



JOLLY HARBOUR VALENTINE'S REGATTA FEBRUARY 10th to 12th 2017 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for CSA and Multihull Classes

The Regatta Headquarters will be located at the Al Porto Restaurant, Golf Course Way, Jolly Harbour, Antigua located by Jolly Harbour Customs Dock, near Jolly Harbour Golf Course. Times are Antigua Standard Time (UTC minus 4 hours). Organising Authority is the Jolly Harbour Yacht Club. Principal Race Officer will be Paul Miller of regattaguru.com

1. RULES

1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the World Sailing (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2. The Regatta will also be governed by:

- a) The CSA Rating Rule
- b) the CSA local Multihull Handicap System

1.3. The Rules will be changed as follows:

- a) Rule 44.1 is changed in that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- b) Rule 52, Manual Power, will not apply.
- c) Rule 77, Identification on Sails, will not apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at Al Porto's Restaurant in Jolly Harbour.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

There will be no signals made ashore.

5. RADIO COMMUNICATION

5.1. The Committee Boat will stand by on **VHF Channel 12**.

5.2. The Race Committee may broadcast the following information:

- a) time checks at thirty and fifteen minutes before the first start of each day;
- b) the courses to be sailed;
- c) notification of amendments to the Sailing Instructions and, if brief, the text;
- d) any abandonment or postponement will be signalled in accordance with the race signals.

5.3. Failure of a boat to hear any notification on the VHF radio will not be grounds for redress.

This changes rule 60.1(b) and 62.1(a).

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1. Racing will take place for all classes on Saturday, 11 February and Sunday, 12 February. There will be a practice race on Friday 10th February that will not count towards the overall series.

6.2. The first Warning Signal of each day will not be before 1100.

6.3. Subsequent races on each day will be started as soon as possible after all boats have finished the previous race.

6.4. Races for all classes will be scheduled as follows:

- a) Friday 10 February one practice race not counting towards the series.
- b) Saturday 11 February, – no more than four races.
- c) Sunday 12 February, – no more than three races

7. CLASSES

7.1. Classes may be divided or combined at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

7.2. Boats in a CSA Monohull Class must declare their chosen sail configuration to the Race Committee before the scheduled close of registration. All vessels in class 1 will race to their spinnaker handicap whether or not they intend to fly a spinnaker.

8. MARKS

All marks of the course will be orange buoys, white buoys or inflatable buoys labelled Budget Marine.

9. THE START

9.1. The location of the starting line each day for all classes will be west of Five Islands Harbour in the approximate position 17:05:20 north; 61:55:20 west. There will be a separate start line for the race on Friday 10th February, details of which will be communicated via email.

9.2. The start line will be between an Orange Flag on the Committee Boat and a nearby orange mark. An inner mark may be laid from the committee boat. Any yacht going between the committee boat and the inner mark will be automatically disqualified from the current race – this changes rule A5

9.3. Start times and the order of starts will be announced on VHF.

9.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other boats. Alleged violation of this Sailing Instruction will only be grounds for protest by the Race Committee. This changes Rule 60.1 and Rule 62.1.

9.5. A boat that does not start before ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes Rule A5.

10. THE FINISH

10.1. The location of the finish for each course will be the same as the start line, unless changed by VHF announcement.

10.2. The finish line will be between an Orange flag on the Committee Boat and a nearby orange mark.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1. Except for breaches of Parts 1 and 2 of the Rules, the Protest Committee may apply any penalty that it deems equitable. This changes rule 64.1.

11.2. A boat that does not take a penalty in accordance with rules 44.1 and 44.2 may accept a thirty per cent (30%) scoring penalty calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is three places and she shall not be scored worse than the number of boats that came to the starting area. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire before the protest hearing at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

12. COURSES

12.1. The course to be sailed will be announced on VHF prior to each race.

12.2. A diagram showing the approximate locations of the marks will be supplied at registration.

12.3. After completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross the start/finish line unless finishing.

12.4. While racing, no boat shall pass between the Five Islands west of Pearns Point.

13. TIME LIMITS

13.1. The time limit for each race for all classes on Saturday, February 11 and Sunday, February 12 will be 100 minutes after the start or 15 minutes after the first boat finishes in each class, or at the discretion of the RO.

13.2. Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1. A boat that intends to protest is requested to notify the Committee Boat after finishing the race in which the incident occurred by VHF.

14.2. Protest forms will be available at the Protest Desk located at the Committee Desk in Al Porto's Restaurant. The protest time limit will be 30 minutes after the Committee Boat docks each day.

14.3. On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee's decision shall be filed no later than thirty minutes after the decision is posted. This changes rule 62.2.

14.4. Notices will be posted at the protest time limit of each day to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses and hearings will commence as soon as possible after those notices have been displayed.

14.5. Except as allowed in CSA Rating Rule 2.3, no measurement or rating protest will be accepted after 6:00 pm on Friday, February 10th 2017, this changes Rule 60.

15. SCORING

15.1. Results will be available at regattaguru.com and posted at Al Porto's Restaurant as soon as possible after the last race of the day.

15.2. A boat's series score will be:

- a) when fewer than six races have been completed, the total of her race scores;
- b) when seven races have been completed, the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

15.3. For all classes, one race shall constitute a series.

16. SAFETY

All skippers are responsible for ensuring that their vessel carries appropriate safety equipment.

A boat that retires shall attempt to notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by calling on VHF channel 12 and shall use its best efforts to receive an acknowledgement.

17. PRIZES

17.1. Prizes will be awarded to First, Second and Third place in each class.

17.2. Regatta prize-giving will take place at not before 1700 on Sunday, February 12th 2017, at Al Porto's Restaurant located by the Customs Dock.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

The CSA Rating Rule: <http://caribbean-sailing.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/CSA-Rule-2015.pdf>.

The CSA Multihull Rule: <http://www.csamultihull.com/rule-details.php>.

Results and other official information: <http://regattaguru.com/valentines>

NOTE: Careful navigation is required and is the responsibility of the skipper of each boat. Reefs and shallow areas are within the boundaries of some of the racecourses.