



JOLLY HARBOUR VALENTINE'S REGATTA FEBRUARY 14TH AND 15TH 2015 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS for CSA and Multihull Classes

The Regatta Headquarters will be located at the Jolly Harbour Yacht Club offices located in Unit 11, Block "D", Commercial Centre, Jolly Harbour, a one minute walk from the West Point Bar, Jolly Harbour, Antigua. Times are Antigua Standard Time (UTC minus 4 hours). Organising Authority is the Jolly Harbour Yacht Club.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. The Regatta will also be governed by:
 - a) The CSA Rating Rule
 - b) the CSA Multihull Rule
 - c) Jolly Harbour Yacht Club Minimum Safety Rules
- 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.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at West Point Bar in the Jolly Harbour Commercial Centre.

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.
- 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).

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1. Racing will take place for all classes on Saturday, 14 February and Sunday, 15 February.

- 6.2. The first Warning Signal of each day will not be before 1000.
- 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) Sat, 14 Feb – no more than four races
 - b) Sun, 15 Feb – 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.

8. MARKS

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

9. THE START

- 9.1. The location of the starting line for the first race of each day for all classes will be outside the entrance to Jolly Harbour.
- 9.2. The start line for all other races will be within Five Islands Harbour.
- 9.3. The start line will be between an Orange Flag on the Committee Boat and a nearby orange mark.
- 9.4. Start times and the order of starts will be announced on VHF.
- 9.5. 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.
- 9.6. 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 is defined in the course descriptions.

- 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 before the protest hearing at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes rules 44.3(c) and A4.2.

12. COURSES

- 12.1. Course sheets attached to these Sailing Instructions describe the marks to be passed, their order and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 12.2. The diagrams show the names and approximate locations of the marks and are provided for information, but are not part of the Sailing Instructions.
- 12.3. After completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross the start line.
- 12.4. After completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross the finish line unless finishing.
- 12.5. Changes to the course to be sailed may be announced on VHF prior to the warning signal of any class to be affected.
- 12.6. While racing, no boat shall pass between the Five Islands mark and the islands adjacent to it.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1. The time limit for each race for all classes on Saturday, February 14 and Sunday, February 15 will be 100 minutes after the start or 15 minutes after the first boat finishes in each class.
- 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 the Jolly Harbour Commercial Centre. 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 Saturday, February 14th 2014.

15. SCORING

- 15.1. Results will be available at regattaguru.com and posted at West Point Bar as soon as possible after each race.
- 15.2. A boat's series score will be:
- when fewer than seven races have been completed, the total of her race scores;
 - when seven or more 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

A boat that retires shall attempt to notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by calling on VHF 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 15th 2014, at West Point Bar.

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>.

The Jolly Harbour Yacht Club Minimum Safety Rules : <http://www.jhycantigua.com>

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 race courses.