



2018 ST BARTHS BUCKET REGATTA

2018 St Barths Bucket Notice of Race

15 – 18 March, 2018

The St Barths Bucket Regatta is an invitational regatta. The regatta is open to cruising yachts whose length is 30.5 meters or greater, unless invited under the 'grandfather clause' or in the 90' Class (NOR Part 2, Section 6). The 2018 regatta will offer a 'Corinthian Spirit (*Les Voiles Blanche*)' class (NOR Part 2, Section 6). Safe sailing is the highest priority of the organizing authority, therefore, an invitation will be extended to those eligible yachts whose owners, Captains, crews and guests endeavor to make this a safe and enjoyable event. Part 1 of this notice deals with general administrative information and Part 2 with the rules and conditions of the regatta.

PART 1 GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The 2018 St Barths Bucket Regatta is organized by Bucket Events SAS, St Barthélemy, FWI.

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2 RACE WEEK WEBSITE

Periodic updates and the latest information on the regatta can be found on the event website: www.bucketregatta.com

3 RACE OFFICE

The Bucket Race Office will be located under the marquee at the quay in the port of Gustavia with back-office operations located upstairs at the Capitainerie.

4 CAPTAINS' BRIEFING

The pre-regatta Captains' Briefing will be held at 1700 on Thursday, 15 March under the marquee at the quay. The Captain's Briefing for J Class yachts will be held at 0900 on Wednesday, 14 March. Each yacht shall be represented by her Captain, Racing Tactician and Designated RRS Safety Afterguard Member (if different than the Racing Tactician).

5 DOCKAGE

5.1 The St Barthélemy Port Authority in Gustavia has kindly reserved the entire quay for the St Barths Bucket participants. There will be space alongside for 22-24 yachts. Anchoring out may be necessary for some yachts.

5.2 Please indicate your dockage preference on the Entry Application. The Port Authority, in collaboration with the organizing authority, will decide the assigned dockage after receiving all applications.

5.3 All initial requests and inquiries regarding dockage should be directed to the organizing authority. The final determination of yachts to be alongside, and their location, is strictly at the discretion of the Port Authority. All yachts dockside are expected to participate in the Fleet Open House (Yacht Hop), a longstanding Bucket tradition. In recent years adjustments to the Fleet Open House has resulted in more effective control regarding access to the participating yachts.

6 ST BARTHS ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRAVEL

St. Barth Properties: Preferred Villa & Hotel Rental Partner

Contact bucketvip@stbarth.com and use booking code: BUCKETVIP. Call Toll Free +1- 800-421-3396 or +1-508-528-7727

Tradewind Aviation: Premium Scheduled Service and Charter Flights

For information and online bookings, please visit: www.flytradewind.com

Preferred supplier details and contact information are posted on the event website: www.bucketregatta.com

7 MEDIA RIGHTS

Each participant gives right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, as well as representation of their yacht in any media world-wide (television, print, video footage, and internet media) for the purposes of press information, reporting, promoting and disseminating information. For all media, the yacht owner's name shall not be published without obtaining permission from the organizing authority or the yacht owner directly. The owner shall be referred to as "the owner of *Yacht Name*."

8 INSURANCE

- 8.1 It is a required condition of entry that each yacht shall be insured by a reputable insurance company for physical loss of, or damage to, the yacht up to the current market value of the yacht and all its equipment onboard and also insured for Third Party Liability risks up to €5,000,000 (or the equivalent in other currencies) for the period of the regatta set forth in the schedule (NOR Part 2, Section 8).
- 8.2 The captain shall ensure that a Certificate(s) of Insurance (in English) reflecting the above required insurance requirements is carried on board the yacht at all times during the regatta. The yacht's insurer(s) shall be notified of the yacht's participation in the regatta and provided with a copy of the regatta's notice of race and Bucket Disclaimer of Liability Form.

9 PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Invoices and payment instructions are available upon request to: jeanne@bucketregattas.com

PART 2 RACING RULES AND CONDITIONS

1 MANAGEMENT

The St Barths Bucket is organized by Bucket Events SAS, St Barthélemy, FWI. The event is affiliated with and sanctioned by the Fédération Française de Voile (FFV).

