

THE 80TH ANNIVERSARY

THE
MOUNT GAY
ROUND BARBADOS
RACE SERIES
2016

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

JANUARY 16TH - 24TH 2016



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**MESSAGE FROM
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FOR THE MOUNT GAY ROUND BARBADOS RACE SERIES**



Barbados welcomes the sailing fraternity, its families and friends from all over the world to the island and to the annual Mount Gay Round Barbados Race Series.

This year is special as the event will be celebrating its 80th anniversary, having started in 1936. Barbados celebrates with you as we will also be celebrating a milestone - our 50th anniversary of Independence this year. In fact, I would say that the Series and our island have in some ways grown together. The Round Barbados Race Series began as a race for trading schooners competing for bragging rights and a small prize. Now it is one of the feature events on our social activities calendar, showcasing the latest yachts in the sailing industry. The race also attracts international participants not only to sail on our beautiful seas but also to enjoy our culture, heritage, attractions and cuisine.

Our tourism sector, which has traditionally been based on a sea, sun and sand destination, has evolved into a diversified tourism product. Sports tourism in particular has been reaping much success. A quick look at the sports events calendar for this year will reveal a plethora of activities each month ranging from polo, cricket, golf, motor sports, football, polo, horse racing and water sports. Sailing, of course, is one of the more popular water sports with regattas taking place almost every month. This particular Series is a highlight on the annual calendar.

The organizers of this event have ensured that each year the race boasts an abundance of attractions. This year is no exception. Barbadians and visitors alike will be thrilled by the Ms. Barbados boats - Concise 8, Concise 10 and Concise 12. This race is anticipated to be an exciting one as the Concise 10 Ms. Barbados in particular is a MOD 70 trimaran, one of the fastest sailboats in the world.

In addition to the international flavour, local talent will be exposed. The Schooner Ruth, a locally built 100 foot schooner, will grace our seas again after last year's inaugural sail.

Numerous parties have been organised during the period January 16-24, 2016, where participants will be able to relax on land with their friends and families and especially enjoy the Regatta Polo Match. I also invite you to traverse the island and experience our varied attractions, rich heritage and vibrant culture.

Congratulations on your 80th anniversary and we look forward to seeing you next year.

Richard L. Sealy
Minister of Tourism and International Transport

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PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Saturday 16th January	From 1200 Hrs: Registration at the Barbados Cruising Club From 1500 Hrs – 1800 Hrs: Skippers “Weigh in” at the Barbados Cruising Club. 1800 Hrs: Skipper’s Briefing - Radisson Aquatica Beach Resort 1900 Hrs: Welcome Party featuring SKF Steelsounds at the Barbados Cruising Club.
Sunday 17th January	Race Day 1: Starting at 0930 Hrs 1700 Hrs: Post Race Party with DJ Barry at The Barbados Yacht Club
Monday 18th January	Race Day 2: Starting at 0930 Hrs - Two Restaurants Races 1800 Hrs: Post Race RED CAP Party at Mount Gay Rum Visitors Centre
Tuesday 19th January	Race Day 3: Starting at 0930 Hrs 1700 Hrs: Post Race Party with DJ Barry at The Barbados Yacht Club
Wednesday 20th January	Lay Day - morning, Mount Gay Visitors Centre Tours 3pm - Regatta Polo Match, Holders St James
Thursday 21st January	First start 0700 Hrs: The Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race. 1700 Hrs: Post Race Party – Barbados Cruising Club with DJ Emiro
Friday 22nd January	Lay Day 1900 Hrs: The Regatta Dinner – The Beach House, St. James (<i>ticketed event</i>) 2100 Hrs: The Grand Prize Giving – The Beach House, St. James followed by live music by Brass Soul and dancing till late
Saturday 23rd January	1800 Hrs: Barbados to Antigua Ocean Race Briefing – Radisson Aquatica Beach Resort. 1900 Hrs: Farewell Party – Barbados Cruising Club with live music from Jazz 3.
Sunday 24th January	0900 Hrs: Staggered Starts: Barbados to Antigua Ocean Race

The Regatta Dinner is a ticketed event. Each competing yacht will be provided with an allocation of tickets. Additional tickets may be purchased directly from the Regatta Organisers or The Beach House, St. James.

