



ROLEX SWAN CUP CARIBBEAN

Virgin Gorda, 1 – 5 March 2017

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1. Refer to the Notice of Race

- 1.1 **Rules**, refer to Notice of Race, paragraph 2;
- 1.2 **Event Advertising**, refer to Notice of Race, paragraph 3 and APPENDIX ALPHA of the SI;
- 1.3 **Schedule**, refer to Notice of Race, paragraph 8 and the Calendar of Sport & Social Events;
- 1.4 **Scoring**, refer to Notice of Race, paragraph 15;
- 1.5 **Trophies**, refer to Notice of Race, paragraph 18.

### 2. Venue

Regatta Headquarters will be located at the YCCS Virgin Gorda Regatta Village and the Official Notice Board (ONB) will be located at the YCCS race office.

### 3. Registration Formalities

3.1 To qualify as a competitor the following shall be completed with the race office by 16.00 on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017:

- Entry Form duly signed;
- Acceptance of the Notice of Race, Disclaimer of Liability, Photography and TV Rights Consent and Insurance Third Party Liability as presented in the Entry Form;
- Completed and signed crew list;
- Media Releases Consent form signed by all crewmembers;

3.2 Without the written approval of the organizing authority:

- (i) boats not complying with the requirements of S.I. 3.1 are not eligible for the event;
- (ii) and the value of ORC certificates issued by 16.00 on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 shall not be modified, except for changes arising from controls or for protests due to unauthorised changes to the boat that would affect the rating made after that posting.

3.3 Crew List changes shall be communicated to the YCCS race office on the appropriate form by 09.00 on the race day(s) when there are changes.

### 4. Briefing

The official briefing will be held at YCCS Clubhouse at 16.30 on 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2017. Two representatives from each boat shall attend.

### 5. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions and Notices to Competitors

5.1 The organizing authority may amend these Sailing Instructions in accordance with RRS 90.2(c).

Any amendments will be posted on the ONB no later than 09.00 on the day it comes into effect except that changes to the programme shall be posted by 20.00 on the day before the change takes effect. It is the responsibility of competitors to acquaint themselves with these notices. A copy of each amendment will be available at the YCCS race office, published on the official website – [www.yccs.com](http://www.yccs.com) – and possibly emailed to all boats whose entries have been accepted.

5.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB, possibly emailed to all boats and available at the YCCS race office.

### 6. Signals Made Ashore

6.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the official flag pole located at the YCCS Clubhouse.

6.2 Code flag “AP” (Answering Pennant) means “the race is postponed”. No warning signal will be made prior to 90 minutes after AP is lowered.

### 7. The Start - Courses - Finish - Marks

Starting areas, the starting line, courses, finishing line and marks are described in SI Paragraph 8 and **Appendix BRAVO** (see separate booklet - Coastal and Island Courses).

### 8. Classes and Starting Procedure

8.1 The regatta is open to all Nautor’s Swan boats with a valid 2017 rating certificate (ORCs<sub>y</sub>, ORC<sub>i</sub> or ORC Club depending on the class). It is the intent of the organizing authority to divide the fleet into three classes based on LH (below). Classes A, B and C may be further split into divisions based on rating system, rating bands or spinnaker/non-

spinnaker entries. This will be confirmed by the organizing authority and published in a Notice to Competitors after the close of registration on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> March, 2017.

Class	Size	Certificate	Flag
A Maxi:	more than 80 ft	ORCs <sub>y</sub> Certificate	Maxi Class Flag
B Mini Maxi:	from 60 to 79ft	ORCi or ORC Club Certificate	Blue Flag
C (Swan Grand Prix):	less than 60 ft,	ORCi or ORC Club Certificate	White Flag

8.2 The organizing authority reserves the right to amend the class designations based on entries received and/or to amalgamate and/or further split classes at its discretion. The decisions of the organizing authority in this respect shall be final and there shall be no claims for redress (changing RRS 62).

8.3 In accordance with RRS 26 the flag utilized as Class Flags will be:

Maxi Class flag for Class A, a Blue flag for Class B and a White flag for class C. At or before the warning signal for the first class, the race committee will display the course to be sailed on a number board on the race committee signal boat.

8.4 All support boats shall register with the organizing authority before the start of the first race of the regatta and where possible display the flag supplied by the organizing authority. All support boats shall keep well clear of the starting area and, after the preparatory signal, are not to approach within 100 metres of any competing boats. Support boats should not interfere with any boat racing. Penalties for interfering shall be assigned to the respective boats and shall be at the discretion of the protest committee.