2 RULES

The St Barths Bucket will be governed by:

- a) The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
- b) The prescriptions of the Fédération Française de Voile (FFV);
- c) Appendix SY to the RRS (Exhibit 2);
- d) The ORC Superyacht Rule (ORCs) - www.orc.org/superyacht;
- e) Adjustments to the ORCs for the 'Corinthian Spirit' (*Les Voiles Blanche*) class - www.orc.org/superyacht;
- f) The current J Class Rules and interpretations;
- g) The safety requirements designated by the yacht's flag state, classification society and/or code of compliance;
- h) Any applicable local maritime authority rules and regulations;
- i) If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

Note: RRS 55 (Trash Disposal) will be in effect. Disposable sail stops for spinnakers are not allowed.

3 SAFE RACING

- 3.1 The organizing authority takes a proactive stance on safe racing, prudent seamanship and good sportsmanship. Safe racing, rule compliance and rule enforcement are the responsibilities of everyone involved in superyacht racing. The level of sportsmanship at Bucket events has set a standard in superyacht racing and the race committee fully expects the same level of mutual respect between competitors. Accordingly, participants are required to:
- a) Ensure that the safety of their guests, crew and yacht is their primary consideration during the regatta;
 - b) Comply with all rules of the regatta;
 - c) Comply with all rules and regulations that apply to the yacht by virtue of its flag, classification society or other code of compliance (and have on board all valid and up-to-date certificates) and/or any local maritime authority's decree that may apply to the yacht at the time of the regatta;
 - d) Have due regard for any commercial shipping;
 - e) Be courteous to all other participating yachts, the organizing authority and its representatives, as well as all other vessels encountered on the racecourse;
 - f) Sign and submit a Daily Declaration Form with the race office promptly after completion of each race specifying any safety related incidents and/or breaches of the RRS or other rules of the regatta involved in or observed.
- 3.2 This Notice of Race sends the implicit message that the focus is on safe racing, not competitive advantage. It reinforces the fact that the St Barths Bucket Regatta is a congenial racing event. If the organizing authority receives corroborative or substantiated reports of a yacht being handled in an overly aggressive, un-seamanlike or unsafe manner, they may declare the yacht, the RRS Safety Afterguard Member or the Racing Tactician ineligible for future Bucket regattas.
- ### **4 DESIGNATED RRS SAFETY AFTERGUARD MEMBER COMPLIANCE**
- 4.1 Each yacht shall designate one member of the afterguard who is currently active with and has a thorough understanding of The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and submit the completed Compliance Form no later than 1 February 2018 (Exhibit 3). If the RRS Safety Afterguard Member submitted a form at a previous regatta and the name is listed on the SYRA website superyra.org/after-guard, then the yacht is not required to resubmit the form. Details of the requirements are posted on the event website and will be distributed to all captains via email. The organizing authority can assist entrants in the 'Corinthian Spirit' (*Les Voiles Blanche*) class to find an experienced RRS Safety Afterguard Member.
- 4.2 Compliance Forms will be reviewed by the organizing authority prior to 15 February 2018.
- 4.3 The RRS Safety Afterguard Member may be the yacht's helmsman, navigator, racing tactician or communications crew member (who monitors the VHF safety channel) if they meet the stated criteria. This individual's role is to interact closely with the other members of the afterguard. The captain may be the communications crewmember providing he/she can remain focused on those responsibilities for the duration of the race.

- 4.4 The RRS Safety Afterguard Member shall be responsible for ensuring the Daily Declaration Forms are returned to the race office as soon as practicable following racing each day, but no later than two hours after finishing.

5 ADVERTISING

- 5.1 Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.
- 5.2 Owners and their sponsors are responsible for informing advertisers that no activities advertising any brand will be permitted dockside ashore in St Barths without the prior written consent of the organizing authority.