The Grand Prize Giving and party follows the Regatta Dinner - and is open to all, just come along. No tickets required.

THE MOUNT GAY ROUND BARBADOS RACE TRADITION

The earliest recorded sailing race around Barbados was held on New Year's Day 1936. Five trading Schooners took part going Southabout (anticlockwise) starting at 7am. The race was won handsomely by the American Schooner "Sea Fox" captained by Lou Kennedy a distant relative of the Kennedy family and a renowned smuggler. His winning time to complete the 60-mile circumnavigation was 10 hours and 22 minutes. The prize was ten pounds sterling but the real prize was the bragging rights. The Islanders loved the race and there was traffic chaos as people drove across the island to get a view and thousands more were amazed by the latest technology of the day providing live radio broadcasts.

Cut ahead 75 years. The Barbados Cruising Club in Association with Mount Gay Rum decided to revive the tradition with an annual sailing race around the island. The date of the race was set as 21st January, the birthday of one of the founding figures of the Barbados Cruising Club The Rt Excellent Errol Walton Barrow. Errol Barrow was also the first Prime Minister of Independent Barbados and is revered as a National Hero. His birthday is celebrated with a national holiday and it seemed a fitting tribute to the man who used to love to sit on the terrace of the Barbados Cruising Club to hold the Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race on Errol Barrow Day. As with the first race, thousands of people come out to watch from the beaches and the latest technology is employed to help people follow the race; each participating boat is equipped with a GPS tracker and people around the world can follow the race on their computers and smart phones. There is only one race mark, which is the start-finish line between the committee boat and the flagpole on the Barbados Cruising Club. Boats are started in a staggered fashion with the aim of getting everyone safely back to the Club for a massive party with plenty of Mount Gay Rum in the late afternoon.

There are several prizes available but the most coveted is the prize for breaking a record time around the island. The prize on offer is the Skipper's weight in Mount Gay Rum Extra Old. Each skipper is carefully weighed before the start of the race. The record times are a bit quicker than they were for the schooners of the 1930s and the absolute record currently stands at 4 hours, 24 minutes, 27 seconds for a multihull and 4 hours 42 minutes and 20 seconds, for a monohull.

Even if you don't win a prize you have a good chance of getting your money back in Mount Gay Rum when you get ashore. You will also be awarded one of the highly sought after Mount Gay Red Caps. The race series now includes 8 parties all fuelled by copious quantities of Mount Gay Rum. Whether you are racing or watching from the shore enjoy the 2016 Mount Gay Round Barbados Race.

THE MOUNT GAY ROUND BARBADOS RACE SERIES

January 17th-24th 2016 - APPENDIX TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: All Races

1. RULES GOVERNING THE RACE

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) published by ISAF, The CSA Rating Rules, The J24 Class Rules.

2. RESPONSIBILITY

Fundamental rule 4; The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. The organising authority will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Regatta.

3. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD

The notice board is located beach side of the Barbados Cruising Club. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 8pm on the day before each race.

4. RADIO MONITORING

The race committee will monitor channel 11 on race days. An effort will be made to broadcast on channel 11 any boats prematurely starting.

5. BOATS RETIRING FROM THE RACE

A boat that retires from a race for any reason MUST notify the race committee on channel 11 or the Safety Officer via phone on +1-246-264-4351.

Official race results will not be posted until all boats are accounted for.

6. PROTESTS

Protests must be made in writing and handed to the committee desk located at the Barbados Cruising Club not later than 1 hour after the finishing time of the protestor.

Protests will be heard ASAP after filing. Directions to the Protest Room will be placed on the BCC Notice Board.

For Breaches of the RRS other than for Part 2, the Protest Committee may impose an alternative Penalty that it deems fair and appropriate.

