



**JOLLY HARBOUR VALENTINE'S REGATTA
20TH ANNIVERSARY
FEBRUARY 7 - 10, 2013
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

All Classes Except Dinghy Classes

The Organising Authority is Jolly Harbour Yacht Club affiliated with the Antigua Sailing Association. The Regatta Headquarters will be located at the Commercial Centre, Jolly Harbour, Antigua. Times are Antigua Standard Time (UTC minus 4 hours).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the *ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (2013 - 2016)*.
- 1.2 The Regatta will also be governed by:
 - (a) the *CSA Rating Rule*;
 - (b) the *Requirements for Bareboat Class*;
 - (c) the local Multihull Handicap System;
 - (d) the *CSA Minimum Safety Requirements*.
- 1.3 The Rules will be changed as follows:
 - (a) Rule 44.1, Taking a Penalty, is changed so that for all classes the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty;
 - (b) Rule 52, Manual Power, will not apply; and
 - (c) Rule 77, Identification on Sails, will not apply.
- 1.4 For Multihull classes, International Dragons, and any other boats approved by the Race Committee, CSA Minimum Safety Requirement #2 with respect to lifelines will not apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 All notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located under the shelter adjacent to ECAB Bank and the

Jolly Harbour Valentine's Regatta Committee Desk in the Jolly Harbour Commercial Centre.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 8:00 am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00 pm on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 There will be no signals made ashore.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Racing shall take place for all classes on Friday, February 8, Saturday, February 9, and Sunday, February 10.
- 5.2 Pursuit class races will be scheduled as follows: one race will be held on each of Friday February 8, Saturday, February 9 and Sunday, February 10.
- 5.3 Races for all other classes will be scheduled as follows:
 - Friday, February 8 – one race;
 - Saturday, February 9 – a minimum of one and a maximum of four races;
 - Sunday, February 10 – a minimum of one and a maximum of three races.
- 5.4 Start times for each boat in the pursuit class on Friday, February 8 will be issued at the Skippers' briefing on Thursday,

February 7 but will not be before 11:00 am. Start times for each boat in the pursuit class on each of Saturday, February 9 and Sunday, February 10 will be posted on the Official Notice Board by no later than 8:00 pm on the day before each race and will not be before 10:00 am.

- 5.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for all other classes on Friday, February 8 will be 11:55 am. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race for all other classes on each of Saturday, February 9 and Sunday, February 10 will be 10:55 am. The order of starts for the first race of each day will be issued at the Skippers' briefing and will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 6:00 pm on Thursday, February 7.

6. CLASSES

- 6.1 Classes will be divided by type of boat and/or time correction factor (tcf).
- 6.2 Boats must declare their intended sail configuration at Registration which must not be changed after 6:00 pm on Thursday, February 7 for the duration of the Regatta. This also applies to boats with alternate headsail ratings.

7. CLASS FLAGS AND IDENTIFICATION

- 7.1 Class flags will be issued to all boats except those in the pursuit class at the skippers' briefing. The list of class flags will form part of these Sailing Instructions.
- 7.2 Class flags must be flown from the backstay or, if not possible, from the starboard standing rigging.
- 7.3 All boats with sail numbers must display them while racing and will not be required to display tie-on identification numbers. Sail numbers must be provided at Registration.
- 7.4 All boats without sail numbers will be provided with identification numbers at Registration which shall be clearly displayed on both sides of the forward lifelines of the boat at all times during the Regatta.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 Appendix 1 to these Sailing Instructions describes the marks to be passed, their

order and the side on which each mark is to be left. The diagrams in Appendix 2 show the names and approximate locations of the marks and are provided as an aid only.

