



# 2009 PINEAPPLE CUP MONTEGO BAY RACE

## OFFICIAL NOTICE OF RACE & RACE CONDITIONS

Southern Ocean Racing Conference, Inc. (SORC) is the organizing authority for this Race.

### 1.0 TITLE / DATES / CLASSES / VENUE

1.1 The 2009 Pineapple Cup – Montego Bay Race will start on February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009.

1.2 The Pineapple Cup – Montego Bay Race is an 811 mile ocean race for ocean racing monohull and multihull boats. Classes eligible to compete include **IRC** rated boats, **PHRF** boats (with handicaps 150 sec/mile or less), and ocean racing **Multihull** boats. Ocean Racing **One Design** classes are invited to participate with 5 or more entries.

1.3 The race will start at 1400 hours, February 6, 2009 off of the Port Everglades (Ft. Lauderdale) inlet and finish at Montego Bay, Jamaica.

### 2.0 RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (*RRS*), including only the **US SAILING** Prescriptions for Rules 68, and 76.1, the 2009 IRC Rules, and the PHRF of Southeast Florida Rules & Regulations as adopted and amended by the SORC Race Committee, except as modified in this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, including any properly posted amendments to the above.

2.2 The Pineapple Cup – Montego Bay Race shall be classified as a **Category C** event (*RRS* Appendix 1).

### 3.0 MANAGEMENT

3.1 The race is sponsored by the Lauderdale Yacht Club, the Storm Trysail Club, the Montego Bay Yacht Club, and the Jamaica Yachting Association, and managed by SORC as the Race Committee for the collective group. The Race Committee or its representatives shall have the authority to interpret the rules and conditions of the race and related activities, to decide protests, and to reject the entry of any boat at any time prior to the start of the race or related activities.

3.2 The SORC Race Committee, Lauderdale Yacht Club, Storm Trysail Club, Montego Bay Yacht Club, and Jamaica Yachting Association do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss of or damage to any vessel in any way, or from any cause during this race or related activities.

### 4.0 ELIGIBILITY AND RATINGS

4.1 The 2009 Pineapple Cup - Montego Bay Race invites ocean racing boats whose owner/charterer is a member of a recognized Yacht Club or their National Authority. (U.S. Sailing Association for USA boats.)

4.2 **IRC** rated boats with a LOA of 30 feet minimum, having submitted a completed entry form, and a valid 2009 endorsed IRC Certificate are invited. Boats submitting a non-endorsed IRC Certificate may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

4.3 **PHRF** boats with a LOA of 30 feet minimum, and rating 150 sec/mi or less, having submitted a completed entry form, and a valid 2009 PHRF Certificate obtained from PHRF of Southeast Florida are invited.

4.4 A **Multihull** class will be offered for ocean racing type boats at least 30 feet LOA minimum with enclosed cabins and permanent accommodations, but they will not be eligible to compete for the Pineapple Cup, or the MoBay Course Challenge Cup.

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4.5 Multihull boats must have a current valid South Florida MASF/PHRF Multihull Rating Certificate. The Race Committee reserves the right to reject any entry that does not comply with their definition of an "ocean racing" type Multihull boat.

4.6 For information regarding PHRF of Southeast Florida ratings or to apply for a Certificate from PHRF of Southeast Florida, contact PHRF of Southeast Florida at [www.phrfsef.com](http://www.phrfsef.com).

### **5.0 OWNER/SKIPPER RESPONSIBILITY:**

5.1 The term "Skipper" as used in these Conditions and in the Sailing Instructions shall mean the person, whether or not the owner of the boat, who is designated on the entry form as "Skipper" and who is in charge of the boat. The Skipper shall be a member of a recognized yacht club or ocean racing organization.

5.2 Nothing in this Race Notice or in the Sailing Instructions shall exonerate any vessel, or the Owner, Skipper, or Crew thereof, from the consequences of any neglect to comply with this NOR and Sailing Instructions, the *RRS*, nor the COLREGS, or of the neglect of any precaution which may be required by the ordinary practice of seamen, or by the special circumstances of the case.

### **6.0 SAFETY**

6.1 All boats shall conform to the current International Sailing Federation Special Regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Racing, including the *US Sailing* Prescriptions for Monohulls (or Multihulls), **Category 2**.