7. CREW

It is the responsibility of the Skipper to provide signed yacht crew lists. Any failure to provide signed crew documentation to race committee may be penalized.

8. SAFETY

Man Overboard - If a man overboard is recovered by another vessel, it is not necessary for the man to be transferred back on board the boat. The boat may continue in the race without the man and another boat may not protest her under RRS 41(a).

This changes RRS 41, 47.2 and 60.1(a).

Floatation Devices - Multihull and Windsurfer crew shall wear floatation devices at all times.

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January 17th-19th 2016

APPENDIX TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Coastal Races

1. ANCHORS

Shall not be carried over the bow or stern whilst racing coastal races.

2. START LINE (FINISH LINE COURSES 1 & 2)

Carlisle Bay between the Mount Gay Rum flag on committee boat and the yellow mark. Approximate position 13°05'50"N 59°37'90"W

3. FINISH LINE

Carlisle Bay between the Mount Gay Rum flag on committee boat and the yellow mark. Approximate position: 13°05'00"N 59°37'00"W

4. DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

Course marks are orange Mount Gay Rum tetrahedrons

5. CLASSES

Racing Class	(CSA Rating)	Green Flag	
Cruising A	(CSA Rating)	White Flag	
Non CSA Rated	(Local Rating)	Yellow Flag	
Multihull	(Local Rating)	Pink Flag	
1/24 Class	(One Design)	Blue Flag	

6. TIME LIMIT

Boats other than 1/24 class, must complete racing by the time limit of 4:30 pm.

1/24 class boats must complete racing within 20 minutes of the first 1/24 class boat completing the course. Boats not finishing within the time limit shall be scored "TLE" without hearing. A TLE score shall be one more point than the number of boats that finished and received a finishing position in their class.

These change RRS 35, A4 and A5

7. SCORING









Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, except for the 1/24 class where the worst score may be discarded when 6 or more races have been completed.

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January 17th-19th 2016
START TIMES: Coastal Races

PROPOSED COURSES - CHECK BOARD ON STERN OF COMMITTEE BOAT

		SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
J/24 Race 1	(Blue) 	Course 2	Course 2	Course 2
J/24 Race 2	(Blue) 	Course 2	Course 2	Course 2
J/24 Race 3	(Blue) 	Course 1	Course 1	Course 1
J/24 Race 4	(Blue) 	Course 3	Course 4	Course 3
Non-CSA Rated	(Yellow) 	Course 5	Course 7	Course 9
Cruising Class	(White) 	Course 5	Course 7	Course 9
Racing Class	(Green) 	Course 6	Course 8	Course 10
Multihull	(Pink) 	Course 6	Course 8	Course 10

