



MIAMI - MONTEGO BAY
PINEAPPLE CUP RACE
2025

1 MANAGEMENT

- 1.1 The Pineapple Cup is organized by the Montego Bay Yacht Club and the Jamaica Sailing Association. With cooperation from the Miami Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The Montego Bay Yacht Club will appoint a Race Director and a Race Committee. The Race Committee shall have the authority to interpret the rules and conditions of the race and related activities, and to reject the entry of any boat at any time prior to the start of the race.

2 RULES. Racing will be governed by:

- 2.1 The current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). If there is one-design racing and there is a conflict between the Class Rules and the RRS, Class Rules shall apply.
- 2.2 US SAILING prescriptions and the US Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for offshore races.
- 2.3 The Current ORC Regulations including the ORC Multihull Rule. ORC boats equipped and rated with water ballast, canting keel and powered winches may use same. This modifies RRS 51 and 52.
- 2.4 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the rules of Part 2 are replaced with the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS).
- 2.5 The US SAILING Prescriptions to the RRS will apply.
- 2.6 The PHRF of Southeast Florida, Rules and Regulations as may be amended by the Race Committee.
- 2.7 Crew limits for PHRF boats shall be as listed on their current valid certificate, plus one.

3 EQUIPMENT, INSPECTION and SAFETY

- 3.1 All competing boats shall carry the appropriate hard copy, nautical charts covering the race course.
- 3.2 US SAILING prescriptions and the US Safety Equipment Requirements (SER) for offshore races with the following changes or additions:
 - 3.2.1 Sufficient fuel to provide range under power of at least 75 miles.
 - 3.2.2 A boat shall carry adequate inflatable life raft(s) designed for saving life at sea with designed capacity for containing the entire crew. The raft shall be certified by the manufacturer or manufacturer-authorized inspection certificate as compliant with ISO 9650-1, or SOLAS, or ISAF (if made before 2016), or ORC (if made before January 1, 2004). Each raft shall be stored in such a way that it is capable of being launched within 15 seconds
- 3.3 The Race Committee has the right, without prior warning, to inspect any boat before the start and after the finish of the race. It may reject any entry or deny an award on its findings.
- 3.4 Boats are reminded of the skills requirements under section 4 of the US Safety Equipment Requirements.

4 ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The 2025 Pineapple Cup – Montego Bay Race invites boats whose owner/charterer is a member of a recognized yacht club or his or her national governing authority.
- 4.2 This event is open to boats of no less than 30'(feet) Length Overall.
- 4.3 **ORC** rated boats with a LOA of 30 feet minimum, having submitted a completed entry form, and a valid ORC Certificate are invited.
- 4.4 **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 2025 PHRF Certificate obtained from PHRF of Southeast Florida are invited. 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.

- 4.5 A **Multihull** class will be offered for ocean racing / cruising type boats at least 30' (feet) LOA minimum with enclosed cabins and permanent accommodations.

4.5.1 Multihull boats must have a current valid ORC Multihull rating certificate.

The Race Committee will accept Classes with an established Class Association and with entries of five or greater.

- 4.6 Boats may enter as **Double-handed**. Power-driven winches and furlers, and mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices will be permitted in the Double-Handed Division. This modifies RRS 52.
- 4.7 The Race Committee may review a yacht's eligibility or configuration limitations and decide to accept, or reject, a yacht's entry even though it may or may not meet the requirements of the NOR.

5 ENTRY and ENTRY FEES

- 5.1 The entry deadline for the 2025 Pineapple Cup – Montego Bay Race shall be Tuesday, January 1st, 2025. Entries may be completed By following the link online at <http://www.pineapplecup.com>, or at www.yachtscoring.com
- 5.2 To be eligible to race, A completed entry, signed waiver forms, a full and accurate crew list including names, addresses and emergency contact information along with an equipment declaration form and the prescribed entry fee for each boat must be received by the Race Committee prior to the final entry deadline of January 1st, 2025
- 5.3 Pineapple Cup entry fee is \$750.00 + \$20 per foot of LOA.
- 5.4 A Late Entry Fee of \$500.00 shall be assessed to those entering after 1700 EST on January 1st, 2025
- 5.5 Entry fees will be refunded at 80% upon request Prior to January 1st 2025.

