



**2023 Pineapple Cup – Miami to Montego Bay
Sailing Instructions
Saturday 21st and 22nd January 2023**



1 RULES

- 1.1 The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). If there is one-design racing and there is a conflict between the Class Rules and the RRS, Class Rules shall apply.
- 1.2 The World Sailing Special Regulations 2022-2023, Category 2 (OSR).
- 1.3 The Current ORC Regulations. ORC boats equipped and rated with water ballast, canting keel and powered winches may use same. This modifies RRS 51 and 52.
- 1.4 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the rules of Part 2 are replaced with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS).
- 1.5 The US SAILING Prescriptions to the RRS will apply
- 1.6 The PHRF of Southeast Florida, Rules and Regulations as may be amended by the Race Committee.

- 1.7 Multihull Offshore Cruising & Racing rating rule. <https://mocra-sailing.org.uk/racing/>
- 1.7.1 Crew limits for PHRF boats shall be as listed on their current valid certificate, plus one.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The race committee will post notices to competitors on the online notice boards at the Yacht Scoring website:
https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm

3 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Changes to the sailing instructions will be posted by 10am on the day of the first start.

4 SIGNALS

- 4.1 All signals prior to the warning signal will be made online via email and accompanied by an advisory of the signal on the Yacht Scoring website:
https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm
- 4.2 AP over B indicates change in starting times. An amendment to the sailing instructions that advises of the new starting times will be posted.

5 NIGHT SAILING

- 5.1 Between the hours of local sunset and sunrise, RRS Part 2 will be replaced by Part B, The Steering and Sailing Rules, of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS).

6 CLASSES

- 6.1 Scratch sheets with class assignments will be available at the skippers meeting and on the Yacht Scoring website.

7 PRE-RACE SAFETY CHECKS

- 7.1 The race committee has the right to inspect any boat without warning before the start and after the finish of the race. It may reject any entry or deny an award based on its findings.
- 7.2 A boat may request a safety check or clarification of a safety rule prior to the start.
- 7.3 Skippers are reminded that they are responsible for ensuring that their vessels and crew are compliant with all safety requirements of the event.

8 START

- 8.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of an inflatable mark at the port end. The location of the starting area will be approximately half a nautical mile east of buoy Y N "A" in position 25.805833N, 80.095W
- 8.2 The warning signal for the ORC division yachts with a GPH slower than 400 (i.e. GPH > 400) will be at 1100 on Saturday, January 21, 2023. The warning signal for the ORC division yachts with a GPH faster than 400 (i.e. GPH < 400) will be at 1100 on Sunday, January 22, 2023.
- 8.3 Any boat not starting within 30 minutes of her start time will be scored DNS (did not start) unless permission to start at a later time has been obtained from the Race Committee prior to the first Warning Signal.
- 8.4 All yachts must check in with the race committee on arrival at the starting area.

9 RECALLS

- 9.1 Recalls will be made in accordance with RRS
- 9.2 The Race Committee will endeavor to inform premature starters by hail on VHF channel 72. Failure to make or receive such a call will not relieve a boat of the responsibility to make a proper start. Any boat(s) over early and failing to heed a recall by not properly restarting will be penalized 3% elapsed time.

10 COURSE

- 10.1 From the Start Line, through the Bahamas islands to the Finish Line off Montego Bay, Jamaica, leaving Great Isaac (including Northeast Rock and East Brother), Great Stirrup, Eleuthera Island, Long Island, Point Alpha @ N20.391667 - W73.916667, Point Bravo @ N20.083333 – W73.916667 and Point Charlie @ N19.925 – W74.091667 to Starboard.

- 10.2 No yacht shall enter the 12 nm Cuban territorial waters limit.
- 10.3 Any yacht that enters Cuban territorial waters shall be subject to penalty. This penalty will be imposed at the race committee's discretion and may be disqualification or a corrected time penalty.

