



CARIBBEAN SUPERYACHT REGATTA & RENDEZVOUS
BRITISH VIRGIN ISLANDS, 16-20 MARCH 2011

Notice of Race

INTRODUCTION

The regatta is organised by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS) and Boat International Media (BIM). The Event is sanctioned by the Royal British Virgin Islands Yacht Club (RBVIYC) as the National Authority to ISAF.

1. THE RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the following:

- (a) the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing;
- (b) The IRC Rules 2010 Parts A, B and C shall apply. For the purposes of IRC rules 21.1.5(d) and (e) this regatta is on consecutive days but the sails carried on board need not remain the same for the duration of the event; however sails shall remain the same for each day;
- (c) The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with life rafts compulsorily on board, but subject to the following amendments:
 - i. red parachute flares are not required (amends OSR 4.23)
 - ii. jackstays are not required (amends OSR 4.04)

1.2 The Organizing Authority may amend this Notice in accordance with RRS 88.2(a). Any amendments to this Notice will be emailed to all Owners whose entries have been accepted. Amendments will also be posted on the official website. During the Regatta, amendments to this Notice will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Regatta Headquarters and on the official website.

1.3 No national authority prescriptions will apply.

1.4 English is the official language of the event.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may display advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code. Boats shall display Event Advertising in compliance with ISAF Regulation 20 and as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.
- 2.2 Boats will be required to display the Sponsor's pennant on the backstay throughout the period starting one hour after the completion of registration and ending one hour after the finish of the last race of the regatta and the event battle flag throughout the same period but only while moored.
- 2.3 The Organising Authority will supply the pennant and flag at registration.
- 2.4 The Organising Authority may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on board video cameras for the official television production and/or tracking system.
- 2.5 Boats intending to display advertising during the regatta shall state in the entry form the nature of such advertising.

3. ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to the following boats:
Yachts with LOA of 80 feet or more with a valid IRC Rating Certificate.
In exceptional circumstances the Organizing Authority may accept entries of boats with a LOA less than 80 feet which comply in all other respects with this Notice of Race.
- 3.2 Depending on the number and nature of the entries, the Organizing Authority at its absolute discretion may divide them into groups or divisions. Divisions may have different courses, cruising or racing orientated, and starts (pursuit start or fleet start) in accordance with the nature of the yachts.
- 3.3 Foreseen Divisions are: Racing Division, Cruising Division, Non Spinnaker Division.

4. ENTRIES

- 4.1 Entries shall be made at www.superyachtregattaandrendezvous.com and shall be received by the Organizing Authority by 10th January 2011 together with:

- A copy of the boat's IRC Rating Certificate
- Entry fee: (a) for yachts under 148ft LOA the entry fee is \$5,600 USD
(b) for yachts above 148ft LOA the entry fee is \$6,600 USD

The Entry Fee shall be paid on-line by credit card through the website or be paid directly to Boat International Media by wire transfer at:

Boat International Media Ltd
Lloyds TSB – Threadneedle Street, London
Sort Code: 30-00-09
USD Account: 11566016
IBAN: GB40 LOYD 3000 0911 5660 16
SWIFT/BIC: LOYDGB21013

- 4.2 In the absolute discretion of the Organizing Authority, late entries may be accepted after 10th of January.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration, Measurement and Inspection: Wednesday, 16th March

- 5.2 Dates of racing:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Program</u>	<u>Scheduled time of first signal</u>
Thursday, 17 th March	Racing	11:00
Friday, 18 th March	Racing	11:00
Saturday, 19 th March	Racing	11:00

- 5.3 Prize Giving: Saturday, 19th March

- 5.4 Alteration of Program:

The Organising Authority and the Race Committee reserve the right to modify the above program according to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances.

6. RATING CERTIFICATES AND MEASUREMENT

- 6.1 Rating certificates shall be received by the Organising Authority no later than the 1st of March. A list of the ratings of the boats will be posted on the event website www.superyachtregattaandrendezvous.com by the 10th March.

The Protest Time Limit for rating protests for entered yachts, except relating to changes made during the regatta, will expire on the 16th of March.

- 6.2 IRC Rating Certificates can be purchased/renewed through Mike Urwin, RORC Rating Office (email: mikeurwin@rorcrating.com)
IRC Rating information is available at www.rorcrating.com

If a boat changes her sail plan or any other measurement values requiring a new Rating Certificate, she shall provide the Organizing Authority with the new certificate as soon as possible and in any event not later than 1st of March 2011.

- 6.3 Boats shall be available for inspection not later than 10:00 on 16th March. For boats already at YCCS Marina Virgin Gorda, inspections may be carried out on 15th March. Boats may be inspected and/or check measured at any reasonable time before or during the regatta.

7. REGISTRATION

At final registration the following documents will be required:

- a. Original current IRC rating certificate unless already produced;
- b. Acceptance of the Notice of Race as set out in the Entry Form;
- c. Disclaimer of liability as set out in the Entry Form;
- d. Photography and TV rights consent as set out in the Entry Form.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available by the 1st March on the event website: www.superyachtregattaandrendezvous.com and available at final registration.

9. RACING AREA AND COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be Coastal courses in the waters of the archipelago of the Virgin Islands.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty as provided in Rule 44.3 shall apply except that Rule 44.3(c) is deleted and replaced with the following:

"44.3 (c). The elapsed time for a boat that takes a Scoring Penalty shall be the elapsed time she would have been allocated without that penalty increased by 2%. If she takes more than one Scoring Penalty in a race, her elapsed time will be increased by 2% for each Scoring Penalty taken".