8.5 If a boat tender or a race committee boat is in the immediate vicinity of a man overboard, that boat can recover the man overboard. Whether the man overboard is transferred back to the racing boat will be at the discretion of the boat captain (this changes RRS 47.2).

8.6 Marks laid by the race committee will be **yellow** inflatable buoys.

## 9 Penalty Systems

9.1 For all classes, the specified penalty under RRS 44.1 for a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 outside the zone shall be either:

(a) accepting a Scoring Penalty that complies with RRS 44.3. The 20% Scoring Penalty shall be not less than two places except for classes with less than five entries, it shall be one place. Submitting a written declaration at the race office desk within the protest time limit shall satisfy the requirement of RRS 44.3 (b) to inform the race committee at the finishing line.

Or:

(b) taking a One-Turn Penalty that complies with RRS 44.2. This changes RRS 44.1.

(c) However, if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 within the zone of any rounding or finishing marks, the penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty that complies with RRS 44.2, and the Scoring Penalty of RRS 44.3 shall not apply.

9.2 When the protest committee decides that a boat, which is party to a protest, has broken a rule and is not exonerated, it may impose a scoring penalty (which may be no penalty) at its discretion, as an alternative to disqualification. This changes RRS 64.1.

## 10 Committee Boat, Service Boats and Press Boats

10.1 The race committee boat will be identified by a large burgee of the YCCS. The race committee boat will normally be the starting and finishing boat.

10.2 Service boats will be marked by a flag with a red letter "S" on a white background.

10.3 Boats used by Press, Photographers, Film Crews, VIP's, etc. are not under the jurisdiction of the race committee.

10.4 Support boats, if any, must register at the race office and collect an identification flag.

## 11. Time Limits

11.1 The time limit is 17.00.

If at least one boat in class sails the course and finishes within the time limit, all other boats in class which complete the course within 90 minutes after the finish of the first boat will be scored.

11.2 Boats failing to finish within 90 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored points for the finishing place equal to the number of boats in that class that finished that race plus 2. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

## 12. Retirement

12.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee boat by hailing or on VHF channel 72 before leaving the race area, or calling the YCCS race office as soon as practical.

12.2 Boats that do not intend to race shall notify the YCCS race office before 10.00.

12.3 A boat forced to return ashore to a point different than its assigned mooring place at YCCS Marina or that cannot reach the marina by its own means shall inform the race committee of its circumstances as soon as practical.

**13. Protests**

13.1 Protests shall be made in accordance with RRS 60 and 61.

13.2 Protest forms are available at the YCCS race office and the completed protest form shall be lodged there within 120 minutes after the protesting yacht has finished the race that day.

13.3 Schedule of hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as practical. Protests shall be heard as soon as practical in approximately the order received. All persons involved in the hearings shall remain in the vicinity of the protest room which will be at YCCS Clubhouse.

13.4 The race committee or the protest committee intending to protest a boat under Rule 60.2(a) or Rule 60.3(a) because of an incident observed in the racing area shall inform her after the race by posting a notice on the Official Notice Board within the protest time limit of the last boat to finish.

13.5 Sailing Instructions 1.2 and 14 shall not be subject to protest by competing boats (Amends Rule 60).

13.6 On the last day of the series, a request for reopening a hearing held on the previous day shall be lodged before or within the protest time limit. On the last day of the series, for the purpose of RRS 66 and 62.2 the time limit will be no later than 30 minutes after being informed of the decision of the protest (RRS 65) or of the relevant incident (RRS 62.2). This amends RRS 62.2 and 66.

13.7 Inquiries regarding a boat's rating and/or measurement shall be lodged not later than 16.00 on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017.

13.8 It is the boat representative's sole responsibility to check the protest notices at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Competitors are reminded of RRS 63.3 (b).

13.9 As soon as practical after finish, competitors are requested to advise the race committee of their intent to protest, including identification of the protested boat, upon crossing the finish line.

**14. Communication (VHF Radio – Mobile Phones - AIS)**

14.1 The race committee will use VHF Channel 72 for communication. All competitors must monitor this channel from the time they approach the starting area until departing the finishing area following the race.

14.2 A time check may be transmitted by the race committee over VHF Channel 72 approximately 30 minutes before the first warning signal each day.

14.3 There shall be no claim for redress by a boat in the case of failure to make a radio transmission, delay or error in a transmission, or failure to receive or hear a transmission. This changes RRS 60.1 (b) and 62.1 (a).