6 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 6.1 The St Barths Bucket is an invitational event, open to invited cruising sailing yachts whose LOA is 30.5 meters or greater, unless invited under the 'grandfather clause' or in the 90' Class. The invitation matrix is comprised of many factors including past participation, with consideration given to contributions to the spirit of the event, supporting company affiliation, and other factors. A primary goal for the event is the yacht owner's enjoyment; hence chartered yachts receive a lower priority.
- 6.2 The Bucket stewards ultimately determine which yachts will be issued invitations each year. Yachts may request an invitation by contacting the Event Manager (jeanne@bucketregattas.com) of their desire to participate in the event. Yachts will be issued an invitation or added to the wait list, depending on their eligibility status and the responses from yachts that have been invited.
- 6.3 Entry applications will be sent to invited yachts by 20 October 2017. A completed entry application should be received by the organizing authority no later than 1 December 2017. After that date, the invitation may be withdrawn and issued to one of the yachts on the wait list. Entry acknowledgement will be sent to entrants shortly after entry receipt.
- 6.4 The entry fee is also due by 1 December 2017 (see NOR 7.1). Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the organizing authority. A late fee of 500€ will be assessed for any payments after 1 December, and will be donated to the event's official charity. The organizer will refund 50% of the entry fee for any cancellation received on or before 15 January 2018. After that date there will be no refunds.
- 6.5 All yachts in the racing classes, with the exception of J Class yachts, are required to have a current and valid ORCs handicap certificate (NOR 15). All yachts in the racing classes shall submit their completed ORCs handicap application to the ORC no later than 15 January 2018 (www.orc.org/superyacht). Entrants submitting their ORCs handicap application, related documents and data after the deadline will incur a 30% ORCs fee increase. J Class yachts are required to have a current and valid JCA certificate and submit the certificate to the organizing authority no later than 1 March 2018.
- 6.6 The Corinthian Spirit (*Les Voiles Blanche*) class is a non-spinnaker class (see Exhibit 4). A minimum of four (4) entry applications must be received by 1 January for the organizing authority to provide a class. All yachts in the *Les Voiles Blanche* class are required to have a current and valid ORCs handicap certificate (NOR 15.1). All yachts shall submit their completed handicap application to the ORC no later than 15 February 2018. The event organizer and ORC will assist the Spirit class entrants with their handicap applications.
- 6.7 The 90' Class is meant for performance oriented sloops with a defined length and rating band (see Exhibit 5 for details). A minimum of four (4) entry applications must be received by 1 January for the organizing authority to provide a class. All yachts in the 90' class are required to have a current and valid ORCs handicap certificate (NOR 15.1). All yachts shall submit their completed handicap application to the ORC no later than 15 January 2018.
- 6.8 All yachts in the ORCs and 90' classes are required to have their final sail, anchor, fuel and water declaration submitted to the ORC no later than 2 March, 2017 (2 weeks prior to the first race). Refer to ORCs Rule 400.2 for procedures to be followed in providing approximate tankage values. Entrants submitting their declaration after the deadline will incur a 30% ORCs fee increase.
- 6.9 All rules of the FFV (Fédération Française de Voile) shall be respected and followed by Bucket participants. This specifically includes the requirement for French citizens sailing in the regatta, to be holders of a current valid FFV Sailing License. Temporary licenses may be obtained from the organizing authority (contact jeanne@bucketregattas.com).
- 6.10 Each yacht is required to maintain the minimum level of insurance as presented in NOR Part 1, Section 8. This requirement will be documented on the Disclaimer of Liability form, which shall be completed by each participating yacht at registration.

7 FEES

- 7.1 The entry application shall be accompanied by the entry fee. The entry fee is 8 900€ for members of the SuperYacht Racing Association (SYRA) and 10 000€ for non-members. For more information on the SYRA and how to join visit: www.superyra.org. Given the important role that the SYRA plays in promoting safe sailing and fair racing, all event organizers on the 2018 superyacht racing calendar are members of the SYRA and will offer differential entry fees.
- 7.2 The Entry Fee includes twenty (20) wristbands, which are required for those participating in the Fleet Open House. It is necessary to control access at the Fleet Open House to ensure this popular Bucket tradition is manageable for yachts dockside.
- 7.3 The fee for obtaining a valid ORC Certificate (refer to NOR 6.5, 6.6, 6.7 and 6.8) is paid directly to that rule authority (www.orc.org/superyacht).

8 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 8.1 Three pursuit races are scheduled, one each day from Friday, 16 March through Sunday, 18 March. J Class yachts will have 4 days of racing, with windward/leeward courses on Thursday 15 March and coastal island courses on Friday, Saturday and Sunday (16 - 18 March).
- 8.2 Preliminary Schedule
See Exhibit 1 (Page 6) for the racing and social schedule.