6.2 All competing boats shall carry the appropriate NOAA charts covering the race course.

6.3 The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper, who must insure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by experienced crew who are physically fit. The Skipper of the boat must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear, and must ensure all equipment is properly maintained and stowed, and that all aboard know where it is kept and how it is used.

6.4 Each Skipper or Owner shall be required to declare his or her vessel's eligibility and shall affirm that the vessel complies with any and all equipment requirements for this race.

### **7.0 ENTRIES:**

7.1 Must be made on the Official Entry Form, accompanied by the appropriate entry fee.

### **8.0 RACE ENTRY FEES:**

8.1 Entry fees to participate in the 2009 Pineapple Cup – Montego Bay Race are as follows;

The Race Entry Fee for entries received by 6:00 p.m. December 20, 2008	\$ 600.00 US
Late Entry Fee (Entries accepted after 6:00 p.m. December 20, 2008)	\$ 200.00 additional.
Late Documentation Fee (Late rating certificate or change after 1/31/2009)	\$ 100.00 additional.

8.2 The prescribed entry fee must accompany the Official Entry Form. Rating Certificates must be received by January 31, 2009 to avoid the late documentation fee.

### **9.0 RATINGS**

9.1 A current **IRC**, **PHRF** of Southeast Florida, or South Florida **PHRF/MASF Multihull** rating certificate is required for each boat. The certificate upon which acceptance of an entry is predicated will be the rating applicable to the boat at the time she starts the race. Each boat must submit their current, valid rating certificate to the Race Committee by 6:00 p.m., Sunday, January 31, 2009. Rating problems due to re-measurement or modification must be resolved prior to the submission deadline.

9.2 The ratings and class assignments of all boats entered in the Pineapple Cup - Montego Bay Race will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Lauderdale Yacht Club beginning at 1200 (Noon) on Thursday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, 2009, and remain posted until 1800 the same day, at which time all posted valid ratings will stand for the race. Rating, and/or class assignment issues must be resolved with the Race Committee prior to 1800 hours on February 5<sup>th</sup> 2009.

9.3 The Race Committee reserves the right to reject any PHRF rating change which takes place at any time after the rating documentation deadline of January 31, 2009.

## **10.0 DIVISIONS & CLASSES**

10.1 The fleet may be divided into IRC, PHRF, and Multihull divisions with as many classes as dictated by the total number of entries. Scratch sheets will be distributed in each race packet at the skipper's meeting, and posted on the race website [www.montegobayrace.com](http://www.montegobayrace.com).

## **11.0 COURSE**

11.1 The first starting signal will be at 1400 hours on February 6, 2009. The course to be sailed shall be from the Start line off Port Everglades, Through the Bahamas islands to the Finish Line off Montego Bay, Jamaica, leaving Great Isaac (including Northeast Rock and East Brother), Great Sturup, Eleuthera Island, Long Island, and Cuba to Starboard.

11.2 The rated distance for the race course is 811 nautical miles. Boats will be ranked by corrected time (elapsed times minus time allowance) with the lowest corrected time winning.

## **12.0 TIME ALLOWANCES**

12.1 For the **IRC** division, the boats rating allowance will be applied as a factor of the elapsed time of it's race.

12.2 For **PHRF** division, the boat's PHRF rating times the course length of 811 nm will be it's time allowance.

12.3 For **Multihull** division, the boat's MASF/PHRF rating times the course length of 811 nm will be it's time allowance.

## **13.0 EQUIPMENT AND INSPECTION**

13.1 All participating boats must conform to the current International Sailing Federation Special Regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Racing Category 2, Including US SAILING Prescriptions, with the following changes or additions:

- ◆ Sufficient fuel to provide range under power of at least 75 miles.
- ◆ Operative VHF/FM transceiver with Channels 9, 16, 68, and 72 with power capability for seven (7) days. (DSC and GMDSS equipped VHF radios are encouraged.)
- ◆ Life raft need not have a canopy or insulated floor.

13.2 The Race Committee has the right to inspect any entrant without prior warning before the start and after the finish of the race. It may reject any entry or deny an award on its findings.