14.4 Boats equipped with an Automatic Identification System (AIS) are required to operate their AIS system from the time they approach the starting area until departing the finishing area following the race.

**15. Rating Certificates**

A list of the ratings will be posted on the YCCS website by 26 February 2017. The protest time limit for rating protests for boats, except relating to changes made during the regatta, will expire on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2017 at 15.00.

**16. Control, Measurement and Inspection**

16.1 Boats may be inspected and/or check measured at any reasonable time before or during the regatta. Boats shall only be measured by measurers pre-approved by the organizing authority.

16.2 All boats must comply with all safety requirements and carry all safety equipment obligated by their Flag State or Insurance Classification.

**17. Portable GPS**

Trac Trac GPS devices will track the boat's course each day. The race committee will have a record of every crossing, rounding and passing situation and the organizing authority will use the system for public media purposes and to provide displays onshore. Refer to appendix DELTA for all details.

**SI Appendices:**

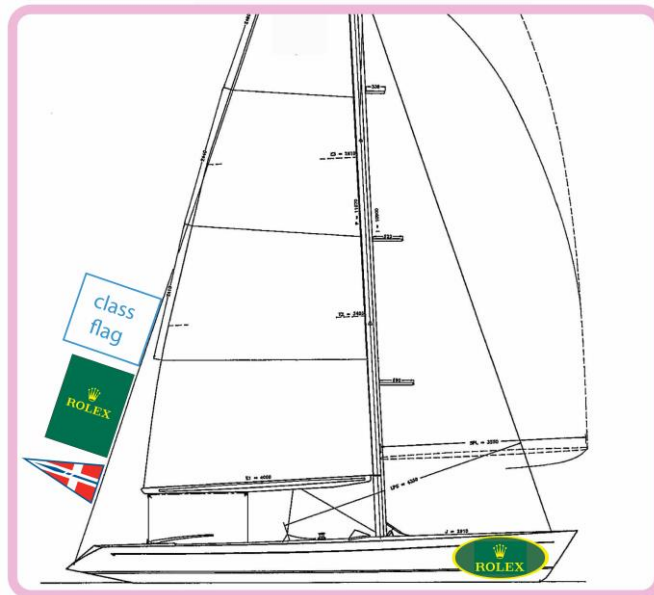
- Appendix ALPHA                      **Positioning of flags and stickers;**
- Appendix BRAVO                      **Costal and island courses 2017** (*Separate booklet in the captains' pack*);
- Appendix CHARLIE                      **On water emergency procedures;**
- Appendix DELTA                      **Tracking system instructions.**

APPENDIX ALPHA | POSITIONING OF *FLAGS & STICKERS*

## WHILE MOORED



## WHILE RACING

**MANDATORY:**

THE BETTER YOU PLACE THE STICKER, THE LESS CHANCE IT HAS OF FALLING IN THE WATER  
**DO IT PROPERLY FOR THE GOOD OF THE SEA**  
A WELL APPLIED STICKER SHOULDN'T TEAR OR PEEL OFF

1. Remove the salt from the bow with fresh water and clean with isopropylene alcohol.
2. Position the sticker and remove ¼ of the protective film.
3. Use a plastic card, such as a credit card, to expel any air all the way to the edge of the sticker.
4. Allow a minimum of 2 hours before going sailing.

Any attempt to reposition the sticker due to poor initial placement will reduce the solidity of the mounting. If this should occur, please ask the race office for a new sticker.



UNE APPLICATION CORRECTE DE L'AUTOCOLLANT ÉVITERA DE LE PERDRE DANS L'EAU  
**FAITES LE BON GESTE POUR LE BIEN DE LA MER**  
UN AUTOCOLLANT BIEN APPLIQUÉ NE SE DÉTACHE PAS

1. Enlevez le sel de la proue avec de l'eau douce puis nettoyez avec de l'alcool isopropylique.
2. Positionnez l'autocollant en retirant ¼ du film protecteur.
3. Utilisez une spatule en plastique, comme une carte de crédit, afin de retirer l'air présent sous toute la surface adhésive.
4. Attendre au moins 2 heures avant de naviguer.

Toute tentative de repositionnement de l'autocollant, suite à une erreur d'application, réduira la résistance de la colle. Le cas échéant, veuillez demander un nouvel autocollant à l'organisateur.



