on their ELAPSED TIME.

## **10. THE FINISH**

10.1 The finish line will be between the white Race Committee power boat with a blue awning bearing a yellow flag moored next to the red, rusty tug boat at the starboard side of the entrance to Tyrrel Bay, and the yellow marker buoy at the port end of the line.

## **11. PENALTY SYSTEM**

11.1 For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

11.2 The Penalty, if any, for breaches of the RRS - other than Parts 1 and 2 - will be at the sole discretion of the Jury.

11.3 A boat starting ahead of her allocated time will be given an automatic time penalty - see paragraph 9.6 above.

## **12. TIME LIMIT**

12.1 The time limit for all classes will be 1700 hrs on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January.

12.2 Boats not finishing within the time limits above will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

## **13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

13.1 The protest time limit shall be 1 hour after the time limit expires. Protests must be submitted in writing. Protest forms will be available from the Committee Desk located at Las Iguanas Restaurant and Bar, Tyrrel Bay, Carriacou.

13.2 A notice informing competitors of the time and place of each protest hearing will be posted on the Official Notice Board at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) as soon as possible after the protest form is received. The protest will then be heard as soon as possible. It is each party's (or representative's) responsibility to be present at the hearing and failure to attend will not prevent the protest from proceeding and a decision being reached.

## **14. SCORING**

14.1 Scoring will be based on finishing elapsed time for the Race.

14.2 For boats racing to the CSA handicap system their Corrected Time will be computed from their TCF.

## **15. OUTSIDE COMMUNICATION**

- 15.1 All boats are encouraged to have a VHF Radio on board. However boats shall not, except when in the starting area, communicate with the Committee Boat or Organising Authority except for emergency broadcast or to notify the Principal Race Officer of intended retirement from the Race. (see paragraph 3.3 above).
- 15.2 Boats shall not seek to gain an advantage from any outside sources which are not available to all other competitors.

## **16. RESULTS AND PRIZES**

- 16.1 Results for the Race will be posted on the Official Notice Board at [www.yachtscoring.com](http://www.yachtscoring.com) as soon as possible.
- 16.2 Prizes will be awarded at the Prize Giving Ceremony to be held as part of the Opening Ceremony of Grenada Sailing Week 2024 at 1800 hrs on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> January at Las Iguanas Restaurant and Bar.

## **17. MEDIA RIGHTS**

- 17.1 By participating in these events competitors grant the Organising Authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make use of and show at their discretion, any photography, audio or video recordings and other productions of them and/or their boat made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue until their time of departure, without any compensation.

## **18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RISK STATEMENT**

- 18.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 Decision to Race. The Organising Authority or any officers of the Race will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, or after the Race.

## **19. INSURANCE**

- 19.1 Each participating boat MUST have valid third-party liability insurance for the duration of the Race.