START TIMES

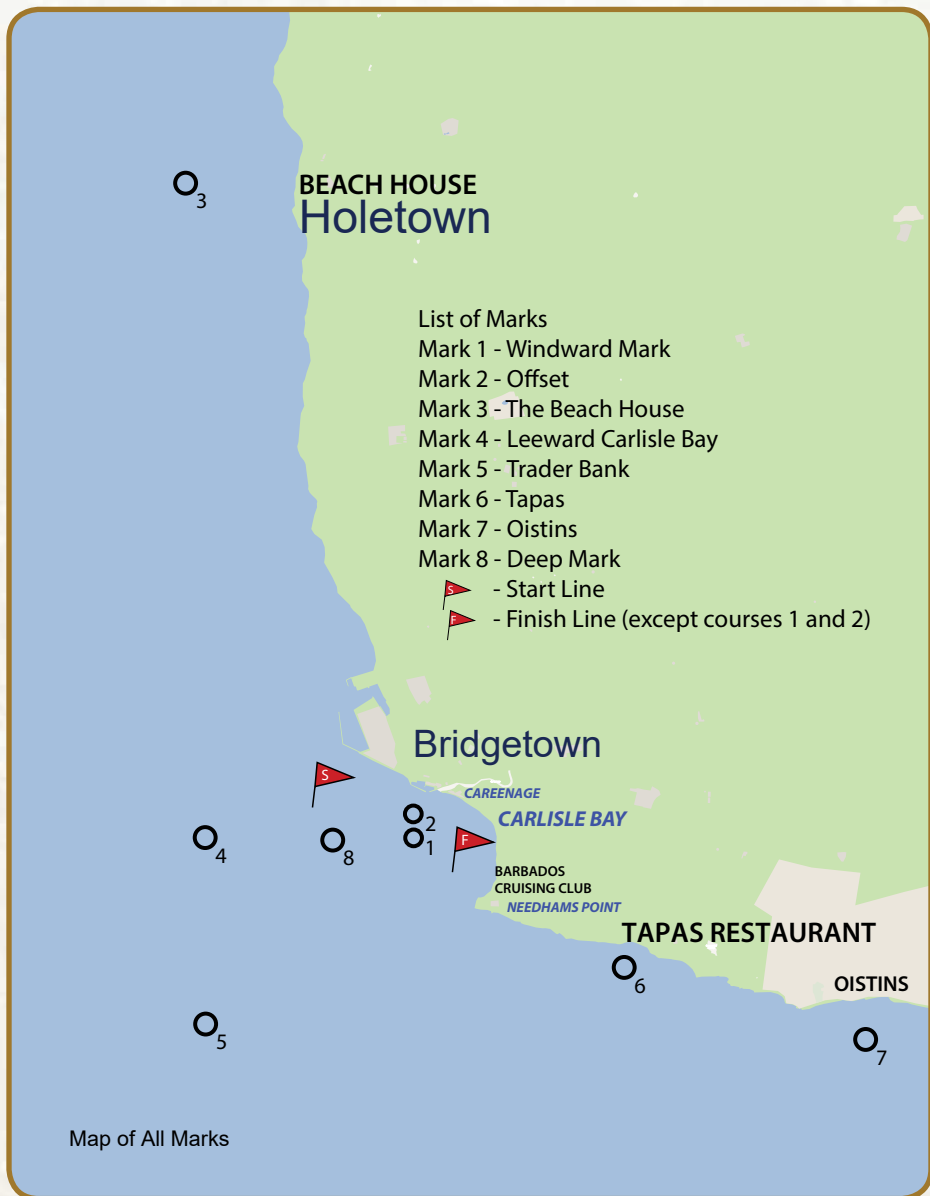
		SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY
J/24 First Race		09:30	09:30	09:30
J/24 Second, Third and Fourth Race		As soon as possible *		
Non-CSA Rated		10:40	10:40	10:40
Cruising Class		10:50	10:50	10:50
Racing Class		11:00	11:00	11:00
Multihull		11:10	11:10	11:10

*Racers will be notified by race officer by VHF

The course to be sailed by each class will be displayed on a panel on the stern of the committee boat and announced by VHF no later than the warning signal.

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MAP OF ALL MARKS



THE MOUNT GAY RUM ROUND BARBADOS RACE

MARKS - APPROXIMATE POSITIONS

Start Line - 13° 05'50N 59° 37'90W (Finish Line Courses 1 and 2)

Mark 1 - 13 °05.33N 59° 36.92W Windward Mark

Mark 2 - 13 °05.36N 59° 36.92W Offset mark

Mark 3 - 13 °10.85N 59° 39.40W The Beach House

Mark 4 - 13 °04.99N 59° 38.70W Leeward Carlisle Bay

Mark 5 - 13 °03.40N 59° 39.93W Trader Bank

Mark 6 - 13 °04.00N 59° 35.69W Tapas

Mark 7 - 13 °03.36N 59° 32.54W Oistins

Mark 8 - 13 °05.00N 59° 37.65W Deep Mark

Finish Line - 13°05'00N 59°37'00W (except Courses 1 and 2)

COURSES

Please also refer to map, opposite page

P=Port, S=Starboard

J/24 CLASS:

Course 1: Start, 1P ,2P ,SP , 1P ,2P, Finish ~ Distance: 4.4NM

Course 2: Start, 1P, 2P, 4P, 1P, 2P, Finish ** ~ Distance: 5.6NM

Course 3: Start, 1P, 2P, 4P, 1P, 2P, 4P, Finish ** ~ Distance: 8.5NM

ALL OTHER CLASSES:

Course 4 - Tapas: Start, 1P, 2P, 4P, 6P, 8S, Finish ~ Distance: 11.1NM

Course 5 - Tapas Start, 1P, 2P, 4P, 5P, 6P, 8S, Finish ~ Distance: 12.6NM

Course 6 - Tapas: Start, 1P, 2P, 4P, 5P, 6P, 5P, 6P, 8S, Finish ~ 18NM

Course 7 - Two Restaurants: Start, 1P, 2P, 3P, 4P, 6P, 8S Finish ~ 21.2NM

Course 8 - Two Restaurants: Start, 1P, 2P, 3P, 4P, 5P, 6P, 8S, Finish ~ 22.7NM

Course 9 - Oistins: Start, 1P, 2P, 4P, 7P, 8S, Finish ~ Distance: 14.2NM

Course 10 - Oistins: Start, 1P, 2P, 4P, 5P, 7P, 8S, Finish ~ Distance: 15.7NM

** No boat is to pass through the start/finish line unless starting or finishing.

THE MOUNT GAY RUM ROUND BARBADOS RACE

January 21st 2016

APPENDIX TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. START LINE

Carlisle Bay between the Mount Gay Rum flag on committee boat (and any trailing dinghies/marks attached to the stern thereof) and the Flag Pole located at the Barbados Cruising Club.

2. FINISH LINE

Carlisle Bay between the Mount Gay Rum flag on committee boat (any trailing dinghies/marks attached to the stern thereof and the Flag Pole located at the Barbados Cruising Club.)

3. STARTING PROCEDURES AND TIMES

The Barbados Cruising Club Burgee will be raised on the committee boat 5 minutes before the first start and lowered at the last start. All starts will be assisted by VHF announcements.

A. PREMATURE STARTS

Premature starters who start within 1 minute of their start will be assessed a 10 minute penalty. Any boat starting MORE than 1 minute before their start time will be scored DSQ.

B. LATE STARTS

Any late starter must keep clear of all yachts starting in their sequence

Starting times will be posted on the official notice board by 4pm January 20th. There will be 3 start groups, with start times of 8am, 9am and 10am. These have been calculated to allow for all boats to reach the finish line between 3:30pm and 5:00pm.

4. COURSE

Around Barbados “north about” in a clockwise direction returning to the same start finish line. Approximately 60 miles. Yachts are requested to call the committee boat on channel 11 approximately 1 mile from the finish.

5. TIME LIMIT Boats that have not finished by 6pm will be scored DNF (Did Not Finish) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35. Yachts retiring from the race or unable to finish before 6pm are requested to notify the committee boat on channel 11 or the safety officer on +1-246-264-4351

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THE BARBADOS TO ANTIGUA OCEAN PASSAGE RACE

January 24th 2016

APPENDIX TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

1. SKIPPER'S BRIEFING

A separate skipper's briefing will be held for participants of the Ocean Passage Race to Antigua at the Radisson Aquatica Resort (situated beside the Barbados Cruising Club) at 6pm on 23rd January 2016.

2. START LINE

Carlisle Bay between the Flag Pole located at the Barbados Cruising Club (BCC) and a Mount Gay Rum tetrahedral mark placed approximately 0.6 NM from the BCC.

3. STARTING PROCEDURES AND TIMES

To be announced at the Skipper's briefing on 23rd January 2013.

A. PREMATURE STARTS

Every effort will be made to contact premature starters on channel 11.

Premature starters will be assessed a 10 minute penalty.

