



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA

1967 - 2017

YCCS 50TH ANNIVERSARY REGATTA BVI
07 March 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Refer to the Notice of Race

- 1.1 **Rules**, refer to Notice of Race, paragraph 1;
- 1.2 **Event Advertising**, refer to Notice of Race, paragraph 2;
- 1.3 **Schedule**, refer to Notice of Race, paragraph 6;
- 1.4 **Scoring**, refer to Notice of Race, paragraph 15;
- 1.5 **Trophies**, refer to Notice of Race, paragraph 15.

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 6th 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 rating certificates issued by 16.00 on 6th March 2017 shall not be modified, except for changes arising from controls or from protests due to unauthorised changes to the boat that would affect the rating made after that posting.

4. Briefing

The official briefing will be held at YCCS Clubhouse at 16.30 on 6th March, 2017. Two representatives from each boat shall attend.

5. Amendments to the Sailing Instructions and Notices to Competitors

5.1 Any amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ONB no later than 09.00 on the day it takes effect except that changes to the programme shall be posted by 19.00 on the day before the change takes effect.

5.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB and online at www.yccs.com

5.3 In accordance with RRS 90.2(c), changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made on the water by hail on race committee VHF 72. The race committee will display flag L with one sound before making the announcement.

6. Signals Made Ashore

6.1 Signals made ashore shall be displayed on the official flagpole 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

The course to be sailed will be around Virgin Gorda Island.

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

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

8. Classes

8.1 The regatta is open to the following boats:

- boats with LH of 40 feet or more with a valid 2017 Rating Certificate as per NoR Paragraph 1.1.

8.2 The Organizer will, at its sole discretion, divide the fleet into classes based on the number of entries, the boat's size, speed potential and performance characteristics. A notice with the preliminary breaks will be posted on the YCCS website by 6th March, 2017

8. In accordance with RRS 26, the flag utilized as the class flag will be a large event flag with the event logo (the YCCS 50th Anniversary Regatta flag). The absence of visual signals shall be disregarded.

Signal	Flag	Sound	Time
Warning	Event Flag displayed	1 sound	5 (12:00)
Preparatory	P Flag	1 sound	4 (12:01)
One Minute	P Flag removed	1 sound	1 (12:04)
Start	Event flag removed	1 sound	0 (12:05)

9. Person Overboard

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

10 Penalty Systems

10.1 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.

10.2 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.

11 Committee Boat, Service Boats and Press Boats

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

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

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

12. Time Limits

12.1 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 120 minutes after the finish of the first boat in class will be scored.

12.2 Boats failing to finish within 120 minutes after the first boat in class 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.

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 YCCS race office as soon as practicable.

13.2 Boats that do not intend to race shall notify the YCCS race office before 10.00 on 7th March 2017.

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 the race committee of its circumstances as soon as practicable.

14. Protests

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

14.2 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.

14.3 Schedule of hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as practicable. Protests shall be heard as soon as practicable in approximately the order received. All persons involved in the hearings shall remain in the vicinity of the protest room, which will be on a catamaran at the dock with a jury flag displayed (Letter 'J' on a white flag).

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 Official Notice Board within the protest time limit of the last boat to finish.

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

14.6 Inquiries regarding a boat's rating and/or measurement shall be lodged not later than 16.00 on 6th March 2017.

14.7 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).

14.8 As soon as practicable 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.

15. Communication (VHF Radio – Mobile Phones - AIS)

15.1 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.

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

15.3 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).

15.4 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.

16. Rating Certificates

A list of the ratings will be posted on the YCCS website by 6th March 2017 at 13:00. The protest time limit for rating protests for boats, except relating to changes made during the regatta, will expire on 6th March 2017 at 15.00.

17. Control, Measurement and Inspection

17.1 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.

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

SI Appendices:

- Appendix ALPHA **On water emergency procedures;**
- Appendix BRAVO **Costal and island courses 2017**
(Separate booklet in the captains' pack);
- Appendix CHARLIE **Positioning of flag;**

APPENDIX ALPHA | 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.

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 CHARLIE | Positioning of flag