## **14.0 RACE PENNANT**

14.1 All boats will be required fly the Official Pineapple Cup Race Pennant from the backstay, 7' off the deck.

## **15.0 SAIL NUMBERS**

15.1 Racing boats shall carry corresponding numbers on mainsails, spinnakers, storm trysails, and each overlapping headsail whose LP exceeds 130% of the base of the foretriangle.

## **16.0 BOAT TRACKING**

16.1 Each boat will be required to carry a race tracking transponder issued by the race organizers. Each competitor may be responsible for a fee and/or deposit relative to the transponder system. Further details relating to boat tracking will be available prior to the December 20th entry fee deadline.

## **18.0 SPECIAL LIMITATIONS ON WEATHER AND OCEANOGRAPHIC INFORMATION**

18.1 Competitors may receive regularly scheduled transmissions of weather data, such as broadcasts or weather fax transmissions from NOAA, USCG, WWV, NMC, etc.

Competitors may also receive imagery from satellites, such as NOAA, & APT satellites.

Competitors may also use any means to retrieve data from the Internet (e.g. from the web, from ftp sites, from email responders), provided that those data are intended for public use without charge, are routinely available throughout the year, and are publicly indexed (e.g. can be found via simple internet search such as [www.google.com](http://www.google.com)). Accessing other information during the race will be considered a violation of RRS 41 (Outside assistance). Prior to a Boat's preparatory signal, there is no limitation on private weather forecasts.

## **19.0 ASSISTANCE**

19.1 Since long distances and remote areas are covered in this race, radio communications among participants, other vessels and shore stations may be essential to the safety of boats and crews. All participants are urged to exercise extraordinary care and consideration in standing by, relaying information and monitoring appropriate frequencies in case a problem develops.

## **20.0 USCG / BASRA / JDF**

20.1 The U.S. Coast Guard and Bahamas Air Sea Rescue Association coverage is limited to search and rescue missions. In Jamaican waters, the Jamaican Defense Force Coast Guard monitors 2182 SSB for emergencies and finishing details, call sign “6 Yankee Xray” as well as Channel 16 VHF, call sign “Jamaica Coast Guard”.

## **21.0 LIGHTS**

21.1 Running lights shall be displayed in accordance with the international rules of the road at sea. Boats must show running lights from sunset to sunrise. Use of other lights shall not be cause for protest or disqualification, but strobe lights shall not be used except in emergency.

## **22.0 ENGINE USE**

22.1 Except for maneuvering to aid another vessel or persons in distress, engines shall not be used for propulsion between the preparatory signal and the finish. If the engine is so used, a full report shall be made to the Race Committee.

## **23.0 CREW**

23.1 The minimum number of crew is three in addition to the Skipper. There is no maximum crew limit.

## **24.0 SKIPPERS MEETING**

24.1 A Skippers meeting will be held at 1830 hours, Thursday, February 5, 2009 at the Lauderdale Yacht Club, 1725 S.E. 12th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, Fla. 33316. (phone 954-524-5500). The Skipper and Navigator from each boat should attend the Skipper's meeting to receive final instructions, handicap sheets, and race packets with immigration and customs forms for entry to Jamaica.

24.2 Each boat will be required to supply a full and accurate crew list, including names, addresses and emergency contact information along with an equipment declaration form in order to obtain their race packet.

## **25.0 CHANGES / ADDITIONS**

25.1 Changes or addendums to the Race Conditions or to the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the [www.montegobayrace.com](http://www.montegobayrace.com) website, the official bulletin board at Lauderdale Yacht Club and/or the Montego Bay Yacht Club official bulletin board. Code Flag "L" will be displayed from the Lauderdale Yacht Club and Montego Bay Yacht Club flagpoles if an amendment or notice has been posted.

25.2 No notice or amendment(s) affecting the NOR or Sailing Instructions will be posted on the [montegobayrace.com](http://montegobayrace.com) website or at the Lauderdale Y.C. later than 0900 hours on the day of the race.

## **26.0 ADVERTISING**

26.1 The race is subject to the category “C” advertising restrictions of *RRS* Appendix 1 (Advertising). Those classes or boats satisfying Appendix 1 qualifications for Category C are strongly urged to refrain from displaying advertising for products or services competing with any primary or secondary sponsors of the event.

