



TRANSATLANTIC SUPERYACHT & MAXI REGATTA



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by:

1.1 The Rules as defined in the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing 2009/2012 (RRS).

Three hours after the starting signal, Part 2 of the RRS will be replaced by the I.R.P.C.S./ColRegs/International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.

1.2 No National Authority prescriptions will apply.

1.3 ISAF Sailing Regulations governing Offshore Racing - Category 1 will apply. A written declaration by the owner/skipper shall be delivered at registration to comply with these rules including training sessions.

1.4 IRC Rules and Regulations will apply but all devices for power assisted winches, canting keels, trim tab and water ballast are permitted. External weather assistance is permitted (Amends RRS 41).

1.5 The minimum crew members shall be eight. The complete list of people on board shall be delivered at registration.

1.6 If there is a conflict between any of the above rules and/or regulations and the Sailing Instructions, the decision of the International Protest Committee with the approval of the IMA representative shall prevail.

1.7 English shall be the official language used at the regatta.

2. Event classification and advertising

2.1 This event is under ISAF Advertising Code, Regulation 20.

On request by the O.A., all participating boats shall hoist a battle flag with the event logo on the forestay of the boat while moored in Tenerife and from the arrival to the prize giving ceremony in Virgin Gorda.

2.2 The Organizing Authority may also require:

- the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on board video cameras for the official television production;
- the installation of satellite monitoring equipment for the boat tracking system. The aforesaid equipment has been designed not to interfere with the instrumentation and the various communication equipment on board.

The Organizing Authority will provide for the installation, free of charge.

2.3 Members of IMA are kindly requested to hoist the Association Flag when moored.

3. Navigation lights

From sunset to sunrise and in case of poor visibility, the navigation lights must be switched on.

4. Finishing at night

See Sailing Instruction Par. 18 for the finish procedure.

5. Venue

Permanent Race Headquarters will be located at the YCCS Race Office at the YCCS Clubhouse. A Race Office will be located at the Real Club Nautico de Tenerife from the 23rd to the 26th November and at the YCCS Clubhouse in Virgin Gorda from 2nd to 12th December. The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be located in the above mentioned yacht clubs, as convenient. For contacts see paragraph 36.

6. Entries

According to the number and characteristics of entries, boats may be divided in accordance with IMA Rules.

Effective Categories will be defined by the O.A. at 13.00 hours on November 25th, 2012 depending on the number of competitors, for additional scoring and prizes.

7. Registration Formalities

To qualify as an official competitor the following shall be completed with the Race Office by 12.00 hours on November 25th, 2012:

- Complete Registration with the Organizing Authority, including entry form duly signed, crew list, sail inventory; disclaimer and photographic rights form duly signed by each crew member;
- IRC Rating Certificate. The certificate shall be signed by the owner or owner's representative. Certificates shall be approved by the IMA Technical Officer and shall be lodged to the Race Office by 12.00 hours on November 25th;
- A written declaration by the owner/skipper to comply with ISAF Sailing Regulations governing Offshore Racing - Category 1.

Yachts not complying with the above formalities are not eligible for the event without approval of the International Protest Committee. Values of rating certificates issued at 13.00 hours on November 25th, 2012 shall not be modified without the International Protest Committee's approval.

8. Briefing

The official briefing will be held at the Real Club Nautico de Tenerife at 18.00 hours on November 25th, 2012. Two representatives of each boat shall attend.

9. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions and Notices to Competitors

9.1 Any amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ONB located at the Real Club Nautico de Tenerife no later than 09.30 hours on the day it comes into effect. It is the responsibility of competitors to acquaint themselves with these notices.

9.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB.

10 Signals made ashore

10.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flag staff located at the Real Club Nautico de Tenerife and repeated at a staff in the mooring area.

10.2 The display or removal of signals will be announced by sound signal and possibly via radio on VHF Channel 69. There will be no grounds for request of redress in the case of mistakes or omission of sound or radio signals (This amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

10.3 Code flag "AP" (Answering Pennant) means "the race is postponed". The warning signal will not be displayed before 90 minutes after "AP is lowered" (Amends RRS - Race Signals).

