

BARBADOS SAILING WEEK 2024 - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE COASTAL RACING SERIES AND THE MOUNT GAY RUM ROUND BARBADOS RACE

These Sailing Instructions cover BARBADOS SAILING WEEK 2023 being hosted by the BARBADOS CRUISING CLUB.

Event Venue - The Barbados Cruising Club, Aquatic Gap, Carlisle Bay, Barbados.

Dates - January 13th – 24th 2024

The Regatta will consist of two EVENTS:

PART A) Coastal Racing Series - hereinafter referred to as CRS.

PART B) Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race - hereinafter referred to MGRRB.

The following set of Sailing Instructions will apply to both events except where specifically stated as PART A) or PART B).

The Events will be scored separately.

ABBREVIATIONS – as well as the above, the following abbreviations will be used:

Organising Authority	OA	Caribbean Sailing Association	CSA
Principal Race Officer	PRO	Barbados Cruising Club	BCC
Race Committee	RC	Committee Boat	CB
Racing Rules of Sailing	RRS	Inner Distance Mark	IDM

1. RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed as defined in the current WS Racing Rules of Sailing 2021 – 2024.

1.2 No National Prescriptions will apply.

1.3 The Regatta will also be governed by:

a) for boats in CSA classes, the 2024 CSA Rating Rule.

b) for boats in Club Class by the Variable Simplified CSA Handicap Rule.

c) the CSA Minimum Safety Rules or as spelled out in paragraph 4 following.

1.4 RRS52 - Manual Power - is deleted.

1.5 RRS 47 - Trash Disposal - shall be changed by adding the following sentence after the first sentence. "However discarding biodegradable environmentally friendly bands when setting a sail is permitted".

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 All Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at www.yachtscoring.com.

3. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The RC will communicate with the competitors by VHF radio using the Designated Channel to be posted on the Official Notice Board. (Channel 10 will be used). All boats are advised to have a VHF radio available / on board.
- 3.2 Failure of a boat to hear any information or notification on the VHF radio will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRs 62.1(a).
- 3.3 Any boat retiring from a race MUST notify the RC as soon as possible by VHF radio or immediately on arriving back on shore. Or alternately by cell phone to number 1 246 234 2194.

4. SAFETY

- 4.1 **PART B) MGRRBR.** All 'yachts' MUST have on board an anchor and rope capable of holding the boat in the expected conditions.
- 4.2 No boat shall race with an anchor overhanging the bow. However, written application may be made to the OA for exemption from this requirement which may be granted solely at the OA's discretion and without appeal. (Specifically - very large yachts unable to remove their anchor).
- 4.3 **PART B) MGRRBR.** Personal Flotation Devices must be worn by all competitors in the Windsurfer, Kiteboard and Wing Foil Classes at all times. This changes RRS 40.
- 4.4 Retiring from a race - see paragraph 3.3 above. Notification to OA of retirement is mandatory.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any changes to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at www.yachtscoring.com before 0800 hrs on the day they will take effect.

Note - Any conflict arising between the SIs and the NOR then these SIs will take precedence.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagstaff at BCC.

7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

PART A) COASTAL RACING SERIES

- 7.1 Coastal Races will take place on Thursday 18th January and Saturday 20th January 2024 for CSA Racing I, CSA Racing II, Club, Multihull and Windsurfer Classes, and on Saturday, 20th January for the J/24 Class. For all classes except the J/24 Class, a maximum of 4 races is scheduled. For the J/24 Class a maximum of 3 races is scheduled.
- 7.2 The racing area will be the waters in and around the West and South coasts of Barbados including in Carlisle Bay.
- 7.3 The earliest warning signal for the first race of each day will not be before 0955 hrs. An ORANGE flag attention signal will be flown 5 minutes before the warning along with ONE sound signal.
- 7.4 The Committee Boat will be stationed in Carlisle Bay.