## **27.0 ABANDONMENT**

27.1 A boat which retires from the race for any reason must report her withdrawal to the Race Committee at the earliest possible opportunity. Withdrawal or abandonment should be reported to the Race Committee at 954-275-0839 in the USA, or to the Montego Bay Yacht Club (876) 979-8038 in Jamaica.

## **28.0 PENALTIES FOR BREAKING RULES OF *RRS* PART 2**

28.1 The Two Turns (720°) Penalty **shall not apply**.

28.2 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 boats elapsed time added to her corrected time. This changes *RRS* Rule 44.3 (c).

## **29.0 ALTERNATIVE PENALTY**

29.1 At the discretion of the Protest Committee, as an alternative to disqualification, the penalty assessed by the protest Jury for an infraction of *RRS* Part 2 may be no less than five (5) percent of a boats elapsed time added to her corrected time. (This changes *RRS* Rule 44.3 [c]).

### **30.0 PLACEMENT**

30.1 Final placement of boats in a class or division will be adjusted upward if a boat loses her position due to a penalty or disqualification.

### **31.0 PROTESTS**

31.1 *RRS* Part 5 shall govern all protests.

31.2 Intent to protest shall be signified by displaying a red flag from the rigging. In addition, oral notice of intent to protest shall be given by radio to the Race Committee on station at the Finish, and a written protest shall be submitted within (3) three hours after finishing between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Boats finishing at other times must file by 10:00 a.m. following their finish.

### **32.0 RACE LOG**

32.1 All boats are requested to file their completed logs with the Race Committee at Montego Bay Yacht Club. Logs will be returned, but copies requested will be considered the joint property of the Montego Bay Club and the Jamaica Yachting Association, which may excerpt all or part of a log for publication, historical or club bulletin purposes.

### **33.0 MAJOR AWARDS & TROPHIES:**

33.1 **ROBERT McNEIL MOBAY COURSE CHALLENGE TROPHY** - For the 1<sup>st</sup> monohull boat to break the Montego Bay Race 811 nm course record of 2 d., 10 hr., 24 min., and 42 sec. set in 2005 by "Titan 12".

**SILVER ROSE BOWL PERPETUAL TROPHY** - For 1<sup>st</sup> monohull boat to finish.

**SILVER PINEAPPLE PERPETUAL** - For 1<sup>st</sup> overall performance.

**E.J. GARMHAUSEN TROPHY** - For 1<sup>st</sup> overall navigator.

**CLASS TROPHIES** - For 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class.

33.2 **THE SILVER PINEAPPLE CUP PERPETUAL:** For best overall performance will be awarded to the monohull boat with the lowest corrected time for the course based on assigned PHRF handicaps. PHRF Division boats will be scored for this award using their PHRF handicap ratings. IRC Division boats will be scored for this award using PHRF ratings assigned to each boat and issued by the handicappers of PHRF of Southeast Florida for this race.

33.3 **THE JAMAICA TOURIST BOARD LOG AWARD:** Will be awarded for the most interesting log, to be determined at the discretion of the Montego Bay Yacht Club Race Committee.

### **34.0 CONDUCT ASHORE**

34.1 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 SORC Inc, the Lauderdale Yacht Club, Storm Trysail Club, or the Montego Bay Yacht Club. Any such incident shall be referred to a Protest Committee for consideration under *RRS* Part 5 Rule 60.2 (c).

### **35.0 RACE WEBSITE**

35.1 Access the official race website at [www.montegobayrace.com](http://www.montegobayrace.com) for the Official Notice of Race, Entry Forms, and complete information concerning the Pineapple Cup – Montego Bay Race.

### **36.0 RACE REQUIREMENTS / ENTRY INFORMATION**

36.1 Contact Race Chairman Ken Batzer at 2765 N.E. 22 Avenue, Lighthouse Point, Florida, 33064. Phone; 954-275-0839, Fax; 954-532-3210, E-mail; [kbatzer@sorcsailing.org](mailto:kbatzer@sorcsailing.org).

### **37.0 JAMAICA & MONTEGO BAY YACHT CLUB INFORMATION**

37.1 Contact Race Coordinator, Ms. Felix Hunter at Montego Bay Yacht Club, P.O. Box 1133, Montego Bay, Jamaica. Phone; 876-820-8252. Fax; 876-979-8262. E-mail; [felix@montegobayrace.com](mailto:felix@montegobayrace.com).