9 REGISTRATION

Registration for the St Barths Bucket will begin at 0900 on Thursday, 15 March (Wednesday, 14 March for J Class yachts). The following documents will be required at registration:

- a) Acceptance of the Notice and Conditions of Race as set forth in the Entry Form;
- b) Signed Disclaimer of Liability Form;
- c) Crew List;
- d) Name and mobile telephone numbers for the Captain, Communications Crewmember, Designated RRS Safety Afterguard Member, and Racing Tactician (if different);
- e) Valid ORCsy handicap certificate or ORCcs handicap certificate for *Les Voiles Blanche* class entries or JCA rating certificates for J Class yachts;
- f) Designated RRS Safety Afterguard Member's resume/credentials (Exhibit 3, due to organizer 1 February);

10 CLASSES

- 10.1 The organizing authority will, at its sole discretion, divide the fleet into classes based on the size, composition and attributes of the fleet. A notice with the preliminary class breaks will be posted on the event web site by 4 March 2018.
- 10.2 Class break criteria will be posted on the event web site by 4 March 2018. Depending on fleet composition, it is the intent of the race committee to have as many as six classes featuring the pursuit racing format. There may be a separate *Les Voiles Blanche* class (NOR 6.6). All pursuit racing classes will race under the RRS Appendix SY. The J Class and 90' Class (NOR 6.7) will race under the conventional RRS with fleet race starts. The race committee reserves the right to add or delete classes and change the race format for any class.
- 10.3 At the race committee's discretion, classes may sail different courses on any given day. For those yachts sailing in pursuit racing classes, start times will be adjusted daily.

11 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The 2018 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event website by 1 March 2018, emailed to all entrants, and available at the race office on-site. Captains are encouraged to forward these documents to their owners, racing tactician and other members of the afterguard in advance.

12 RACING AREA

Racing will take place in the vicinity of St Barthélemy and its adjoining islands. A chart showing the racing area is Imray-Iolaire #A 241. The rendezvous location for racing will be just outside Gustavia Harbor entrance.

13 THE COURSES

For pursuit racing classes, the courses will be coastal courses using islands, rocks, inflatable and government buoys as marks of the course. The J Class yachts will sail windward/ leeward and coastal courses.

14 RACING FORMAT

- 14.1 Pursuit Racing: It is the intent of the race committee to feature the traditional pursuit racing format for as many as six classes. To enhance safe racing, assigned start times will be adjusted, on a class basis, so that each class has a different expected finish time, i.e., those expected finish times will be separated by a "margin of safety". This will result in less congestion at turning marks late in the race, particularly at the finishing line, reduce class mixing, and make the overtaking issue less onerous for the faster yachts in fleet. Yachts will be assigned their own starting time for each race with slower rated yachts in each class starting first. The start time is determined by factoring in the yacht's ORC handicap for the designated wind speed range and sea state, and the course distance. The order in which the yachts finish in their specific class will determine the daily class results, unless a course is shortened or penalties are applied.
- 14.2 Conventional Fleet Racing: It is the intent of the race committee to provide the conventional fleet racing format for yachts in the J Class and 90' Class. The J Class and 90' Class will start before the pursuit racing fleet with the race committee using course selection to keep yachts in these two classes separate from pursuit racing yachts.
- 14.3 Staggered Start or Conventional Fleet Start: The race committee reserves the right to provide a conventional fleet racing or staggered start format for one or more performance oriented classes depending on fleet composition.
- 15 **HANDICAPPING AND SCORING**
- 15.1 With the exception of yachts racing in the J Class, the handicap rule to be used is the ORC Superyacht Rule (ORCsy). All yachts in the racing classes shall submit their completed ORCsy handicap application to the ORC no later than 15 January 2018. All yachts in the *Les Voiles Blanche* class shall submit their completed ORCcs handicap application to the ORC no later than 15 February 2018.
- 15.2 For the J Class, yachts will be scored based on the JCA rating rule.
- 15.3 Additional information on scoring, racing formats will be posted on the event web site prior to 1 January 2018.

16 COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC AIDS

- 16.1 A yacht shall not receive radio transmissions unless available to all yachts. All types of electronic aids, including radar, VOR, satellite are permitted. No external aids, outside assistance or information may be used during the races, except weather forecast information.
- 16.2 Yachts equipped with Automatic Identification System (AIS) shall operate their AIS system from the time they approach the starting area until departing the finishing area following the race. AIS equipment shall not be removed from the yacht prior to racing.

17 RESPONSIBILITY

- 17.1 The safety of a yacht and its crew is the sole responsibility of the Captain who shall ensure that the yacht is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced and physically capable crew. Neither the establishment of regulations or inspection of a yacht in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Captain.
- 17.2 It is the sole and inescapable responsibility of each yacht to decide whether or not to start or continue racing, see RRS 4, Decision to Race.