11. SCORING

11.1 The Low Point System Appendix A shall apply except that there will be no discard.

11.2 Three races are scheduled and one race has to be completed to constitute the series.

12. MOORINGS

12.1 The entry fee includes mooring fees from 12:00 on 15th March to 13:00 on 21st March at the YCCS Marina Virgin Gorda provided that the entry is completed by the closing date for entries.

12.2 Moorings may or may not be available for late entries.

12.3 The cost of electricity and water charges (as well as mooring fees for late entries or additional periods) are not included in the entry fee and must be paid directly to the Marina Office.

12.4 To reserve moorings before and after the dates indicated in par.12.1 and for tenders please contact:

YCCS Marina Virgin Gorda
North Sound, Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands
Tel: +1 284 495 5400
Fax: +1 284 495 3557
E-mail: harbormaster@yccsmarina.com
www.yccsmarina.com

13. COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC AIDS

13.1 Boats shall be equipped with a Marine VHF transceiver operating on VHF 70 / 71

13.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. All types of electronic aids, including radar, VOR, satellite, etc., are permitted. No external aids, outside assistance or information may be used during the races, except weather forecast information.

13.3 Boat to boat communication is allowed and encouraged to ensure the safest possible navigation during the regatta and one dedicated VHF channel will be used for this purpose.

14. PROTEST COMMITTEE

Protests will be heard by a Protest Committee.

15. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

The Caribbean Superyacht Regatta Trophy will be awarded to the highest scoring yacht overall. Additionally, special trophies will be awarded to the winner of each division/category.

16. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with adequate cover taking into account the value of the boats racing and the measure of damages likely to arise in the event of an accident.

17. DISCLAIMER

Competitors agree to be bound by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009/2012, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their boat, the rigging, the crew's ability and the safety equipment. Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for damages caused to third persons or their belongings, to themselves or to their belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of their participation in the regatta, relieving of any responsibility the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, Boat International Media and all persons or sponsors involved in the organization under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for the behaviour and dress of the boat's crew, representatives and guests.

Competitors are reminded of RRS Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

In any case, competitors agree that the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, Boat International Media, the Sponsors and their agents, the Race Officials which shall include everyone involved in the management of the racing, the Race Officers, the International Jury and their assistants have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel or property.

As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.

18. MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors grant the Organizing Authority and the Sponsors the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information; in this respect, competitors' names and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.

19. EVENT PROGRAM

The final social program will be available at registration, program subject to modification.

Wednesday, March 16

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| 09:00 – 16:00 | Welcome & Registration at Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS),
Virgin Gorda
Customs Clearance for yachts and crews
Concierge, meet and greet for yachts
Yacht Services upon request
Practice Day for Sailing Yachts |
| 10:00 – 16:00 | “Experience BVI” guest experiences upon request to include:
Guided tour of Oil Nut Bay, guided hiking, boat trips, snorkeling
adventure
Watersports and Scuba Diving (extra) also available
Private or group guides available. |
| 16:00 | Skippers Briefings:
Sailing Yacht Captains |
| 16:30 | Motor Yacht Captains |
| 17:30 – 18:00 | Official Event Opening Ceremony at YCCS Virgin Gorda
(Hoisting of the Event Flag) |
| 18:00 – 20:00 | Welcome Caribbean Party
Sundowners on YCCS Lawn with local entertainment |

Thursday, March 17

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| 08:00 – 11:00 | Regatta Village open for all guests |
| 11:00 | Sailing Yachts: Race Day 1 (see Notice of Race) |
| 11:00 – 15:00 | Motor yacht Program: Cruise-in-Company, following the yacht
racing followed by lunch and swimming at quiet anchorage.
VIP Host yacht Resolute to lead the fleet. |
| 15:00 – 18:00 | Regatta Village open for all guests |
| 19:00 | Owners' dinner at Biras Creek (By Invitation)
Crew party |

Friday, March 18

- 08:00 – 11:00 Regatta Village open for all guests
- 11:00 Sailing Yachts: Race Day 2
- 10:30 – 13:00 Motor yacht Program: Tender Treasure Hunt
Pirate inspired treasure hunt in yacht tenders around North Sound, YCCS, Leverick, Prickly Pear, Saba Rock, finishing at Oil Nut Bay.
- 11:00 – 16:00 Lunch at Oil Nut Bay
Beach Day – water sports: windsurfing, paddle boards, snorkel, hobie cats and laser sailing, scuba diving (extra). Cliff top massage. Kids' activities.
- 16:00 – 18:00 Regatta Village open for all guests
- 18:00 – 21:00 Party at YCCS Marina
Cocktail and Canapé Competitions.
Each yacht will create a cocktail with a prize for best cocktails and canapés.
Music & entertainment along the dock

Saturday, March 19

- 08:00 – 11:00 Regatta Village open for all guests
- 11:00 Sailing Yachts: Race Day 3
- 11:00 – 16:00 Motor yacht Program: Cruise in company to Jos Van Dyke / Peter Island, cruise to take in the finish line at the end of the race.
Private launches and tenders available for guests wishing to follow the sailing
- 17:00 Sundowners & Prize giving on lawn at YCCS
- 19:30 Full Moon Party (by invitation)
Party at Oil Nut Bay Beach Club with live music & dancing
Dress: White

Sunday, March 20

- 11:00 Farewell Bloody Marys & Brunch at Biras Beach
- 13:00 Guests Depart
Concierge services, transfers to Beef Island

20. PRESS OFFICE

Media representatives wishing to cover the event are requested to contact:

Alice C. I'Anson Widdows, Event Director at Boat International Media
alice.widdows@boatinternationalmedia.com

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

www.superyachtregattaandrendezvous.com

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