11. Programme

- Friday, 23 rd November	10.00 – 13.00	Inspections, registrations;
	15.00 – 18.00	Inspections, registrations;
- Saturday, 24 th November	10.00 – 13.00	Inspections, registrations;
	15.00 – 18.00	Inspections, registrations;
- Sunday, 25 th November	12.00	Closing registrations;
	18.00	Official Briefing;
- Monday, 26 th November	13.00	Warning signal for the departure;
- Prize Giving:	18:00	One day after the last boat to finish or Wednesday 12 th December whichever comes first.

12. Starting area

The starting area will be located within a radius of approx 4 n.m. from the entrance of Tenerife Marina unless further notice.

13. Starting Procedure

13.1 RRS 26 applies. The fleet will start in a single group. The warning flag is "WHISKY".

13.2 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 mark at the port end.

The starting mark 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.

13.3 Marks.

Marks will be inflatable orange marks.

13.4 Mark after Start.

The Race Committee may position a gate between 1 and 2 n.m. from the starting line in the direction and distance indicated with numbers on a board the RC boat. Prior to the warning signal, the Race Committee will display a green flag over a red if the gate is to be considered a mark of the course. An announcement may also be made on VHF 69.

13.5 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 scoring penalty against that boat by the International Protest Committee.

13.6 All signals may be repeated on VHF channel 69. Radio signals are for information only. There will be no grounds for request of redress in the case of omission or mistakes in the broadcast of radio signals (This amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

13.7 Both the Race Committee boat and the Service boat rate as marks.

13.8 A boat shall start no later than 10 minutes after the starting signal except for OCS, whose time is extended to 20 minutes. The Protest Committee may extend the limit for special circumstances (This amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

13.9 For the Superyacht division only, there will be no individual recalls. Any boat crossing the starting line within 3 minutes before the starting signal shall not restart and will be awarded a 10 minute penalty. A boat that crosses the starting line more than 3 minutes before the starting signal will not be scored. A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This modifies rule 28.1, 29.1, A 4 and A 5.

13.10 Use of Engines and Thrusters for the Superyacht Fleet.

For safety reasons, boats are encouraged to run their engines in neutral at any time during the race. Engines may be put into gear and thrusters may be used at any time during the race for a boat to take such action as will best aid to avoid a collision.

13.11 A Superyacht boat that puts her engine in gear or uses her thrusters at any time after four minutes prior to her individual start, must submit a written declaration of "engines use" to the Race Office as soon as practical at the arrival in Virgin Gorda, stating the time the engines was in gear or thruster used, the reason for using it, and any potential competitive gain.

13.12 The Race Committee will review all declarations on engines and thrusters use to determine whether use was appropriate and if there was competitive gain. The use of engines or thrusters at any time shall not be ground for protest by another boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

14. Individual Recalls

14.1 Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1.

14.2 The words "X-ray" will be repeated several times over VHF channel 69.

The sail numbers of the OCS will be repeated by radio.

Failure, delay or errors in the radio transmission shall not be grounds for request of redress (Amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

14.3 For the Superyacht see Para 13.9.

15. General Recall

15.1 General recall will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2.

15.2 The words "General Recall" will be repeated several times over VHF channel 69.

Failure, delay or errors in the radio transmission shall not be grounds for request of redress (Amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

16. Committee boat, Protest Committee boat, Service boats and Press vessels

16.1 The Race Committee boat will be identified by an orange flag and will normally be the starting boat.

16.2 Service boats will be identified by an orange flag.

16.3 The International Protest Committee boat will display a flag.

16.4 Vessels used by Press, Photographers, Film Crews, VIP's, etc. are not under the jurisdiction of the Race Committee.

17. Race Course

The race course after passing the weather mark to the finishing procedure is free.

18. Finishing Procedure

18.1 Arrival Contact

18.1.1 When boat's ETA is approx 24 hours each boat shall inform by email or text messages the YCCS Race Committee (Edoardo Recchi, YCCS Sport Director: +39-3477595798 - Email: edoardorecchi@yccs.it) indicating name of the boat and ETA (in local time) or IMA Technical Officer (Peter Lawson: +1-401-524-1335 - Email: technical@internationalmaxiassociation.com).

