



2009 PINEAPPLE CUP MONTEGO BAY RACE

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 6th, 2009

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1.0 RULES GOVERNING THE RACE: The 2009 Pineapple Cup – Montego Bay Race will be governed by the *rules* as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (*RRS*), including only the US SAILING Prescriptions for Rules 68, and 76.1, the 2009 IRC Rules, and the PHRF of Southeast Florida Rules & Regulations as adopted and amended by the Pineapple Cup Race Committee, except as modified in this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, including any properly posted amendments to the above.

1.1 SAFETY EQUIPMENT: All boats shall conform to the current International Sailing Federation Special Regulations Governing Offshore and Oceanic Equipment and Preparation, including US Sailing Prescriptions, **Category 2**. Life rafts are not required to have a canopy or insulated floor. All competing boats shall carry hard copies of the appropriate NOAA charts covering the race course.

1.2 NIGHT SAILING: Between the hours of local sunset and sunrise, *RRS* Part 2 will be replaced by **Part B, The Steering and Sailing Rules**, of the **International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS)**.

1.3 RENDERING ASSISTANCE: Observance of *RRS* 1.1, Helping Those In Danger is mandatory. A boat failing to comply shall be subject to protest that may result in penalties or disqualification. At the discretion of a Jury, an elapsed time credit may be given to a boat complying with *RRS* 1.1. Specific attention is directed to *RRS* Fundamental Rules 1.1 & 4, which state:

(1.1.) A boat or competitor shall give all possible help to any person or vessel in danger.

(4.) The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.

2.0 STARTING LINE: The Start Line will be established approximately 1 mile South of Port Everglades Inlet, and approximately 1/2 mile offshore. The start line will be between an inflatable race mark, and a staff on the Race Committee Signal Boat displaying an orange flag.

3.0 START: First Warning signal at 1400 hours, Friday, February 6th, 2009.

The starting sequence and Division/Class breaks for the Pineapple Cup fleet will be published on or before February 5th, 2009, and distributed at the Skipper's Meeting.

3.1 LATE START: Any boat not starting within 30 minutes of her start time will be scored DNC (did not compete) unless permission to start at a later time has been obtained from the Race Committee prior to the first Warning Signal.

4.0 RECALLS: Recalls will be made in accordance with *RRS* 29. The Race Committee will endeavor to inform premature starters by hail on VHF channel 68. Failure to make or receive such a call will not relieve a boat of the responsibility to make a proper start. Any boat(s) over early and failing to heed a recall by not properly restarting will be penalized one hour elapsed time.

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5.0 COURSE: From the Start Line, through the Bahama islands to the Finish Line off Montego Bay, Jamaica, leaving Great Issac (including Northeast Rock and East Brother), Great Sturup, Eleuthera Island, Long Island, and Cuba to Starboard.

6.0 PENALTY FOR BREAKING RULES OF RRS PART 2: The Two Turns Penalty shall not apply.

6.1 SCORING PENALTY: The scoring Penalty, *RRS* Rule 44.3 (a) will apply. The penalty for accepting a penalty by displaying a yellow flag in accordance with *RRS* 44.3 (a) shall be one (1) percent of a boat's elapsed time added to her corrected time. This changes *RRS* Rule 44.3 (c).

6.2 ALTERNATIVE PENALTY: At the discretion of the Protest Committee, as an alternative to disqualification, the penalty assessed by the protest committee for an infraction of *RRS* Part 2 shall be no less than five (5) percent of a boat's elapsed time added to her corrected time. This changes *RRS* Rule 44.3 (c).

7.0 RACE TRACKING: All boats are required to carry a race tracking device in accordance with Appendix "A" to these Sailing Instructions. Failure to carry a supplied device or disabling the device during the race may result in disqualification.

8.0 FINISH: The Montego Bay Yacht Club Race Committee will be aboard a Jamaica Defense Force Boat at the Finish Line.

8.1 FINISH LINE: The Finish Line will bear 114° true between a Jamaica Defense Force vessel and a Yellow Buoy (FI G. 5 miles) anchored approximately 1/2 mile off Montego Bay Airport. The approximate coordinates of the Yellow Buoy as advised by the Jamaica Port Authority are 18° 30.255 North and 77° 55.990 West. If the Jamaica Defense Force vessel is not able to hold station the Race Committee will be on shore, and boats should finish within 50 yards of the Yellow Buoy (FI G. 5 miles), leaving it to starboard. The Finish Line will bear 114° true from the Yellow Buoy to a rotating aero beacon at the airport.

9.0 CALL IN: Approximately 5 miles out from the finish, yachts should make a warning call to the Montego Bay Yacht Club Race Committee on VHF channel 68, announcing the boat name and sail number. The call will be acknowledged by the Race Committee on station.

9.1 NIGHT FINISH: Boats finishing at night shall shine a bright light on their sail numbers continuously from within 2 minutes of their finish until 1 minute after their finish and confirm their finish with the Race Committee on VHF channel 68 immediately after finishing.

10.0 FINISH DECLARATION FORM: Each Navigator shall log the boat's actual Eastern Standard Time of finish and the boat's elapsed time for the race, and enter it on the Finish Declaration Form provided by the Race Committee. The Finish Declaration Form must be delivered to the Race Committee Duty Officer at the MBYC upon arrival at the Yacht Club docks.

11.0 ADVISORY: Boats are advised to sail in a westerly direction well beyond the finish line to ensure that they have actually crossed the line, and are advised NOT to sail below a course of 200° from the finish line until the lights of Montego Bay are in sight.

12.0 CONDUCT ASHORE: The Skipper shall be responsible for the conduct of the crew. In the event of a serious breach of conduct, destruction of property, or failure to comply with a request to remove a boat or crew from the premises, the Race Committee may reject or rescind a boat's entry, and hold the boat owner or skipper financially responsible for damages. The boat may be barred from competition in any race sponsored by the Storm Trysail Club or Montego Bay Yacht Club. Any such incident shall be referred to a Protest Committee for consideration under *RRS* 69, "Gross Misconduct".



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APPENDIX "A" TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

RACE TRACKING DEVICES:

1.0 RACE TRACKING: The Organizing Authority has contracted with Horizon Marine to track competing boats with iBoattrack, a GPS enabled tracking system. The iBoattrack fee of **\$195** per vessel participating in the race, for hourly signals plus the cost of shipping the trackers to Fort Lauderdale, FL is included in each boat's entry fee.

2.0 TRACKER DEPOSIT: The skipper or owner of each boat must fill out a "Tracker Deposit Form". This form is a statement of accountability for the tracker used by the skipper during the race. The process consists of a URL link that is emailed to each entrant to be filled out and submitted (by clicking the submit button). Each racer enters their personal information (Name, Boat Name, Address, Telephone Numbers, Email, etc.) as well as a credit card number and expiration date to ensure the tracker's safety. This credit card number will not be charged the \$495 tracker deposit fee *unless* the racer loses or destroys the tracker during their possession. It is important to note that if a racer has not submitted their information by race day, he or she will *not* receive a tracker.

3.0 TRACKER DELIVERY & MOUNTING: Each entrant will receive his or her tracker at the Skipper's Meeting registration area. Each tracker will be individually boxed and labeled by assigned boat name. Tracker Mounting Instructions will be included within each tracker's box for the participant's reference. Each tracker will be pre-programmed to transmit once every hour starting the evening before the race begins. Each tracker must remain on each boat throughout the duration of the race. A tracking and mapping service will be provided (at no extra charge) for those who wish to be tracked home. Each racer is responsible for sending the tracker back to Horizon Marine by the due date labeled on the tracker (typically 30-35 days after the first day of the race).