



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

Virgin Gorda, 16th – 20th March 2011

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. 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) IRC Rule 22.4 shall not apply. There will be no limitations on crew number or weight.
- (d) 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. Event classification and advertising

Refer to Notice of Race Par.2

3. Venue

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

4. Registration Formalities

4.1 To qualify as a competitor the following shall be completed with the Race Office by 16.00 hours on March 16th, 2011:

- entry form duly signed
- crew list
- entry fee
- rating certificate

- disclaimer

4.2 Without the approval in writing of the Organizing Authority:

- (i) boats not complying with the requirements of S.I. 4.1 are not eligible for the event; and
- (ii) the value of rating certificates issued by 16.00 hours on 16th March 2011 shall not be modified.

5. Briefing

The official briefing will be held at 16.00 hours on 16th March, 2011. Two representatives of each boat shall attend.

6. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions and Notices to Competitors

6.1 Any amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ONB no later than 09.00 hours on the day it comes into effect except that changes to the programme shall be posted by 20.00 hours 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 Race Office.

6.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB.

7. Signals made ashore

7.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the official flag pole located at the YCCS Club House.

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

8. Programme

8.1 The programme will be as follows:

Wednesday 16 th June	Inspections, Registrations and Briefing
Thursday 17 th March	Race
Friday 18 th March	Race
Saturday 19 th March	Race and Final Prize Giving
Sunday 20 th March	Social Events

8.2 The Organizing Authority and the Race Committee reserve the right to modify the above programme according to weather conditions and other unforeseen reasons.

8.3 The initial signal for the first race each day will be at 11.00 hours.

9. Starting Area - Courses - Finishing Line - Marks

Starting areas, the starting line, courses, the finishing line and marks are described in Appendix ALFA.

10. Starting Procedure

10.1 In accordance with RRS 26.

10.2 Unless postponed the starting sequence will be:

- First signal for the first boat at 11.00

At or before the warning signal the Race Committee will display the number of the course to be sailed on a number board on the Race Committee signal boat.

- 10.3 Boats will start at two (2) minute intervals based on the schedule outlined in Appendix BRAVO. Appendix BRAVO will be published by the Organizing Authority when registration is completed.
- 10.4 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 boat. Infringement of this Rule by a boat's support vessel may result in the imposition of a time penalty.
- 10.5 All signals and timing "count downs" will be repeated on VHF channel 72.
- 10.6 Both the Race Committee Boat and the Service boat rate as marks.
- 10.7 For safety reasons, boats are permitted to run their engines in neutral until 5 minutes after the start. Engines may be engaged during that period solely for the purpose of ensuring the safety of boats and crews. The use of engine and thrusters for safety reasons at any time is permitted. This changes RRS 60.1.
If a boat engages her engine for safety reason at any time, a declaration in writing of "engine use" shall be made and delivered at the regatta headquarters before the end of the protest time.

11. Committee Boat, Service Boats and Press Vessels

- 11.1 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.
- 11.2 Service vessels will be marked by a flag with a red letter "S" on a white background.
- 11.3 Vessels used by Press, Photographers, Film Crews, VIP's, etc. are not under the jurisdiction of the Race Committee.

12. Time Limits

The time limit is 18.00 hours.

If at least one boat sails the course and finishes within the time limit, all other boats which complete the course within an extended time limit of 120 minutes after the finish of the first boat will be scored.

Boats failing to finish within the extended time limit after the finish of the first boat will be scored one position worse than the last scored yacht. (This changes RRS 35 and A4.2).

13. Retirement

- 13.1 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 Race Office as soon as practical.
- 13.2 Boats that do not intend to race shall notify the Race Office before 10.00 hours.

13.3 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 immediately the Race Committee of its circumstances.

14. Protests

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

14.2 Protest forms are available at Race Office and the completed Protest Form shall be lodged there within 120 minutes after the protesting boat has finished the race of the day.

14.3 Schedule of hearings will be posted on the ONB as soon as possible. Protests shall be heard as soon as possible in approximately the order received. All persons involved in the hearings shall remain in the vicinity of the Protest Room.

14.4 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 ONB within the protest time limit of the last boat.

14.5 Sailing Instructions 2, 13.3 and 15.2 shall not be subject to protest by competing boats (Amends Rule 60).

14.6 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). (Amends RRS 62.2 and 66).

14.7 Protests regarding a boat's rating and/or measurement shall be lodged not later than 14.00 on the 16th March 2011.

14.8 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).

14.9 Protests will be heard by the Protest Committee.

15. Communications

15.1 The Race Committee may use VHF 72 to broadcast information such as signals made ashore, location of the Race Committee Boat, bow or sail numbers of boats recalled, change of course etc.

A time check may be transmitted by the Race Committee over VHF Channel 72 approx. 30 minutes before the first warning signal each day.

15.2 Neither failure to receive or hear radio transmissions nor failure to make them, nor delay or errors in them, will be grounds for requests for redress by competitors (Amends RRS 60.1 (b) and 62.1 (a)).

