



# Notice of Race of the 2021 Windward 500 Race Series

Start: Monday 17th May 2021, Warning Signal: 0825 AST

## Organizing Authority

The Organizing Authority is the Caribbean Ocean Racing Club in affiliation with the Barbados Sailing Association.

## 1 Schedule of Events

Date	Event	
Monday 15th March 2021	Registration Opens	<a href="http://www.YachtScoring.com">www.YachtScoring.com</a>
Monday 10th May 2021	Registration Closes / Rating Deadline	Scratch List available online
Friday 14th May - 17:00	Skippers Briefing	Zoom Meeting hosted by OA
Monday 17th May - 0825	Warning Signal	Follow online - YB Tracking App
Saturday 22nd May - 1830	Prizegiving	Zoom Meeting hosted by OA

## 2 Rules and Regulations

### 2.1 Law and Jurisdiction

This Notice of Race, and the terms of the contract created by the acceptance of a boat's entry in any race or event governed by this Notice of Race, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with Barbados law.

### 2.2 Racing Rules of Sailing

The rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024 shall apply. The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2021, the Offshore Special Regulations 2021-2022, and World Sailing Appendix WP - Rules for Racing Around Waypoints shall apply.

### 2.3 Class Rules

The rules and regulations of CSA, IRC, appropriate One Design, and/or Restricted Class Rules shall apply.

## 2.5 Offshore Special Regulations (OSR)

The World Sailing 2021 - 2022 Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Category 3, plus Category 2 Liferaft, EPIRB, AIS Transponder shall apply to all competitors electing to race Course A. For competitors electing to race Course B or C, OSR Category 3 shall apply, except 3.29.13, an AIS Transponder is at the discretion of the Person in Charge.

## 2.6 International Regulations for Prevention of Collision at Sea

Except when changed in the Sailing Instructions, the rules of RRS Part 2 shall not apply between 18:30 and 05:30, and shall be replaced with the right-of-way rules of the IRCAS (International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea)

## 2.7 Notice of Race

This Notice of Race and any amendments to the Notice of Race shall apply.

## 2.8 Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions shall be posted and deemed issued to boats that have met all of the entry requirements. Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

# 3 Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

# 4 Responsibility

## 4.1 The Person in Charge

Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone", and to OSR 1.02.1 which includes: ..."The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge who shall do his best to ensure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced and appropriately trained crew who are physically fit to face bad weather."

## 4.2 The Organizing Authority

The Organizing Authority, its sponsors, other organizing clubs and affiliated sailing associations accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.

## 4.3 Race Declaration(s)

No boat will be accepted as an entry unless the Person in Charge has, before the start of the race, signed a declaration in the terms set in this NOR. The Organizing Authority

reserves the right to require a signed declaration, in the terms set out in this NOR, for each crew member.

#### 4.4 Safety and Lifesaving Equipment

Crew Members' attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 Life-Saving Equipment: "Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions."

A combined Lifejacket/Harness shall be worn when on deck; between the hours of 18:30 and 05:30, when alone on deck, when reefed, when the true wind speed is 25 knots or above, when the visibility is less than 1 nautical mile. See also OSR 5.02

## 5 Eligibility - The Boat

### 5.1 Suitability

The race is open to seaworthy boats that comply with the rules and regulations described in the Notice of Race and are manned by an adequate number of experienced crews who are physically fit to face bad weather. The minimum crew on any boat shall be three apart from as allowed under Double-Handed class rules.

### 5.2 Boat Size

The minimum length overall (LOA) for monohulls is 34 feet and for multihulls is 30 feet.

### 5.3 Divisions

The Race Series is open to boats in the following divisions;

#### 5.3.1 Racing

CSA - boats with a CSA (Caribbean Sailing Association) rating of 0.870 and greater.

IRC - boats with an IRC (International Racing Certificate) rating of 1.004 and greater

MOCRA Multihulls - offshore multihulls with MOCRA (Multihull Offshore Cruising and Racing Association) rating of 1.200 and greater. The minimum crew for multihulls is 2.

