



# 2021 ST BARTHS BUCKET REGATTA

## CORINTHIAN SPIRIT CLASS OVERVIEW and RACING RULES

### Philosophy

The Corinthian Spirit initiative is intended to provide yacht owners with an alternative to conventional ORCs racing. The emphasis is to be on fun, less-intense racing. It offers a streamlined access to a superyacht handicap, requires fewer racing crew, reduces impact on the yacht captain's resources in the lead up to regattas, and reduces overall regatta related expenses.

### Criteria & Class Specific Rules

- No spinnakers, Code 0 sails and mizzen staysails;
- Jibs on furlers or hanks;
- A valid ORCs Handicap Certificate;
- A qualified, experienced RRS Afterguard Member (per the Notice of Race for all entrants).

### Handicapping Policy and Procedures

An important Corinthian Spirit goal is to keep the racing enjoyable and competitive without owners having to optimize their yachts. **The goal is to provide a positive experience for all participating yacht owners and their guests with well sailed yachts capable of achieving a podium finish regardless of pre-regatta optimization and preparation.**

- ORCs Rule and VPP except as modified in the applicable section of the 2020 Rule (section 303 [orc.org/superyacht](http://orc.org/superyacht));
- A less stringent requirement for yacht measurement data with a simplified handicap application and ORCs certificate;
- Pre-regatta information exchange on each yacht is to be scheduled in advance. The ORC/SYRA panel members will resolve any declared data issues, assess the yacht's optimization, and answer any questions from the captain or yacht owner;
- Five number handicap for wind conditions with no sea state options;
- Handicap certificates will be issued prior to the Captain's Briefing;
- **Subjective handicap adjustments can be made by the ORC/SYRA panel between races based on observed speed potential and maneuvering characteristics of the yachts (using GPS tracking and on water observations) at this regatta;**
- There will be a 1% Owner / Driver credit applied (yacht owner should drive at least half of each race). This will be declared by the yacht captain at the pre-regatta information exchange.

### Racing

- Safe racing has been and will continue to be the top priority of regatta organizers and the SYRA. There will be no compromise to safe racing in the Corinthian Spirit class;
- Racing will be in accordance with the NOR, Sailing Instructions and any other official regatta documents, including the RRS Appendix SY;
- The pursuit racing format will be used with Corinthian Spirit class scheduled to finish first, possibly sailing shorter courses than the conventional racing classes;
- Series trophies will be awarded for the top three finishers in class;

*Written feedback on the Corinthian Spirit Class initiative and/or handicapping is welcome after the regatta has concluded. During the regatta, representatives of participating yachts shall not communicate with or lobby the ORC or SYRA representatives on site regarding handicaps or any changes to handicaps. Any questions or concerns regarding handicaps or changes to handicaps shall be presented to the organizer in writing. Please refer to the Corinthian Spirit Class philosophy above.*