18.1.2 Boats shall inform by email or text messages the YCCS R.C. or Pete Lawson 6 hours before finishing at any time.

18.1.3 Boats shall phone the YCCS R.C. 1 hour before finishing at any time.

18.2 The finish line will be the seaward projection opposite of the axis entrance line of the Gorda Sound (North Sound) bearing 172° Magnetic, as axis entrance reported on the official local chart.

Boats shall enter the Necker Island Passage, leaving Anegada Island to Starboard, Necker Island to port and cross the finishing line. The line must be crossed within 1.5 nautical miles from the entrance of the channel leaving the entrance of the channel to port.

The channel is the only entrance to the Gorda Sound where the YCCS Marina is located.

18.3 A Race Committee Boat may be stationed on the offshore end of the line.

18.4 The attached extract of IMRAY A 232 shows the position of the finishing area.

18.5 Yachts shall stand by on VHF channel 8 from 5 miles from the finishing line until they finish. Confirmation of finishing may be given by the Race Committee.

18.6 Yachts are also requested to record their own finish time (local) and report it on the race declaration. Any boat finishing after 12.00 hours on December 12th, 2012 will be scored DNF. In any case they will take their own finish time and report it to the YCCS R.C..

18.7 A "race declaration" must be presented as soon as practicable to the YCCS R.C. testifying that all the Racing Rules have been followed during the race. The Race declaration must be signed by all the Crew members.

18.8 After the finish, for the mooring at the YCCS Marina, contact:

YCCS Marina Dock Master on VHF Channel 8 (or telephone+1 284 346 2004).

The YCCS Marina is located at 18°29' 30.40" N – 64° 21' 31.48" inside the Gorda Sound.

18.9 Boats not mooring at the YCCS Clubhouse shall inform the YCCS R.C. with all possible means until an acknowledgment is received.

19. Time Limit

The time limit for the race is 12.00 hours on 12th December 2012.

20. Retirement

20.1 A boat that retires from the race shall immediately notify the Race Committee by phone, radio or any possible means until an acknowledgement is received by the Race Office.

20.2 Boats that do not leave Tenerife Marina shall notify the Race Office before 11.30 hours on 26th November.

21. Protests

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

21.2 Protests regarding a boat's rating and/or measurement shall be lodged not later than 15.00 hours on November 25th. The protest shall indicate the matters to be examined. Rule 64.3 (d) shall apply. Hearings will take place at 16.00 hours on November 25th.

21.3 For the race, protest forms are available at the Race Office. The completed protest form shall be lodged to the Race Office within one hour after the mooring procedure at Virgin Gorda is completed. The protest must be communicated by radio to the Race Office within one hour after the protesting boat has finished the race and acknowledged by the RC.

The protest flag shall be flown for one hour after the incident and for the finish (Amends RRS 61.1).

21.4 Hearings will take place at 15.00 hours on December 12th or at an earlier time if all parties to the protest are available. All persons involved in the hearings shall remain available for the hearing.

21.5 The Race Committee or International 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 YCCS ONB within the protest time limit of that boat.

21.6 It is the boat's 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).

21.7 The Protest Committee may impose penalties other than DSQ.

22. Communications

22.1 In Tenerife area, the Race Committee may use VHF 69 to broadcast information such as signals made ashore, location of the Race Committee boat, sail numbers of boats recalled, etc... .

A time check may be transmitted by the Race Committee over VHF Channel 69 approx. 30 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal of the race.

22.2 Failure to receive or hear radio transmissions will not be grounds for request of redress (Amends RRS 60.1 (b) and 62.1 (a)).

22.3 For communications in Virgin Gorda see Par.18 (Finishing Procedure).

23. Scoring

23.1 The Low Point System RRS Appendix A will apply.

23.2 The result will be on corrected time on time as indicated by the IRC Rules.

24. Penalties

24.1 RRS 44.2 applies, up to three hours after the starting signal. Two turns are required.

24.2 Report of the Race Committee on OCS, except for recording mistakes, is not ground for redress (Amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

25. Nautical Charts

In Tenerife Area the Spanish official nautical charts (from the Instituto Hidrográfico de la Marina) referred in this Sailing Instructions are:

61 Islas Canarias (from Gran Canaria to El Hierro)

205 Isla de Tenerife

6120 Puerto de Santa Cruz de Tenerife

Electronic charts:

ES 30061A Gran Canaria and Tenerife

ES 400612 Aproximos del puerto de Tenerife

In Virgin Gorda Area:

IMRAY Chart A 231: ST Tomas to Virgin Gorda

IMRAY Chart A 232: Tortola to Anegada

26. Moorings

Free moorings will be available at the Contradique Central Llanos from 12.00 hours on November 24th to the starting day on 26th November, for boats timely registered and participating in the event. Free moorings will be available in Virgin Gorda at the YCCS Marina from the arrival of the boats until the 09.00 hours on 13th December.