- 8.2 Any mark, fender or dinghy attached to the Committee Boat forms part of the Committee Boat.
- 8.3 On Friday, February 8, all boats shall sail the Friday pursuit course.
- 8.4 On Saturday, February 9, all boats in the pursuit class shall sail the Saturday pursuit course. On Sunday, February 10, all boats in the pursuit class shall sail the Sunday pursuit course.
- 8.5 For boats in all other classes on Saturday, February 9 and Sunday, February 10, the number of the course to be sailed for each race will be announced on VHF channel 12 and will be indicated by a numeral representing the course number on a white sign board to be mounted on the starboard aft quarter of the Committee Boat at the warning signal of each class.
- 8.6 After completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross the start line. After completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross the finish line unless finishing.
- 8.7 Changes to the course to be sailed may be announced on VHF Channel 12 prior to the warning signal of any class to be affected.
- 8.8 While racing, no boat shall pass between the Five Islands mark and the island adjacent to it.
- 8.9 For pursuit race courses in particular, 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.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 The starting and finishing marks will be orange buoys.
- 9.2 The Five Islands and Hermitage marks will be yellow buoys.
- 9.3 All other marks of the course will be orange buoys or inflatable buoys labelled Budget Marine.

9.4 A mark boat flying flag 'M' may replace any of the course marks.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.
- 10.2 The starting line will be between a staff on the Committee Boat displaying an orange flag and a nearby orange mark.
- 10.3 The location of the starting line for all pursuit class races and for the first race of each day for all other classes will be outside the entrance to Jolly Harbour as shown in Appendix 1 to these Sailing Instructions.
- 10.4 The location of the starting line for all subsequent starts on each day will be inside Five Islands Harbour.
- 10.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other boats.
- 10.6 A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff on the Committee Boat displaying a blue flag and a nearby orange mark. The finishing line may be located outside the entrance to Jolly Harbour or inside Five Islands Harbour and will be determined by the course that is sailed for each race.
- 11.2 If the Race Committee intends to start an additional race it will display the Second Substitute flag with no sound signal while boats are finishing. Subsequent races on each day for each class may be started as soon as possible after all boats in a class have finished the previous race. Start times will be announced on VHF channel 12.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 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.
- 12.2 A boat that does not take a penalty in accordance with rules 44.1 and 44.2 may accept a forty per cent (40%) scoring penalty before the protest hearing at the

discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes rules 44.3(c) and A4.2.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 The time limit for all classes on Friday, February 8 is 5:00 pm.
- 13.2 The time limit for pursuit class races on Saturday, February 9 and Sunday, February 10 is 5:00 pm.
- 13.3 The time limit for each race for all classes except the pursuit class on Saturday, February 9 and Sunday, February 10 is two (2) hours.
- 13.4 On Saturday, February 9 and Sunday, February 10, boats in all classes except the pursuit class failing to finish within thirty (30) minutes after the first boat in its class sails the course and finishes 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 on VHF channel 12.
- 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 one (1) hour 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 (30) minutes after the decision is posted. This changes rule 62.2.
- 14.4 Notices informing competitors of the approximate time of each protest will be posted on the Official Notice Board and hearings will commence as soon as possible after those notices have been displayed.
- 14.5 Except as allowed in CSA Rating Rule A. 2.3.2, no measurement or rating protest will be accepted after 5:00 pm on Saturday, February 9, 2013.

15. SCORING

- 15.1 The Low Point Scoring System, rule A4.1, will apply.

- 15.2 For boats in the Pursuit class, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 15.3 For boats in all other classes:
- (a) when fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores;
 - (b) when six (6) or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 15.4 For all classes, one (1) race shall constitute a series.
- 15.5 Application of handicaps will be made on a time-on-time basis.

16. SAFETY

- 16.1 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. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 17.1 The Race Committee may broadcast the following information: time checks at thirty (30) and fifteen (15) minutes before the first start of each day; the courses to be sailed; notification of amendments to the Sailing Instructions and, if brief, the text; the abandonment or postponement of any race.
- 17.2 Failure of a boat to hear any notification on the VHF radio will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 60.1(b).
- 17.3 The Committee Boat will stand by on VHF Channel 12.

18. RESULTS AND PRIZES

- 18.1 Provisional results will be posted on the Official Notice Board and at www.jollyharbourregatta.com as soon as possible after each race.
- 18.2 Keeper trophies will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each class and prizes may also be awarded.
- 18.3 Details of overall Regatta prizes will be included in the Registration package.
- 18.4 The Regatta prize-giving will take place near Castaways on Jolly Harbour south beach at approximately 6:00 pm on Sunday, February 10, 2013.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 19.1 For further information see: www.jollyharbourregatta.com or contact kathy@jollyharbourregatta.com.