

28th January – 1st February 2011

Notice of Race

1. ORGANISATION

1.1 The Grenada Sailing Festival 2011 is organized by Grenada Sailing Festival Inc. under the auspices of the Grenada Sailing Association. Race Headquarters is located at the Grenada Sailing Festival Office, at Port Louis Marina, Lagoon Road, St. George's, Grenada.

2. RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined by the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, the 2010 CSA Rules, 2010 IRC Rules, and J-24 Rules including any changes in the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 With respect to Appendix 1 – ISAF Advertising Code, the advertising category for GSA competitors shall be category "C", competitors from other MNA's racing under the CSA rating rule are deemed to be a class with respect to section 20.5 and their category shall be category "C".

3. ENTRIES

3.1 Entry Forms and information may be obtained from:

Grenada Sailing Festival Inc. P O Box 98, St. George's, Grenada Tel: (473) 440-4809

E-mail: gsail@spiceisle.com

Website: www.grenadasailingfestival.com

3.2 Eligible yachts may be entered by sending a completed entry form, by e-mail, post, or by hand, together with the appropriate fee, and a copy of a valid 2010 CSA or IRC Certificate. J-24 must submit a signed copy of the J-24 Class Declaration, available on this web site, with their entry form

3.3 Fees: All classes US\$100.00. Payment should be by certified bankers cheque or credit card, payable to "Grenada Sailing Festival Inc."

3.4 Entries must be received by 12.00 noon on Friday 28th January. E-mailed entries will be accepted, provided the original documentation and entry fees are received by the entry deadline. Entries received thereafter may be accepted at the discretion of the Organizing Authority, for an additional fee of US\$25.00.

4. CLASSES:

4.1 Yachts may enter to sail in the following Categories:

IRC RACING: Sails must comply with RRS and IRC Rules.

CSA Rated Classes: Sails must comply with RRS and CSA Rules.

Racing

Cruising: Spinnakers are not permitted.

Charter: Boats must be part of a recognized charter fleet and must be sailed as normally equipped by the Charter Company. Headsails shall not be poled out. Spinnaker poles or other forms of bearing out spars are not allowed. Yachts must carry all the equipment normally carried on a bare boat charter except for the dinghy and its motor, oars and fuel tank. Biminis may be removed and sail covers may be tied down to the boom but not removed. Any boat found to be stripped or lightened may be subject to a penalty imposed by the International Jury. Yachts must comply with all safety requirements including "No part of an anchor shall overhang the bow while racing".

Fun Racing: Boats may be assigned a temporary rating based on a limited measurement and valid only for this regatta; spinnakers are not permitted.

Multi Hull: Sails must comply with RRS Rules.

J-24: Must comply with the J-24 Class Declaration

Consideration will be given to PHRF, Level Racing, or other classes, provided there is a minimum of five entries in that category.

4.2 Classes, including the number of classes, any division of classes, the assignment of a yacht to a particular class, the grouping of classes to start together, and Courses to be sailed by each class will be determined after the close of registration by a Committee appointed by the Organizing Authority. The decisions of this Committee shall be final.

4.3 A list of boats by class, the flag for each class and the group they start with, will be posted by 1800 on Friday 28 January on the Official Festival Notice Board situated at Race Headquarters, and given to each skipper at the Skippers Briefing.

4.3.1 Each yacht will receive a class flag and numbers at the Skipper's Briefing.

4.3.2 Class flags shall be flown from the backstay above the level of the pulpit.

4.4 Skippers Briefing will be at 1800 on Friday 28th January at The Victory Bar, Port Louis Marina

4.5 Schedule of Races and first warning. 7 Races are scheduled. Number of races each day to be determined by Race Committee

Saturday 29 January	Mount Gay Series	0930
Sunday 30 January	Ocean Race	0930
Monday 31 January	True Blue Bay Resort Pursuit Race (Not part of GSF Series) Port Louis to True Blue Bay	0830
Monday 31 January	Budget Marine South Coast Ocean Series Following Pursuit Race	
Tuesday 1 February	Camper & Nicholsons Port Louis Series	0930

J-24 Class May sail more races and in different areas than the other Classes..

5. MEASUREMENT/RATING CERTIFICATES

A certified CSA measurer will be on site from Monday 24th. January and will measure boats on a "First come, first serve" basis.

Appointments for measurement can be made by contacting the Grenada Sailing Festival Office.

It is the sole responsibility of the skipper to meet the entry requirements, including ensuring that the boat has a valid IRC Rating, CSA Rating or J-24 Class Declaration.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTION DISTRIBUTION

Sailing Instructions will be available to boats that have completed registration and paid the entry fee to the Secretariat (once the instructions are available in that office).

7. PENALTIES

For CSA and IRC classes, rules 44.1 (a) is changed so that only one turn penalty is required for breaking a Rule of Part 2. J-24 Class may also take a scoring penalty under RRS 44.3 Protests will be heard by an International Jury, appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N whose decisions shall be final as provided in RRS 70.5

8. SCORING

The low point scoring system of Appendix A shall be used.

9. PRIZES:

Trophies and Prizes will be presented to the first three places in each class. Trophies & Prizes will also be presented to the Overall Winners in each Class & to the Overall Festival Winner.

10. COMMITTEE DESK

A Committee desk and the Official Festival Notice Board will be located at Race Headquarters prior to and throughout the event. Protests will be heard at Race Headquarters at a location set up solely for that purpose.

11. RADIO

During office hours, Race Headquarters keeps listening watch on VHF channel 11 & 16. Race Committee working channel will be noted in the Sailing Instructions.

12. DOCKSIDE SERVICES

Berthing, electricity, fuel and laundry services are available at Port Louis Marina.

13. GSF Inc. reserves the right to amend this notice. Any amendments will be posted on the event website and on the official Notice Board at Race Headquarters.