18 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 18.1 Daily awards for first place in class will be presented following racing each day. Series awards for first, second and third place in each class will be presented on Sunday, 18 March following the racing that evening.
- 18.2 The prestigious Bucket Trophy will be presented to the overall winner of the 2018 St Barths Bucket Regatta on Sunday, 18 March following the racing that evening. The criteria for the Bucket Trophy will be posted on the event web site prior to 1 March 2018.
- 18.3 There may be special trophies awarded for meritorious acts, boat handling and other notable behavior.

19 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 19.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Bucket Events SAS, St Barthélemy, FWI, participating stewards, sponsors, suppliers, Friends of the Bucket, race committee, volunteers and all other affiliated organizations and individuals of the St Barths Bucket 2018 will not accept any liability for personal injury, loss of life or material damage to any vessel in any way from any cause sustained in conjunction with the Bucket, prior to, during, or after the event.
- 19.2 The Bucket Disclaimer of Liability Form shall be accurately completed and signed by the owner (or charterer), captain, crewmembers and guests of the yacht and delivered to the race office prior to the first race of the regatta. The Disclaimer form will be posted on the web site by 1 March 2018.
- 19.3 In the event that the crew, guests or personnel change on board a yacht during the regatta, each new person shall sign the Disclaimer of Liability Form before participating in any race.

20 BOTTOM LINE

The purpose of the regatta rules is to encourage fair competition, good sportsmanship and absolute collision avoidance. None of these guidelines should affect the traditional spirit of Bucket racing.

EXHIBITS

- Exhibit 1** Preliminary Schedule of Events
Exhibit 2 RRS Appendix SY
Exhibit 3 Designated RRS Safety Afterguard Member
Exhibit 4 Corinthian Spirit Class (*Les Voiles Blanche*)
Exhibit 5 90' Class



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Preliminary Schedule of Events

Notice of Race - Exhibit 1

| DAY | TIME | RACING | TIME | SOCIAL |
|--------------------------------|-------------|--|-------------|--|
| Wednesday, 14 March | 0900 – 1000 | J Class yachts only Registration and Captains' Briefing (BMQ) | 1700 – 1815 | SuperYacht Racing Association (SYRA) Annual General Meeting (Salle de Théâtre) |
| Thursday, 15 March | 0900 – 1000 | Racing Rules and Appendix SY Review (Salle de Théâtre) | | |
| | 0900 - 1700 | Race Office Open / Registration at the Bucket Marquee (BMQ) | | |
| | 1100 | First Signal - J Class (2 W/L races scheduled) | | |
| | 1700 – 1730 | Captains' Briefing (BMQ) Maximum 4 per yacht | 1730 | Bucket Bar Open (BMQ) |
| | | | 1900 – 2100 | Fleet Welcoming Party (BMQ) |
| | | | 1900 – 2100 | Owners' Reception - Invitation Only (Location TBA) |
| Friday, 16 March | 0800 - 1800 | Race Office Open (BMQ) Media Registration / Post Racing Drop Off | | |
| | 1100 | First Signal – Race 3 J Class | | |
| | 1125 | First Signal – Race 1 Pursuit Fleet | | |
| | | | 1630 | Bucket Bar Open (BMQ) |
| | | | 1900 – 1910 | Daily Awards Presentation (BMQ) |
| | | | 1900 – 2100 | Bucket Yacht Hop - Invitation Only |
| Saturday, 17 March | 0800 – 1800 | Race Office Open (BMQ) Media Registration / Post Racing Drop Off | | |
| | 1100 | First Signal – Race 4 J Class | | |
| | 1125 | First Signal – Race 2 Pursuit Fleet | | |
| | | | 1630 | Bucket Bar Open (BMQ) |
| | | | 1900 – 1910 | Daily Awards Presentation (BMQ) |
| | | | 1900 – 2330 | Bucket Bash (Collectivite) |
| Sunday, 18 March | 0800 – 1800 | Race Office Open (BMQ) Media Registration / Post Racing Drop Off | | |
| | 1100 | First Signal – Race 5 J Class | | |
| | 1125 | First Signal – Race 3 Pursuit Fleet | | |
| | | | 1630 | Bucket Bar Open (BMQ) |
| | | | 1900 – 2330 | Final Awards Ceremony and Party (Collectivite) |

Note: 'BMQ' is the Bucket Marquee on the Quay, the 'Collectivite' is across the Quay.
The organizing authority and race committee reserve the right to modify the above schedule depending
on weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances