



BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival

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FULL MOON RACE

March 27, 2018

Sailing Instructions

Official Notice and Conditions of Race

The Organizing Authority is the BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival Committee and the Royal BVI Yacht Club.

This will be the first triennial full moon distance race through the spectacular British Virgin Islands encompassing all of the outlying islands including Anegada, Virgin Gorda, Tortola, Jost Van Dyke and the Tobagos, a distance of approximately 165 nautical miles.

Entry into the FULL MOON RACE automatically enters the boat and crew for the Round Tortola Race, which will be the first leg of the Full Moon Race. Boats entered into the Full Moon Race will be scored in both races and are eligible for prizes in both races, including the Nanny Cay Cup for the fastest elapsed time in a monohull and multihull around Tortola.

1. RULES

- 1.1. **Rules and Conditions that apply.** The BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival FULL MOON RACE will be governed by the following:
 - 1.1.1. World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing except as altered by these sailing instructions.
 - 1.1.2. CSA Rating Rule 2018
 - 1.1.3. Multihull Rating Advisory Committee
 - 1.1.4. Any Alternate Rating rules as approved by the Organizing Authority
 - 1.1.5. The class rules of those classes sailing as one-design.
 - 1.1.6. Sailing Instructions of the Full Moon Race for and on behalf of the Royal BVI Yacht Club as the National Authority.
 - 1.1.7. The Notice of Race
- 1.2. **Advertising.** Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 1.3. **Changes to the Rules.** RRS are altered in the sailing instructions as follows:
 - 1.3.1. RRS 52 will not apply.
 - 1.3.2. RRS 44.2 is changed so that only one turn is required.
 - 1.3.3. RRS 29.1 is changed. Recalls may be made by radio.

1.4. **International Regulations for Prevention of Collision at Sea**

- 1.4.1. Except when changed in the Sailing Instructions, the rules of Part 2 shall not apply between the times of local sunset and local sunrise and shall be replaced with the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS (International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea).
- 1.4.2. Local Sunset and Sunrise time is 1831 hours and 0615 hours respectively.
- 1.4.3. Lights and fog signals shall comply with IRCPAS and are required at all times in conditions of limited visibility. Lights shall be shown at all times between local sunset and sunrise. This changes rule 48.1.

2. **NOTICE TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Notices to Competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the Regatta Village near the Registration Tent.

3. **CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 0800 hr on the day it will take effect, except any change to the race schedule will be posted by 2000 hr on the day before it will take effect.

4. **SAFETY**

- 4.1. **Person in Charge.** The attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation 1.02.1 which reads: "... 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 insure that the boat is fully found, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced and appropriately trained crew who are physically fit to face prevailing weather. The person in charge shall also assign a person to take over his responsibilities in the event of his incapacitation.
- 4.2. **Boat and Crew.** The OA may refuse to allow any boat to race if in its opinion the boat is insufficiently crewed or equipped or is otherwise not seaworthy or unsuitable for the course to be sailed, even though it meets minimum safety requirements. The OA will state the reason for its decision as required by RRS 76.1 which decision will then be final.
- 4.3. **Marine or Medical Emergency.** The USCG San Juan maintain a 24-hour sea watch on VHF CH 16. They operate in close coordination with to provide assistance with VISAR, Virgin Island Search and Rescue to provide assistance when needed. VISAR may also be contacted in an emergency 24 hours a day by mobile phone at **+1 (284) 499 0911**.
- 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."
- 4.5. **Nautical Charts.** All competing boats shall carry the appropriate hard copy nautical charts covering the Race Course.
- 4.6. **VHF Transceiver.** Operative VHF transceiver shall be aboard. (DSC and GMDSS equipped VHF radios are encouraged.)
- 4.7. **Mobile Phone.** Each boat shall carry a working mobile phone that is registered with the Race Committee and capable of receiving communication during the duration of the race.
- 4.8. **Offshore Crew List.** An Offshore Crew list complete with full *Emergency Contact* details shall be supplied to the Organizing Authority when registering.

5. CLASSES

- 5.1. **Classes** will consist of Racing, Cruising, and Multihull.
- 5.2. **Assignment to Classes.** Assignment of yachts to a particular class rests entirely with the Race Committee whose decision will be final.
- 5.3. **Additional Classes.** The Race Committee reserves the right to create additional classes if needed.

6. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE

- 6.1. **Skippers Meeting.** A Skipper's Meeting will be held on Monday, March 26, 2018 in the Regatta Village at 1730 hours.
- 6.2. **Warning Signal.** The first Warning Signal will be at 1000 hours on Tuesday, March 27, 2018.
- 6.3. **Schedule of Races**

Class	Warning	Start	Class Flag
Multihull	1000 hrs	1005 hrs	Pennant "1"
Bareboat	1010 hrs	1015 hrs	Pennant "2"
Cruising	1020 hrs	1025 hrs	Pennant "3"
Racing	1030 hrs	1035 hrs	Pennant "4"

7. RACING AREA

- 7.1. **Course.** The course to be sailed shall be from a Start Line in the vicinity of the entrance to Nanny Cay, around Tortola, thence through the British Virgin Islands Archipelago to a Finish line off the entrance to Nanny Cay. Specific locations for the start and finish line, marks and waypoints will be found in Appendix A. The distance is approximately 165 NM.

8. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

A yacht intending to protest, or request redress must submit her protest to the Protest Desk during the protest time limit. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the race in her class This changes rules 61.3 and 62.2. For non-Part 2 rule infringements, the protest committee may assign a penalty other than DSQ.

For the purpose of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the measurer appointed by the organising authority.

9. PENALTIES

- 9.1. **When IRPCAS Rules apply.** When the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS apply (between the hours of local sunset and sunrise) a scoring penalty applies.
- 9.2. **Scoring Penalty.** When a scoring penalty applies it will be 10 minutes added to the boat's elapsed time. Serious damage, injury or having gained a significant advantage by breaking a rule may result in an additional penalty or disqualification.
- 9.3. **Exceptions.** Except when a scoring penalty applies, a boat may take a One Turn Penalty as permitted in RRS 42.2 and modified by paragraph 1.4.2.
- 9.4. **International Jury.** An International Jury may be convened in accordance with RRS 70.5, denying the right to appeal and which will have discretion over penalties other than for infringements of RRS Part 2 rules.

10. COMMUNICATION

- 10.1. **CH 16.** All vessels shall provide a continuous monitor of VHF **CH 16**.
- 10.2. Official communications and time checks while boats are in the starting area will be made on **CH 69**.
- 10.3. All boats shall provide the Race Committee (RC) with a progress report via mobile phone while sailing between the waypoints off Horseshoe Reef. The RC mobile phone number is **+1(284) 540-2077**
- 10.4. All boats shall notify the RC on VHF **CH 69** or by mobile phone of their approximate position after leaving Peter Island to Port and before finishing.

11. PRIZES

- 11.1. Prizes will be awarded for each class. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee and Sponsors. Prizes will be awarded in the village on Wednesday March 28th at 1730 hr. The Round Tortola Race, part of the overall Full Moon Race includes the Nanny Cay Challenge. Record breakers of the Round Tortola Race can celebrate with a free dinner along with up to 15 crew members and a jeroboam of champagne compliments of Nanny Cay. The Nanny Cay Challenge entry fee is waived for this event. Additional information can be found by going to <http://nannycay.com/nanny-cay-challenge>

12. LIABILITY

- 12.1. Competitors participate in this race entirely at their own risk and are reminded to pay special attention to RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Race Organizers, 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.