- 5.6 Yachts from recognized academies and bonafide charities will be offered complementary entry upon approval by the race committee. A request to waive the entry fee must be submitted to the Race committee in writing.

6 CLASSES

- 5.1 Class Splits will be announced prior to the start.

7 STAGGERED STARTS

Starts will be staggered over two days. Classes with a APH rating less than 450 Will start on Sunday January 26th.

8 SCHEDULE

- 8.1 A Skipper's Meeting will be held on Friday, January 24th, 2025, at the Miami Yacht Club at 1730 hours.
- 8.2 The first signal for yachts Starting on Saturday January 25th, 2025, will be at 1100 hours.
- 8.3 The first warning signal for yachts starting on Sunday January 26th, 2025, will be at 1400.
- 8.4 Welcome Party, Thursday January 30th, 2025, at The Montego Bay Yacht Club.
- 8.5 The inter-boat golf challenge will be Friday January 31st, 2025.
- 8.6 Prize Giving will be held on Saturday February 1st, 2025, at The Montego Bay Yacht Club.

9 THE COURSE

- 9.1 The course to be sailed shall be from a Start line in the vicinity of Government Cut, Miami, through the Bahamas Islands to the finish line off Montego Bay, Jamaica, leaving Great Isaac (including Northeast Rock and East Brother), Great Stirrup, Eleuthera Island, Long Island, and Cuba to Starboard. Specific locations for the start and finish line will be included in the Sailing instructions. The official course length is 806NM.
- 9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of an inflatable mark at the port end. The location of the starting area will be

approximately in position 25.805833N, 80.095W

- 9.3 The finish line will be in the approximate position 18.50416667N and 77.93305556W, Details of the finish line and finishing procedure will be stated in the sailing instructions.

10 COURSE RECORD

The course record will be recognized on an elapsed time basis. Elapsed time being from a yacht's official start time until the yacht crosses the finish line. The current course record of 2days, 10hrs, 24min, and 42sec set in 2005 by "Titan 12".

11 CUBAN TERRITORIAL WATERS

At no time shall any competing yacht enter the 12 nautical mile territorial waters limit surrounding Cuba.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 In the case of a protest involving Part 2 of the Rules, OSR or the COLREGS, the boat found at fault, instead of being disqualified may, at the option of the Protest Committee, be assessed an alternative penalty determined by the Protest Committee in its sole discretion. This changes RRS 64.1.

13 SCORING

- 13.1 It is the intent for ORC classes to be scored using the ORC Weather Routing Scoring (WRS) method.
- 13.2 For **PHRF** division, scores will be calculated using time on time.

14 TRACKING

Yellow brick trackers will be issued to each yacht and must be returned to race management upon arrival in Montego Bay. A fee will be charged for lost trackers.

15 LIMITATIONS ON WEATHER AND OCEANOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

- 15.1 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 from, any source not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.

15.2 Use of cloud based routing services are prohibited.

16 PRIZES

SILVER PINEAPPLE CUP PERPETUAL TROPHY - For 1st overall corrected time ORC monohull.

ROBERT McNEIL MOBAY COURSE CHALLENGE TROPHY - For the 1st monohull boat to break the Montego Bay Race 811 nm course record of 2 days, 10hrs, 24min, and 42sec set in 2005 by "Titan 12".

FELIX HUNTER-ANDRE CUP – For the 1st PHRF boat to finish.????

SILVER ROSE BOWL PERPETUAL TROPHY - For 1st monohull boat to finish.

SILVER SEAHORSE PERPETUAL – For 1st overall corrected time PHRF rated boat.

ARAWAK PERPETUAL TROPHY – For 1st overall corrected time Multihull MASF rated boat.

E.J. GARMHAUSEN PERPETUAL TROPHY - For 1st overall corrected time ORC & PHRF navigators. (Shared)

CLASS TROPHIES - For 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each class.

16.1 **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

16.2 All trophies are the property of Montego Bay Yacht Club and will remain at the Montego Bay Yacht Club.

16.3 To be eligible for an award a yacht must have a crew member that sailed in the race present at the Prize Giving.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers including Montego Bay Yacht club, The Storm Trysail Club, Manuka Sports Event Management, the Race Committee, employees, contractors, sponsors, volunteers, or any other affiliated organization or official will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation before and during this event in both on the water and shore side activities to the fullest extent permitted by law.

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