For assistance with the mooring please contact the Port Coordination Center (on duty 24 hours) on VHF channel 12 or by phone at +34922596863 and in Virgin Gorda the YCCS Marina Office on VHF Channel 8 or 16.

On arrival either in Tenerife and Virgin Gorda all boats shall register with the Marina Offices.

Provision of water and electricity is not included in the entry fee and must be requested at the Marina Offices.

Payment for these services must be made to the Marina Offices.

27. Rating Certificates

27.1 Owners and their representatives are advised that if there is the intent to request a reissue of the IRC Rating Certificate in the time period just prior to the start of the race, arrangements must be made directly with the appropriate Rule Authority issuing the certificate or the Rating Authority office responsible for processing the certificate. It is requested that a copy of the new certificate be sent to the IMA ATO at technical@internationalmaxiassociation.com by the issuing office. It is each boat's responsibility to fulfill the requirements of Section 7 of the Sailing Instructions. Prior to 12.00 hours on November 25th a signed copy of the boat's IRC final certificate shall be presented at the Race Office in Tenerife.

27.2 The list of rating values shall be issued by the Measurement Committee by 13.00 hours on November 25th approved and signed by the International Protest Committee. Thereafter no changes of the rating values are possible unless as a consequence of controls and inspections and with the approval of the International Protest Committee.

27.3 It is reminded to all the competitors that the rating certificates shall be approved by the IMA Technical Office.

28. Tracking System

28.1 An electronic tracking system will be used to track the position of participating boats during the race and participants will be required to allow the installation of tracking beacons on their boats. The Organizing Authority may use the information received from the system for media coverage of the race as well as for technical and safety purposes.

On registration, participants will be required to leave a credit card number as guarantee for the beacons.

28.2 In any case it is a skipper responsibility to provide the Race Office with the daily position at 08.00 and 20.00 UTC by email and/or SMS text messages.

29. Control, Measurement and Inspection

29.1 The IMA Technical office may rule on all matters of rating, accommodation, equipment and associated Rules and Regulations and ISAF Offshore Special Regulations. The ATO's ruling shall be final. It shall advise the Race Committee and the International Protest Committee on any related disputes and propose appropriate penalties for infringements.

29.2 The IMA Technical office has the right to undertake random inspections and measurement checks on any entered boat throughout the registration period and after the finishing. In the event of a protest, access for inspections may be requested at any time.

29.3 Sail inventory for the event shall be lodged with the Race Office at final registration.

The number of sails to be carried on board is free but all sails carried on board shall be part of the sail inventory.

30. Crew Lists

30.1 Changes to the crew list in compliance with the IRC Rules shall be made in writing indicating the name(s) of the substituting crew member(s) and shall be lodged at the Race Office before 18.00 hours of November 25th. Failure to do so may result in the imposition of a penalty against that boat by the International Protest Committee.

30.2 The Organizing Authority may direct television team to be on board additional to the crew list, for a limited period during the departure or arrival phases. Other guests on board shall be on the crew list.

31. Ecological Rules

While moored and at sea all boats shall respect all the rules to prevent pollution and environment damages. The International Protest Committee may take action in case of infringements of the above ecological rules.

32. Photographic and Television Media Rights

Competitors grant the Organizing Authority the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the yacht 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' name 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 (See S.I. Par. 7).

33. Disclaimer

33.1 Competitors agree to be bound by International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009/2012, by the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their yacht, 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 Organizing Clubs, the Race Committee, the International Protest Committee, all event sponsors and any other party involved in the organization under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for the behaviour and dress of the yacht's crew, representatives, guests and anybody connected with the boat in any way.

In any case Competitors agree that the Organising Clubs, the sponsors and their agents, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss, or damage to any boat 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.