#### 5.3.2 Cruising

CSA Cruising - boats with a CSA rating less than 0.870

Cruising Multihulls - boats with a MOCRA rating less than 1.200

#### 5.3.3 Double-Handed

A Double-Handed Class within CSA and IRC Racing Classes will be available. Automatic or wind-vane steering is permitted (changes IRC Rule 15 and RRS 52). Entries must satisfy the race committee that they have suitable and adequate experience and that their boat is appropriately prepared for double-handed sailing.

#### 5.4 Classes, Class Flags and Courses

<b>Class</b>	<b>TCC Range</b>	<b>Class Flag</b>	<b>Courses</b>
CSA One	0.870 and greater	Pennant 1	A, B or C
IRC One	1.004 and greater	Pennant 2	A, B or C
MOCRA Multihulls	1.200 and greater	Pennant 3	A, B or C
CSA Cruising	Less than 0.870	Pennant 4	B or C
Cruising Multihull	Less than 1.004	Pennant 5	B or C

The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend the class splits before the start of the race.

#### 5.5 Ratings, Rating and Class Certificates Deadline

Boats shall hold a valid rating/class certificate before the Rating Deadline. For boats dual-scoring in CSA and IRC, the boat configuration must be identical to that of the IRC certificate.

Changes to ratings and class certificates will only be accepted after the Rating Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the Organizing Authority's discretion.

#### 5.6 World Sailing 2020-2021 Offshore Special Regulations and Compliance

The OA reserves the right to conduct an OSR inspection on any competitor's boat at any time. Responsibility for compliance rests with the Person in Charge of the boat. The Person in Charge shall, complete an OSR Checklist, and sign and submit same to the OA before the start of the race.

#### 5.7 Automatic Identification System (AIS)

Boats racing Course A shall carry an AIS Transponder capable of transmitting and receiving throughout the race. Competitors shall use their best endeavors to ensure that their AIS Transponder is switched on (i.e. transmitting and receiving) throughout the race. Competitors shall ensure that the name of the boat is transmitted rather than just the MMSI number. Boats racing Course B or C are encouraged to carry and use an AIS Transponder and the decision to do so rests with the Person in Charge.

## **6 Eligibility - Competitors**

### 6.1 Crewlist

A Crewlist complete with full Emergency Contact details and Immigration Information shall be supplied by each boat to the OA. The Person in Charge shall complete their crews details, including Emergency Contact and Immigration Information. The OA will hold full details of each crew member and Emergency Contact for the race.

### 6.2 Minimum Experience Requirement

Every crew member must have experience of sailing a boat offshore and be prepared to encounter heavy weather. The experience requirement shall be completed by a minimum of 30% of the crew (but no fewer than two) including the Person in Charge, and within 18 months of the start of the race.

### 6.3 Training

It is recommended that crews should practice safety routines at reasonable intervals including the drill for man-overboard. See OSR Section 6 – Training. In accordance to World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation 6.01.3 “When there are only two crew members, at least one shall have undertaken training as in OSR 6.02 Training Topics.”

### 6.4 First Aid Requirement

At least one crew member shall have a valid first aid certificate completed within the last five years.

## **7 RACE ENTRY**

### 7.1 Entering the Race

A boat shall enter the race online at [www.YachtScoring.com](http://www.YachtScoring.com) and pay the appropriate entry fee before the Closing Date. In exceptional circumstances the OA may accept an entry over the telephone. Submission of an Entry and payment of the fee will not guarantee a place in the race; all other entry requirements presented in this NoR must be completed to the satisfaction of the OA.

### 7.2 Payment

Before the Closing Date, payment shall be made by Pay Pal to [www.YachtScoring.com](http://www.YachtScoring.com) or to the competitor’s national sailing association, for transfer to the OA in due course.

### 7.3 Cancellations and Refunds

Cancellations before the Closing Date may be eligible for a 50% refund of the race entry fee. Cancellations after the Closing Date will be eligible for a refund of 25% of the race entry fee. If the Person in Charge fails to notify the OA of cancellation as described above he/she shall pay the full fee without refund unless good reason can be shown.

