



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA



**NOTICE OF RACE**  
**VIRGIN GORDA, 4<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2016**

**MAXI YACHT ROLEX CARIBBEAN CUP**



**ROLEX**





The Maxi Yacht Rolex Caribbean Cup 2016 is organised by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS) with the support of the International Maxi Association (IMA) and sponsored by Rolex SA.

The event is sanctioned by the Royal British Virgin Islands Yacht Club (RBVIYC) as National Authority to ISAF.

## ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (O.A.) AND VENUE

The Regatta will take place in Virgin Gorda from 4<sup>th</sup> April to 9<sup>th</sup> April 2016.

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## 1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the following:

- (a) The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016;
- (b) The 2015 IRC Rules Parts A, B and C shall apply for Maxi, Maxi 72 and Mini Maxi;
- (c) The ORC Superyacht (ORCSy) Rule for the Supermaxi;
- (d) IRC Rule 22.4 is deleted;
- (e) For the purposes of IRC rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e) this regatta is on consecutive days, yet the sails carried on board need not remain the same for the duration of the event, but sails need to remain the same for each day. The day begins when the boat leaves the dock for the first time each day;
- (f) The ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Category 3 with life rafts compulsorily on board, except that jackstays are not required to be fitted on deck (amends OSR 4.04);
- (g) The 2016 IMA Class Rules for yacht classification only;
- (h) Exceptions to RRS 77 shall be granted by the O.A. upon written request prior to the close of registration;
- (i) Where a trophy is available for a specific class, the class rules (and any following interpretations) of that class shall apply to boats competing for that trophy (J Class, Wally Class, Maxi 72);
- (j) The Sailing Instructions (SI) including all Appendices;
- (k) Modification to RRS 51: add "Sails shall not be moved from one side to the other while tacking or gybing. Only in cases of emergency and/or to prevent them from falling into the water or resting in a waterway will sails be permitted to be moved";
- (l) Rule 55 applies.

1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.

1.3 The Registration Nationality of a boat is indicated by the owner of the boat as set out in the entry form (FLAG section). If not indicated, the sail number and/or the owner's nationality will be used.

1.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

1.5 In the event of a discrepancy between the Notice of Race and the SI, the SI takes precedence. This changes rule 63.7.

## 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 SI.

2.2 Boats will be required to display the following 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:

- (a) Sponsor's pennant on the backstay;
- (b) Sponsor's decal on each side of the bow.

2.3 In addition, boats will be required to display the event battle flag and a sponsor pennant on the forestay throughout the same period but only while moored.

2.4 The O.A. will supply the pennants, decals and flag at registration.

2.5 The O.A. may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on board video cameras for the official television production and/or a tracking system.

2.6 Boats intending to display advertising during the regatta shall state in the entry form the nature of such advertising. All advertising shall be approved by the O.A..



2.7 Boats are responsible to inform advertisers and sponsors that no activities advertising any brand will be permitted ashore within the Marina area without the consent in writing of the O.A. obtained before the start of the Regatta.

### 3. ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The regatta is open to the following boats:

- Boats with a LH not less than 18.29 meters of all categories as defined by the IMA Class Rules, with a current certificate, ORCs<sub>y</sub> for Supermaxi or IRC for Maxi, Mini Maxi and M72;
- Supermaxi over 30.51 meters (ORCs<sub>y</sub>);
- Maxi 24.09 to 30.50 meters (IRC);
- Mini Maxi 18.29 to 24.08 meters (IRC);
- Maxi 72 18.75 to 21.946 meters (IRC).

3.2 The fleet may be divided into categories based on the number of entries and type of boats. Based on IMA Class Rules, potential categories include: Racer, Racer/Cruiser, Wally, Supermaxi and Maxi 72.

3.3 A minimum of four boats is required for separate category scoring (see 3.5).

3.4 Categories may be further split into groups for additional trophies.

3.5 J Class boats and Wally boats over 30.51 meters not racing in class will start, race and be scored with the Supermaxi Category under ORCs<sub>y</sub>. If 3 or more J Class boats will enter, the O.A. will consider a dedicated category, with dedicated start and separate scoring, with dedicated trophies.

### 4. ENTRIES AND ENTRY FEES

4.1 Entries shall be made on the entry form (Annex 1) which is also available on the event web site ([www.yccs.com](http://www.yccs.com)). The Entry Form shall be received by the YCCS Race Office, completed in full, not later than February 1<sup>st</sup> 2016, accompanied by a non-refundable entry fee of € 3.000. The entry fee for YCCS Members, IMA Members and M72 Class Members is reduced to € 2.500.

4.2 The Entry Form shall be accompanied by a copy of the current rating certificate.

If a boat elects to reconfigure the sail plan or change any other measurement values requiring a new rating certificate, the new certificate shall be received by the O.A. not later than 18.00 hours on 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 unless authorized by the O.A. for later receipt. Any changes on rating certificates after the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2016 may only be as a result of inspections and controls.