PART B) MOUNT GAY RUM ROUND BARBADOS RACE

- 7.5 MGRRBR will take place on Sunday 21st January 2024.
- 7.6 The racing area will be the waters totally around the shores of Barbados.
- 7.7 The first warning signal will not be before 0725 hrs. An ORANGE flag attention signal will be flown 5 minutes before along with ONE sound signal.
- 7.8 A schedule for each boats starting time will be posted on the Official Notice Board at www.yachtscoring.com.

8. CLASSES

- 8.1 Classes will be as stated in the NOR and will be determined at the sole discretion of the OA who reserves the right to amalgamate or cancel any classes for any reason as it sees fit.
- 8.2 Classes racing to the CSA Rating Rule must declare their sail combination prior to close of registration for their event - PART A) or PART B) as appropriate - which may not then be changed for the duration of that event.
- 8.3 **PART B) MGRRBR** Windsurfers, kiteboarders and wing foilers will be accepted into the event at the discretion of the OA.

9. CLASS FLAGS AND IDENTIFICATION

- 9.1 All competitors must have an agreed form of identification, to be confirmed at the Skipper's Briefing.
- 9.2 All competitors in Committee Boat starts are asked to sail close to the Committee Boat and be identified before the start of the first race of the day. Failure to check in may result in being scored DNS if not identified.
- 9.3 **PART B) MGRRBR.** All boats must endeavour to call the Committee Boat on VHF as they approach the finish line - approximately 15 - 30 minutes away. They should also note the boat immediately ahead and immediately behind them if possible.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 **PART A) CRS.** Courses to be sailed will be shown on the Course Diagrams to be issued at or prior to the Skipper's Briefing. The location of each mark is approximate. Failure of any mark position to be exactly as shown shall not be grounds for protest or redress.
- 10.2 **PART B) MGRRBR** The course will be completely around Barbados in a northerly (clockwise) direction, leaving the island and all outlying shallows to starboard. The onus is on Skippers / Navigators to ensure safe deep water navigation.
- 10.3 **PART A) and PART B).** The PRO may shorten or alter any course, including the location of the starting area, starting line or at any mark in accordance with RRS 27, 32 and 33. An attempt will be made to notify all competitors by VHF - but see paragraph 3.2 above. Also note RRS 34 if any mark is missing.

11. MARKS

- 11.1 Identification and approximate positions of marks will be shown on the Course Diagrams posted on the Official Notice Board in compliance with SI paragraph 2 above and will be available at the Skipper's Briefing.

12. THE START

- 12.1 Boats not yet starting must keep clear of the starting area and not interfere with boats due to start.
- 12.2 The location of the Committee Boat for both events will be in Carlisle Bay.
- 12.3 The Committee Boat will trail an Inner Distance Mark closely adjacent to its stern. Boats must not touch or pass between this IDM and the Committee Boat.

PART A) CRS

- 12.4 The starting procedure will be in accordance with RRS 26 (5,4,1, go) with other classes starting on a rolling 5 minute sequence. Note - there will be no individual recalls. RRS 30.2 (Z flag) will apply to all starts.
- 12.5 An ORANGE flag (attention signal) will be displayed on the Committee Boat with ONE warning sound signal 5 minutes before the first warning signal of the first starting sequence and will remain flying for the duration of each full sequence of starts.
- 12.6 The pole bearing the orange flag will constitute the STARBOARD end of the starting line. The PORT end of the starting line will be an inflatable floating mark. The starting line will be between the pole bearing the orange flag and the inflatable mark.