### 7.4 Standard Entry Fees

The standard entry fee for all boats in all classes is one hundred and fifty United States dollars - USD \$150.

## 8 Course

There are three courses. Each boat's Person in Charge must declare, before the start of the race, which Course they intend to race.

### 8.1 Race Courses

The courses shall be set in the Windward Islands between Barbados in the east, Grenada in the south, and Martinique in the north.

Course	Course Name	Course Miles
A	Windward-500	≈ 500
B	Windward-Sprint	≈ 300
C	Windward-Rally	≈ 350

### 8.2 Course Start/Finish

The Courses shall start and finish at the island of the boats choosing, at either; Barbados, Grenada, St. Vincent and the Grenadines, St. Lucia, or Martinique. The Start/Finish lines will be between a waypoint in the sea and a waypoint of a prominent point of land of the nearby Island, and will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.

### 8.3 Course Direction and Waypoints

The Course shall be sailed clockwise. Each Course shall consists of a series of Waypoints, Islands, Rocks, or Exclusion Zones which competitors are required to round or pass.

## 9 Tracking

At the Start Signal Time, each boat must take a GPS Fix of their Start Location and report this position to the Race Committee. Boats recorded on the course side shall be subject to a scoring penalty.

After that, each boat must take a GPS Fix per World Sailing: Guidance on Racing Around Waypoints, Section 3: Proof of Sailing the Course. Fixes must be recorded as per Section 4 and reported as per Section 5 as boats pass through each gate of the course that they have elected to sail and take a Finish Time as they pass their Finish Line.

The Organizing Authority may recommend a suitable tracking system which will be for entertainment purposes only. Boats are required to utilize the system while racing. The Person in Charge shall be responsible for receiving, securing, using the equipment, and returning the equipment to the provider as per terms and conditions of use.

## **10 Penalties**

### 10.1 Taking a Penalty (RRS 44)

When the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS apply (between the hours of 18:30 and 05:30) a scoring penalty applies.

Except when a scoring penalty applies, a boat may take a Two Turns Penalty as permitted and described in RRS 44.2 for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2.

### 10.2 Penalties for Infringements of Other Rules-

Penalties for infringements of other rules will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

## **11 Communications**

### 11.1 Weather and Tidal Information

Rule 41(c) is replaced by:

A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except help in the form of information which is freely available to all boats, which shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any source not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.

By way of an example and interpretation, downloading charts, weather and/or tidal GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted but receiving messages or information which is the result of interpretation as it applies to the boat is not permitted.

## **12 SCORING**

The scoring system will be World Sailing Appendix A - Scoring.

RRS Appendix A3 is changed;

The time of a boat's starting signal shall be her starting time, and the boat's finishing time shall be used to determine her Elapsed Time. Her Elapsed Time shall be applied to her Class Rating Rule(s) to determine her Corrected Time(s).

For each Course, in which boats finish, when a handicap or rating system is used, a boat's corrected time shall determine her finishing place in her Class.

For all Courses, in which boats finish, each boat's corrected seconds per mile will be used to determine position in the series.

## **13 RACE PRIZES & RECOGNITIONS**

The interpretation of the terms of the award of prizes or recognitions shall be made by the Organizing Authority, whose decision is final. When no boat qualifies to win a particular prize or recognition, the Organizing Authority may, at its discretion, award it otherwise.

The Organizing Authority shall prepare and distribute prizes and recognitions consistent with its intent to reduce the event's carbon footprint. First, second, and third place in each class, and first, second and third place in the Series may be awarded.

This event brings the wonders of the Windward Islands to a world eager to embrace exciting challenges. The Organizing Authority may recognize competitors and partners who help promote sustainable initiatives highlighted by this event.