4. COURSE

All islands south of Les Desirade are to be left to port, except Barbados. The finish will be between Fort Charlotte at the Eastern entrance of English Harbour and a buoy to its South West at 16° 59' 85N 61° 45' 80W. In the case that the mark is missing, boats shall leave this position to port. Course length is approximately 265 miles. All yachts are requested to call the race committee on channel 6, 2 miles before the finish.

5. BOATS RETIRING FROM THE RACE

A boat that retires from the race for any reason MUST notify the race committee on channel 11 or by phono to the Barbados Cruising Club Safety Officer on +1-246-264-4351 or, approaching Antigua, on channel 6 or by phone to Antigua Super Yacht Challenge on +1-268-464-2388

6. PROTESTS

Protests must be made in writing and handed to the committee desk located at the Antigua Yacht Club not later than 2 hours after the finishing time of the protestor.

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CHAMBERLAIN BRIDGE FOR INNER BASIN LIFT TIMES

The Chamberlain Bridge is at the east end of the careenage in the town of Bridgetown. Passing through the bridge, there are a number of med-style moorings with power.

To arrange for a mooring, please call: +1-246-264-4368

Friday 15th January - Arrivals

1pm – 1.30pm and by arrangement if boats present and require

Saturday 16th January – Registration /Skippers Briefing

1pm – 1.30pm

3pm – 3.30pm

Sunday – 17th January – Coastal Racing

9am – 9.30am

4pm – 4.30pm

Monday – 18th January – 2 Restaurants Race

9am – 9.30am

4pm – 4.30pm

Tuesday – 19th January – Coastal Racing

9am – 9.30am

4pm – 4.30pm

Wednesday – 20th January – Lay Day

No scheduled opening – by arrangement

Thursday 21st January – Mount Gay Round Barbados Race

6am – 6.30am

9am – 9.30am

5.30pm – 6pm

Friday 22nd January

1pm - 1.30pm

Saturday 23rd January

1pm - 1.30pm

Sunday – 24th January – Antigua Ocean Race

Details at skipper's briefing

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BOAT MEASURING



All entries to Racing, and Cruising Class will require a valid CSA certificate. We encourage all boats that have not already done so to be measured. A list of Caribbean Sailing Association measurers can be found on their website at:

<http://caribbean-sailing.com/csa-rules/measurers>

ALL ABOUT THE BARBADOS CRUISING CLUB



The Barbados Cruising Club was founded by Ian Gale, of The Barbados Advocate in October 1957 in response to restrictive membership practices then in place at the neighbouring Barbados Yacht Club. Founding members included the who's who of Bajan society, most notably the Right Excellent Errol Walton Barrow, who after completing his term as the first club treasurer, went on to lead Barbados to independence from Britain in 1966, becoming the Island's first Prime Minister.

With Barbados' beautiful beaches, crystal blue waters, and perfect sailing conditions, it is the Club's mission to make sailing available to ordinary Barbadians. This is as important to us now as it was back then in 1957.

After many years as a vibrant social and sailing club, the Barbados Cruising Club fell into decline following the turn of the century. By 2006 the Club was effectively bankrupt, with large debts and few members. But those members never gave up and their persistence and determination paid off. A steering committee was created to guide the club back to life. Through their hard work, and partnerships with local businesses the Cruising Club was given a new lease of life.

The Club today is almost unrecognisable from the Cruising Club of 2006. Major renovations started in 2009, and continued through 2010. Our membership numbers grow month on month. The Cruising Club is now proudly back in its place as a vibrant South Coast hub, with regular sailing and social events.

Although our decor has changed and our facilities improved, the core values and aims of the Club have not. We are a totally inclusive club that welcomes members both locally and internationally. We strive to share the 'sailing bug' throughout Barbados. We recognise the special place that Errol Barrow holds in our history through the name of the bar, "Dipper's", his nickname, and also by hosting The Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race on Errol Barrow Day, January 21st annually.



SEE YOU NEXT YEAR! - SAME DATES, SAME GREAT ISLAND!

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