PART B) MGRRBR

- 12.7 The starting line will be a line between the Committee Boat and the flagpole on the Barbados Cruising Club. The first leg of the course will be northbound around Barbados from the starting line.
- 12.8 The starting procedure will be in accordance with RRS 26 for the first boats to start. Subsequent boats will be called to the starting area by VHF radio in preparation to start at their designated time. A countdown will be given by radio in the final minute as each boat is due to start.
- 12.9 There will be no individual recalls. Boats starting early will be notified on VHF. Delay or failure to broadcast by the RC, or to receive by an OCS boat, will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1 (a).
- 12.10 Boats starting ahead of their allocated time will be given an automatic time penalty of 15 minutes on their ELAPSED TIME.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 **PART A) CRS.** The finish line will be between the pole bearing the orange flag on the Committee Boat and an inflatable buoy as shown on the Course Diagrams.
- 13.2 **PART B) MGRRBR.** The finish line will be a line between the orange inflatable buoy which replaces the Committee Boat used for the start and the flagpole on the Barbados Cruising Club.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2 The Penalty, if any, for breaches of the RRS - other than Parts 1 and 2 - will be at the sole discretion of the Jury.
- 14.3 A boat that does not take a Penalty for breach of RRS Parts 1 and 2 in accordance with RRS 44.1 may accept a 3 place scoring penalty before or at the protest hearing, at the discretion of the Jury. This changes RRS 44.3 (c).
- 14.4 **PART A) CRS.** A boat which is observed in breach of RRS 30.2 (flag Z) will receive a scoring place penalty without hearing of 2 places. This changes RRS 44.3 (c).
- 14.5 **PART B) MGRRBR.** A boats starting ahead of her allocated time will be given an automatic time penalty - see paragraph 12.10 above.

15. TIME LIMITS

PART A) CRS

- 15.1 The time limit for all classes each day will be 1600 hrs.
- 15.2 For classes having more than one race in a day the time limit for the first race of the day will be 40 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes.

PART B) MGRBR

- 15.3 The time limit for all boats will be 1800 hrs.

PART A) and PART B)

- 15.4 Boats not finishing within the time limits above will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 **PART A) CRS.** The protest time limit shall be 1 hour from the time when the last boat in the class crosses the finish line in the final race of each day. Protests must be submitted in writing. Protest forms will be available at BCC.
- 16.2 **PART B) MGRBR.** The protest time limit shall be 1 hour after the time limit expires.
- 16.3 A notice informing competitors of the time and place of each protest hearing will be posted on the Official Notice Board as soon as possible after the protest form is received. The protest will then be heard as soon as possible. It is each party's (or representative's) responsibility to be present at the hearing and failure to attend will not prevent the protest from proceeding and a decision being reached.
- 16.4 No protest will be re-opened for any reason after expiry of protest time limit for the final day's racing. Jury decisions made prior to that time will be considered as final.

17. SCORING

PART A) CRS

- 17.1 Scoring will be in accordance with RRS Appendix A.
- 17.2 For all classes one race must be completed to constitute a Series.

PART B) MGRBR

- 17.3 Scoring will be based on finishing elapsed time around the course regardless of starting time or actual place in crossing the finish line.
- 17.4 For boats racing to the CSA handicap system their Corrected Time will be computed from their TCF - on a Time on Time basis.

18. OUTSIDE COMMUNICATION

- 18.1 All boats are encouraged to have a VHF Radio on board. However boats shall not, except when in the starting area, communicate with the Committee Boat or OA except for emergency broadcast or to notify the PRO of intended retirement from the race. (see paragraph 3.3 above).
- 18.2 Boats shall not seek to gain an advantage from any outside sources which are not available to all other competitors.

19. RESULTS AND PRIZES

- 19.1 Results for the days racing will be posted on the Official Notice Board at www.yachtscoring.com as soon as possible.
- 19.2 Final Overall Results and Regatta Prizes will be awarded at the final Awards Ceremony to be held on Monday, 22nd January at 1700 hrs at the Barbados Yacht Club.

20. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 20.1 By participating in these events competitors grant the OA and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make use of and show at their discretion, any photography, audio or video recordings and other productions of them and/or their boat made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue until their time of departure, without any compensation.

21. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RISK STATEMENT

- 21.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 Decision to Race. The OA or any officers of the regatta will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, or prior to, or after the regatta.

22. INSURANCE

- 22.1 Each participating boat is STRONGLY advised to have valid third-party liability insurance for the duration of the regatta.