## **14 RACE ENTRY DECLARATION**

The Person in Charge for each boat shall agree to the terms of the declaration below. The Organizing Authority will accept a digitally signed, electronically submitted, printed declaration. Race Entry Form Declaration to be signed by every Person in Charge

To the best of my knowledge the information I have given is accurate. I understand that yacht racing can be dangerous. I agree that the Organizing Authority, clubs, other sponsors and their agents, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property. I have paid particular attention to and agree to be bound by Offshore Special Regulation 1.02 and I have read and understand and where appropriate agree to be bound by NoR 4 - Responsibility. Before racing I will affect adequate and suitable insurance. Before racing I will ensure that my crew is aware of:

- the undertaking in this Declaration
- the importance of effecting appropriate personal insurance
- their responsibility in rules observance, and in particular RRS 1.2 (wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions).

I agree to be bound by the RRS, this Notice of Race, World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations and other applicable rules. The boat will be available for inspection. If any alteration likely to affect the handicap or rating is made, e.g. to sails, rig, mast, ballast, trim, engine or propeller, I will notify the Rating Authority and Race Committee immediately. I will ensure that no crew member races on my boat contrary to the terms of any ban imposed by World Sailing, or a National Authority or the OA.

I understand and agree that the information given in this race entry and also the race entry lists and results will be maintained on the Organizing Authority's computer to be used for all aspects of race organization.

## **17 INSURANCE**

Boats shall be adequately and suitably insured before racing.



## **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

(Notices are for information only and do not rank as part of this Notice of Race).

### **Thanks**

The Organizing Authority has received support from the Sailing Associations of the Windward Islands namely (in alphabetical order): The Grenada Sailing Association (GSA), Martinique Sailing Association, St. Lucia Sailing Association (SLA), St. Vincent and the Grenadines Sailing Association (VIN), and the Trinidad and Tobago Sailing Association.

Technical guidance has been received from the RORC-Race Team, and the Offshore Doubles International Association. Oceana has bolstered our environmental profile and offers the Sailors and the Sea program for us to associate with.

The Barbados Yacht Club provided a venue for face to face meetings for Caribbean Ocean Racing Club.

### **Sustainability and Environmental Guidance**

The Organizing Authority wishes to acknowledge the holistic guidance on sustainability and environment matters that it continues to receive from Oceana and the OECS - CROP programs. Recognition extends to their supporting organizations which include; Global Environmental Facility (GEF), their 40 Donor Countries, and the World Bank.

### **Blue Economy Vision**

The Organizing Authority acknowledges each regional Country's Ministry or Department's vital work in Maritime Affairs and the Blue Economic. The sailing grounds and marinas where we race will surely benefit from their long-term planning and near-term projects.

### **Jurisdictional Authorities**

The Organizing Authority intends to introduce the relevant Authorities in each Island Nation and inform them that the race is happening, the rough number of boats that will be competing and passing through their waters during the week of 17th May 2021.

Notifications will also be shared with relevant Coast Guards, Regional Search & Rescue Centers in Trinidad and Martinique, as well as the RSS HQ and Air Wing in Barbados.

Before the start date the Organizing Authority will compile a list of all crew (Names, DOB, Passport Numbers etc.) on each boat, from each island and send it to the relevant authority of the Jurisdiction. A master list of all boats and crew from all islands shall be compiled and distributed to the relevant regional authorities.

Before the start, immigration information must be completed by each competitor as per Start/Finish Island Authorities, which may hold this information for the duration of the race. Competitors experiencing equipment breakdown, injury or illness and diverting course to arrive by boat to an Island other than their Start/Finish Island for assistance, are responsible for clearing Immigration and Customs upon arrival.

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## Reference Publications & Systems

RRS	2021 - 2024 Racing Rules of Sailing (World Sailing)
OSR	2021 - 2022 Offshore Special Regulations (World Sailing)
ERS	2021 - 2024 Equipment Rules of Sailing (World Sailing)
AWP	Appendix WP - Rules for Racing Around Waypoints (World Sailing)
RAW	Guidance on Racing Around Waypoints (World Sailing)
CSA	Caribbean Sailing Association Certificate (CSA Rule)
IRC	International Racing Certificate (IRC Rule 2020)
AIS	Automatic Identification System & AIS enabled chart plotter
IRPCAS	International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea

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## Courses - For General Reference Only