33.2 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor, who must ensure the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience and who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging and all gear. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

33.3 Neither the establishment of these conditions, nor their use by the Organizing Authorities and the Race Organizers in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor. The crew and guests are nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

33.4 The attention of competitors is drawn to ISAF RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

34. Electronic Equipment

All types of electronic aids, including radar, GPS, ASI, etc..., are permitted. Weather information from any source is permitted (Amends RRS 41).

35 Trophies

Transatlantic Maxi Yacht Cup will be awarded to the first yacht on the line;

Trophies will be awarded to the overall winner in IRC;

Trophies for the winner of each IMA category in accordance with the IMA 2012 rules;

Trophy to the first IMA Member;

Trophy to the first YCCS Member.

36 Contact Info.

Yacht Club Costa Smeralda:

Cell Phones to be utilize also for text messages and emails:

Edoardo Recchi, Sport Director: + 39-3477595798 - Email: edoardorecchi@yccs.it - VHF Channel 8 in Virgin Gorda.

Fabrizio Pirina, Race Office: + 39-3334858385 – Email: secretariat@yccs.it - VHF Channel 8 in Virgin Gorda.

IMA Race Office :

Cell Phones to be utilize also for text messages and emails:

Mrs. Marshall Lawson: +1-401-524-0945 - Email: info@internationalmaxiassociation.com

Mr. Peter Lawson: +1-401-524-1335 – Email: technical@internationalmaxiassociation.com

37 Clearing in and custom information

The Caribbean Pre-Arrival Notification System, eSea Clear, is active at www.eseclear.com.

Boats wishing to clear custom and fulfilled immigration documents directly at their arrival at the YCCS Marina, please contact, YCCS Marina Dock master, at dockmaster@yccsmarina.com.

38 Emergency Contacts

In Tenerife:

Emergencias de salvamento marítimo: Tel: 900.202.202.

Centro de coordinación de salvamento marítimo de Tenerife: Tel: 922.59.75.51-52

email : tenerife@sasemar.es web : www.salvamentomaritimo.es.

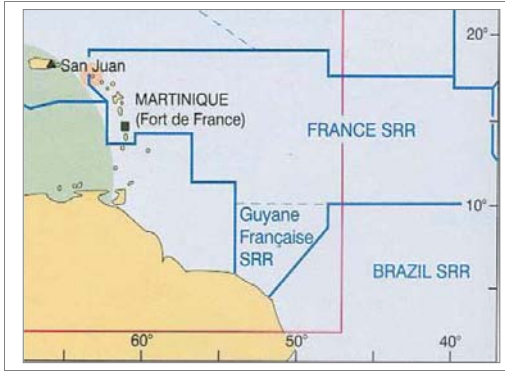
Search and Rescue Canary Islands Area (East Atlantic Ocean) (To Be Communicated by RCNT)

In BVI:

Virgin Island Search and Rescue (VISAR) : VHF Channel 16 – Phone 999 or 767

Website: www.visar.org

Search and Rescue Caribbean Islands Area (West Atlantic Ocean)



All search and rescue efforts for the above area are coordinated by :

CROSS Antilles-Guyane (Martinique)/MRCC Fort de France

16 boulevard de la Marne - BP 621 - 97261 FORT DE FRANCE cédex

TEL : + (596) 5 96 70 92 92

INMARSAT – Satellite AOR EAST: #422 799 024

INMARSAT – Satellite AOR WEST: #422 799 224

MINI M: 871 763 913648

Dutch Side Coast Guard can be accessed directly by calling Curacao at (599) 9 463-7700

Search and Rescue US Coast Guard national Response Ctr: +1 (202)372.2428 or 1.800.424.8802

In the event of a vessel casualty, initial contact with the vessel owner or representative is through the Captain of the Port (COTP) or Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC). SERT may be contacted initially by the COTP or FOOSC, and eventually the vessel representative or naval architect, using the following information:

- Marine Safety Center (from 07.00 to 16.30 daily): (202) 475-3400 or (202) 475-3403
- Salvage Team duty member cell phone: (202)327-3985
- Salvage Team Leader: (202) 475-3400 or cell phone (202) 327-3987
- FLAGPLOT (manned 24 hours/7 days a week): (202) 267-2100