11 PENALTIES

- 11.1 The Two Turns Penalty shall not apply.
- 11.2 The scoring Penalty, RRS Rule 44.3 (a) will apply. The penalty for accepting a penalty by displaying a yellow flag in accordance with RRS 44.3 (a) shall be one (1) percent of a boat's elapsed time added to her corrected time. This changes RRS Rule 44.3 (c).
- 11.3 At the discretion of the Protest Committee, as an alternative to disqualification, the penalty assessed by the protest committee for an infraction of RRS Part 2 shall be no less than five (5) percent of a boat's elapsed time added to her corrected time. This changes RRS Rule 44.3 (c).

12 POSITION REPORTING

- 12.1 Position reports will be via the Yellowbrick tracking system. Low bandwidth tracking links are available here: <https://yb.tl/Links/pineapple2023>
- 12.2 Skippers will be issued with a Yellowbrick tracking unit. Skippers are responsible for any loss or damage to tracking units.

13 COMMUNICATIONS

- 13.1 The primary means of communication with the race committee will be via, either telephone, email or VHF.

The Race committee can be contacted on:

PH Miami- +1 (401) 662 9261

PH Montego Bay- +1 (876) 979-8038

Email- race@pineapplecup.com VHF
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14 FINISH

The Montego Bay Yacht Club Race Committee will be present at the Finish Line.

- 14.1 The Finish Line will extend for 0.1nm on a bearing of 110° true from the Yellow Buoy (FI G) at approximate position 18.50416667N and 77.93305556W. Boats will leave the yellow buoy to starboard.
- 14.2 Approximately 20 miles out, finishing each boat should make a warning call to the Montego Bay Yacht Club Race Committee on VHF channel 72, announcing the boat name and sail number only. The call will be acknowledged by the Race Committee on station.
- 14.3 Boats finishing at night shall shine a bright light on their sail numbers continuously from within 2 minutes of their finish until 1 minute after their finish and confirm their finish with the Race Committee on VHF channel 72 immediately after finishing.
- 14.4 Each Navigator shall log the boat's actual Eastern Standard Time of finish and the boat's elapsed time for the race, and enter it on the Finish Declaration Form provided by the Race Committee. The Finish Declaration Form must be delivered to the Race Committee Duty Officer at the MBYC upon arrival at the Yacht Club docks.
- 14.5 Boats are advised to sail in a westerly direction well beyond the finish line to ensure that they have actually crossed the line, and are advised NOT to sail below a course of 200° from the finish line until the lights of Montego Bay are in sight.

15 PROTESTS

- 15.1 Protests must be received by the race committee within three (3) hours of a yacht finishing.

16. CUSTOMS CLEARANCE

- 16.1 All boats MUST clear Customs and Immigration. All forms (supplied in skippers packet) MUST be completed & SIGNED before arrival at the dock in Montego Bay. No one is allowed to leave the boat until documents are submitted (with passports) to the Race Duty Officer. No one is allowed to leave the Yacht Club with out the permission of the Duty Officer/Immigration until all documents are processed. (Special arrangements with Duty Officer are possible, if sailor is flying out within a couple of hours of the boats arrival).

Immigration Forms are one per Person (C5 Form), and must be signed by the individual. The Skipper will sign all boat Declarations.

17. CONDUCT ASHORE

- 17.1 The Skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of the crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, destruction of property, or failure to comply with a request to remove a boat or crew from the premises, the Race Committee may reject or rescind a boat's entry, and hold the boat owner or skipper financially responsible for damages. The boat may be barred from competition in any race sponsored by the Storm Trysail Club or Montego Bay Yacht Club. Any such incident shall be referred to a Protest Committee for consideration under RRS 69, "Gross Misconduct".

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Finish Line Declaration

Each Navigator shall log the boat's actual Eastern Standard Time of finish and the boat's elapsed time for the race, and the Lat/long of their position on the finish line. and enter it on the Finish Declaration Form provided by the Race Committee. The Finish Declaration Form must be delivered to the Race Committee Duty Officer at the MBYC upon arrival at the Yacht Club docks.

Boat Name _____ Sail Number _____

Finish Time _____ (E.S.T) Finish Date _____

Elapsed Time _____

Finish Position: LAT _____ Long _____

I declare that the finish information listed above is true and accurate and that the yacht and crew completed the course in accordance with the rules and in a sportsman like manner.

Navigator:

Name (print) _____ Signature _____

Captain:

Name (print) _____ Signature _____