UNA CORRETTA APPLICAZIONE RIDUCE LA POSSIBILITÀ DI CADUTA IN ACQUA  
**FATE IL GESTO GIUSTO PER IL BENE DEL MARE**  
UN ADESIVO INCOLLATO BENE NON DOVREBBE STACCARSI

1. Togliete il sale dalla prua con acqua dolce e pulitela con alcool isopropilico.
2. Posizionate l'adesivo togliendo ¼ della pellicola protettiva.
3. Usate una spatola di plastica, come una carta di credito, per eliminare ogni bolla d'aria su tutta la superficie dell'adesivo.
4. Aspettate almeno due ore prima della navigazione.

Ogni tentativo di riposizionare l'adesivo a causa di un'errata applicazione riduce la resistenza dell'incollaggio. In tal caso, chiedete un altro adesivo all'ufficio gara.

**APPENDIX BRAVO | COASTAL AND ISLAND COURSES 2017**

Separate Booklet available in the Regatta Kit.

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**APPENDIX CHARLIE | ON WATER EMERGENCY PROCEDURES**

The YCCS, in conjunction with safety officials in Virgin Gorda, has established emergency procedures to provide help in the event of an on the water emergency, including injury requiring medical assistance. We also have emergency numbers should there be an incident or injury on shore.

- 1) Contact the race committee immediately on VHF 72. If you are unable to contact the race committee, contact VISAR Sea Rescue on VHF Channel 16.
- 2) Identify your boat, the nature of the emergency (type of injury, number of people injured), and your boat's position.
- 3) The race committee will alert the VISAR on water safety boats (which will also be monitoring VHF 72) and may direct you to another VHF channel or cell phone for further communication.
- 4) Proceed at best speed to a designated rendezvous point as directed.
- 5) Depending on the nature and severity of the injury, should this be the emergency, VISAR personnel may come aboard your boat to administer aid, evacuate the injured party and/or re-direct you for transfer of the injured person.
- 6) You are asked to cooperate fully with the race committee, local law enforcement and emergency personnel direction. **Emergency telephone numbers are listed below.**

**Please take the time to review these procedures with your crew prior to the race.**

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**EMERGENCY AND MEDICAL NUMBERS:**

Race Committee	+39 348 742 3705		VHF 72
VISAR (Sea Rescue):	+1 284 494 4357		VHF 16
YCCS Marina:	+1 284 3932000		VHF 8

APPENDIX DELTA | *Tracking System Instructions*

Integration to Sailing Instructions # 17



**INTEGRATION TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 1 GPS tracking of individual boats will be used for safety purposes. In addition the organizers will use the Trac Trac system for public media purposes and to provide displays onshore.
- 2 The following safety procedure will be followed:
  - a) At registration, the boat representative, shall personally collect and sign for their tracking device.
  - b) It is the boat representative's responsibility to re-charge the tracking device every evening. Every tracking device is provided with a 100/240V 50/60Hz micro USB charger.
  - c) The tracking device must be returned to the race office at the end of the last race of the series and before the Prize Giving.
  - d) Any boat failing to comply with this procedure, without any reason beyond her control, will be reported to the race committee and/or protest committee for possible action.

**PLEASE RETURN THE TRACKING DEVICE AND CHARGER TO THE EVENT ORGANIZER IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING THE LAST RACE. IF NOT RETURNED OR LOST, THE BOAT WILL BE CHARGED.**

**Tracking System Instructions**

**DEVICE OPERATIONS**



Led Indicators  
GPS GSM Power



Switch On/Off  
Button



Mini USB  
Connector

**SWITCHING ON/OFF**

Press the **Switch On/Off Button** for at least 3 seconds and release it to turn on.

If you wish to **switch off** the device, push and hold for at least 2 seconds the **Switch On/Off Button**. **Power LED** will fast flash and then turn off, it indicates that the unit is turned off.

**LEDs Description**

<b>LED</b>	<b>EVENT</b>	<b>STATE</b>
<b>GPS LED</b>	<b>GPS has fixed</b>	<b>Solid</b>
	<b>GPS is in fixing</b>	<b>Fast Flash</b>
	<b>GPS is off</b>	<b>Dark</b>
<b>GSMLED</b>	<b>Searching network</b>	<b>Fast Flash</b>
	<b>Network has been registered</b>	<b>Slow Flash</b>
<b>Power LED</b>	<b>Power on and normal</b>	<b>Dark</b>
	<b>Charger inserted and charging completed</b>	<b>Solid</b>
	<b>Charger inserted and charging</b>	<b>Fast Flash</b>
	<b>Power key was pressed and prepare to power off</b>	<b>Fast Flash</b>
	<b>Power low alert</b>	<b>Slow Flash</b>