Boats that do not comply with the registration requirements by the deadline specified by the Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions may be subject to a 1% penalty added to elapsed time for all races.

4.3 The O.A. retains the right to refuse any entries for any reason. Entry confirmations will be communicated by the O.A. For late entries moorings are not guaranteed and mooring fees are not included in the entry fee.

4.4 The entry fee can be paid by Credit Card (VISA or MASTERCARD) or by bank transfer with payment details provided on the entry form. If the payment is made by bank transfer, a copy of the transfer confirmation is to accompany the entry form.

### 5. PROGRAMME

5.1 The maximum number of races is seven.

For the Maxi, Supermaxi, Mini Maxi and J Class, only coastal races will be sailed. For the Maxi 72 and the Wally Class (if a Wally Class is established), 3 coastal races and two days of windward/leeward racing (with 2 races per day) are scheduled.

5.2 The Scheduled time of the first warning signal each day will be at 11.00 hours.

5.3 Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April: Registration, Measurement, Inspection and Skippers' Briefing to be held at YCCS Clubhouse at 16.30 hours.

5.4 Racing days

Tuesday, 5<sup>th</sup> April Race (s)

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> April Race (s)

Thursday, 7<sup>th</sup> April Race (s)

Friday, 8<sup>th</sup> April Race (s)

Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> April Race (s)

5.5 Prize giving, Saturday, 9<sup>th</sup> April at 17.00 hours.

5.6 Two races are required to constitute a series.



5.7 Alteration of programme: The O.A. and/or race committee reserve the right to modify the programme according to weather conditions or other unforeseen reasons.

## **6. MEASUREMENTS AND CONTROLS**

6.1 Boats shall be available to the Measurement & Inspection Committee no later than 10.00 hours on April 4<sup>th</sup> and will be subject to inspection and control. Boats may be inspected and/or check measured at any reasonable time before or during the regatta.

6.2 Sail dimensions shall be by direct measurement or sail maker declaration.

6.3 Hull and rig dimensions shall be by direct measurement or from the designer and/or builder.

6.4 A list of ratings of the boats will be posted on the event web site ([www.yccs.com](http://www.yccs.com)) by 2<sup>nd</sup> of April. The list will be also posted on the Official Notice Board during the event. The Protest Time Limit for Rating Protests by boats, except relating to changes made during the regatta, will expire at 15.00 hours on the 4<sup>th</sup> of April.

## **7. REGISTRATIONS**

7.1 Final Registration formalities shall be completed at the YCCS's Race Office by 16.00 hours on April 4<sup>th</sup> unless the O.A. approves a later time, which it will do only under exceptional circumstances.

At registration the following documents will be required:

- (a) Acceptance of the Notice of Race, Disclaimer of Liability and insurance as set out in the entry form;
- (b) Crew list and classification (if required by class rule);
- (c) Media release consent signed by all crew members.

## **8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SI)**

8.1 The SI will be available for competitors upon final registration and published online on the event website [www.yccs.com](http://www.yccs.com).

## **9. RACING AREA AND CHARTS**

9.1 The courses to be sailed will be coastal and W/L courses in the waters of the archipelago of the Virgin Islands.

## **10. PENALTIES & INTERNATIONAL JURY**

10.1 For the Wally category and M72 only, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10.2 For the Supermaxi, J Class boats, Maxi, and Mini Maxi categories, RRS 44.1 shall not apply and instead, the Scoring Penalty as provided in Rule 44.3 shall apply, except that RRS 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. A boat takes a Scoring Penalty by complying with RRS 44.3(a) and (b). A yellow flag will be required".

10.3 Declaration of accepting any penalties shall be filed with the race office upon finishing within the protest time limits.

10.4 Protests will be heard by an International Jury or Protest Committee.

## **11. SCORING**

11.1 The Low Point System RRS Appendix A shall apply except that one discard will be allowed if five or more races are sailed (see 11.2). Three races are required to constitute a series.

11.2 For the Maxi 72 and the Wally Classes (if established) each coastal race will be awarded one score with a 1.25 factor (result x 1.25). Only if three coastal races are completed a coastal race may be included as discard.

## **12. MOORINGS**

12.1 The entry fee includes mooring fees from 10.00 hours on April 4<sup>th</sup> to 11.00 hours on April 10<sup>th</sup> 2016, at YCCS Marina Virgin Gorda provided that the completed entry form and entry fee are received by the YCCS Race Office before 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016.

12.2 For late entries, moorings and moorings fees are not guaranteed.

12.3 Assignment of mooring will be based on availability of moorings and characteristics of the boat.



12.4 The costs of electricity, water charges, tenders and/or additional periods are not included in the entry fee and must be paid directly to the Marina Office.

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

YCCS Dockmaster  
YCCS Marina Virgin Gorda  
P.O. Box 132, North Sound,  
Virgin Gorda, British Virgin Islands  
YCCS Marina Office: +1 284 393 2000  
Emergency mobile phone: +1 284 346 2000  
Email: [dockmaster@yccs.vg](mailto:dockmaster@yccs.vg)

All boats must inform the Harbormaster's Office on VHF Channel 08 when they first arrive in Virgin Gorda and each time they leave or enter the harbor thereafter. When moored, it is mandatory for all participants to visit the Harbormaster's Office to finalize their registration procedures.

### 13. RADIO COMMUNICATIONS

13.1 All boats shall be equipped with a Marine VHF transceiver capable of operating on VHF channel 8, 16 and 72.

13.2 RRS 41 is changed such that for safety purposes boat to boat communication is allowed and encouraged. A dedicated VHF channel shall be used for this purpose and will be advised at the Briefing. Boats shall maintain a constant watch on the safety channel when sailing in or near the racing area.

### 14. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

14.1 The Maxi Yacht Rolex Caribbean Cup and a Rolex Timepiece will be awarded, to the overall winner of each category;

Trophies for the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> scored boats of each category;

YCCS Trophy for the highest placed YCCS Member;

IMA Trophy for the highest placed IMA Member;

Additional trophies to the winner of any approved group within each category.

### 15. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE OF RACE

15.1 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Any amendments prior to 4<sup>th</sup> April will be emailed to owners whose entries have been accepted. Amendments will also be posted on the official website ([www.yccs.com](http://www.yccs.com)). Amendments to this Notice of Race after April 4<sup>th</sup> will be posted on the Official Notice Board, on the official website and copies will be available from the Regatta Office.

### 16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

16.1 Competitors agree to be bound by International RRS 2013/2016, the SI and the NoR. Competitors agree that the sole and inescapable responsibility for the nautical qualities of any yacht participating in the **Maxi Yacht Rolex Caribbean Cup 2016**, including her rigging, the safety equipment on board and the competence, behaviour and dress of her crew, is that of the Owner/Charterer of the yacht.

Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for all damages whatsoever 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, and hereby relieve from any responsibility, and agree to indemnify on a full indemnity basis and hold harmless, the O.A., YCCS, and its servants, agents and sponsors (in particular but not only ROLEX SA and affiliated companies) and their representatives in respect of any claim arising there from.

16.2 Competitors are acquainted with ISAF Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: "A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing".

16.3 In summary, competitors agree that the O.A., YCCS, its servants, agents and sponsors (in particular but not only ROLEX SA and affiliated companies) and their representatives have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property.

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



## 17. MEDIA RELEASES

17.1 Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, YCCS, ROLEX SA and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any media (being television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information relating to ROLEX SA's involvement in sailing events, in particular the Maxi Yacht Rolex Caribbean Cup ("the regatta"), and to the competitors and crew members' participation in such event. Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts also grant, at no cost, ROLEX SA and affiliated companies, the absolute right and permission to use their name, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in the "*Perpetual Spirit*" magazine, edited by ROLEX SA.

Competitors and crew members' name, voice, image, likeness and biographical material shall not be used by ROLEX SA and affiliated companies in a way which constitutes an endorsement of ROLEX products by said Competitors and crew members, unless the relevant competitor or crew member is engaged by ROLEX SA or affiliated companies to endorse ROLEX products or gives his/her prior written consent to such use.

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

## 18. INSURANCE

18.1 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.

## 19. CONTACT DETAILS & FURTHER INFORMATION

### YCCS Race Office:

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

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## 20. SOCIAL EVENTS

Monday 4<sup>th</sup> April  
*YCCS Welcome Reception*

Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> April  
*Rolex Owner's Dinner (by invitation)*

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> April  
*Rolex Crew Party*

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> April  
*Final Prize Giving*

The final social programme will be available to competitors upon final registration and published online [www.yccs.com](http://www.yccs.com)

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## About the Maxi Yacht Rolex Caribbean Cup

The first Maxi Yacht World Championship was organized by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS) in Porto Cervo, Sardinia in 1980. Since then the event has grown into the quintessential annual competition for Maxi yachts with boats and yachtsmen from around the world racing each September in the Costa Smeralda. The Maxi Yacht Rolex Caribbean Cup now brings the event's renowned competitive spirit to the opposite side of the Atlantic Ocean, where it will be hosted at the winter home of the YCCS in Virgin Gorda (British Virgin Islands). Racing will take place over five days on coastal courses set within the Virgin Islands archipelago and boats will be divided into categories ranging from the Mini Maxi and Maxi 72 classes to Supermaxis. The combination of first class sailing waters, steady trade winds and the elegant YCCS Clubhouse and Marina are set to provide the perfect backdrop to an extraordinary inaugural event.