15.3 A boat shall neither make radio transmission while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones.

For collision avoidance purposes all communication systems are allowed and Captain to Captain communications are encouraged. A dedicated VHF Safety Channel for boat to boat communication will be designated at the Briefing.

16. Scoring

- 16.1 The Fleet will race under the IRC Rule using time-on-time. Scoring will be done in accordance with RRS Appendix A except that a boat's score will be the sum of all her race scores. This modifies RRS A2.
- 16.2 Three race are scheduled of which one race will constitute a series.
- 16.3 Immediately after and/or during the finish of boats informal and provisional results may be issued by the Race Office for information only.
Formal final results shall be signed by the Race Committee.

17. Penalties

- 17.1 A boat that may have broken a rule of Part. 2 or Rule 31 may take a time penalty as described in 17.2.
- 17.2 In place of the scoring penalty described in Rule 44.3 (c) the penalty awarded shall be a time penalty, of an increase of 2% of her elapsed time.
- 17.3 Except in respect of a breach of Part 2, the Protest Committee may impose any penalty it considers fair, including no penalty.

18. Rating Certificates

The list of rating values will be posted on the event website by the 10th of March www.superyachtregattaandrendezvous.com

19. Control, Measurement and Inspection

- 19.1 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.
- 19.2 Special Regulations governing offshore racing for Category 3 with life raft on board compulsory shall apply.

20. Trophies

Refer to Notice of Race Par.15

APPENDIX ALFA

1. Selection of the Course

The course will be signalled to competitors by the Race Committee boat by displaying, before or at the warning signal, the number of the course on a board. The course may be changed for each group before the preparatory signal for that group.

2. General Instructions

2.1 Starting and Finishing Areas

The starting and finishing areas will be located within a radius of approximately 2 nautical miles of the entrance of North Sound Bay. If the finishing line is to be in a location other than the starting line, the race committee will broadcast the finishing line location prior to the first prep signal each day.

2.2 Starting Line

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end of the line and the starting buoy at the port end. The starting buoy may be replaced by a Service boat displaying an orange flag. In this case the starting line will be between the staffs displaying an orange flag on each boat. The Race Committee Boat and/or Service boat on the starting line may hold their position with the use of engines.

2.3 Finishing Line

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat at the port end of the line and the starting buoy at the starboard end.

The finishing buoy may be replaced by a Service boat displaying an orange flag. In this case the starting line will be between the staffs displaying an orange flag on each boat. The Race Committee Boat and/or Service boat on the finishing line may hold their position with the use of engines.

2.4 Buoys

Buoys will be yellow inflatable marks.

2.5 Buoys for the various courses:

Buoy ALPHA: Windward buoy after the start.

The Race Committee may position an inflatable buoy at a distance from the starting line as displayed on a board. In this case, the Race Committee boat will hoist one of the following signals:

- Red flag with numbers on a board meaning: “the mark in the direction indicated shall be left to port”
- Green flag with numbers on a board meaning: “the mark in the direction indicated shall be left to starboard”

Buoy BRAVO: The Race Committee may position an inflatable buoy to be rounded after Buoy ALFA as indicated by VHF Radio with latitude and longitude.

2.6 Change of Course after the Start

At any mark the Race Committee may change the course with the following procedure:

- a) before the first boat is approaching the mark a service boat in the proximity of the mark will hoist flag CHARLIE and a board indicating the letter of the new mark of the course with several sound signals
- b) the change of course will be transmitted by radio on VHF channel 72. The new mark may be any other mark of the course selected for the day. The boat shall head from the mark where the change is indicated to the next mark of the course of the day.

2.7 Shortening of the course

All courses may be shortened at any mark in accordance with RRS 32.2 and ICF “S”. The course may be shortened for single group/divisions. When the course is shortened at a mark, the finishing line shall be between the mark at which the course is shortened, which mark shall rank as the finishing mark and a staff bearing the “S” flag and a blue flag on the finishing boat.

Courses:

1. Start - Dog Islands to port – finish
2. Start – Dog Islands to starboard – finish
3. Start – Dog Islands to Starboard - Round Rock to port – Necker Island to port- finish
4. Start – Necker Island to starboard – Round Rock to starboard – Dog Islands to port –Seal Dogs to port - finish
5. Start – Dog Islands to port – Round Rock to port - Necker Island to port- finish
6. Start – Necker Island to starboard – Round Rock to starboard -finish
7. Start – Dog Islands to port – Ginger Island to port – Necker Island to port – finish
8. Start – Necker Island to starboard – Ginger Island to starboard – Dog Islands to starboard – finish
9. Start – Dog Islands to starboard – Ginger Island to port – Necker Island to port – finish
10. Start – Necker Island to starboard – Ginger Island to starboard – Dog Islands to port - finish
11. Start – Anegada Island to port – finish
12. Start – Anegada Island to starboard – finish