



## 2024 ST BARTHS BUCKET REGATTA

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#### **100 Foot Racing Class Rules** (28 September, 2023)

#### **Background**

The Bucket is legendary for its uniquely beautiful venue, spectacular racing and fantastic shore side socials ([bucketregatta.com/gallery](http://bucketregatta.com/gallery)). It is an invitational, non-commercial event committed to the enjoyment of the yacht owners and their guests ([bucketregatta.com](http://bucketregatta.com)).

From the very beginning, some 38 years ago, superyacht racing at the Bucket was a competition between large cruising sailboats. The superyacht handicapping rule (ORCs<sub>y</sub>), currently used at all SYRA sanctioned regattas, was created in 2015 specifically for cruising superyachts (as opposed to race boats). The simple definition of 'cruising superyacht' is any sailing yacht over 30.48 meters in length that was designed primarily for cruising. Should there be uncertainty whether a yacht is a cruising yacht, measurement values have been established by the SuperYacht Racing Association to assist organizers with that determination.

Given some of the inherent advantages of racing yachts over cruising yachts, with numerous performance benefits not accounted for in any rating rule, it can put cruising superyachts at a competitive disadvantage. To be as inclusive as possible without negatively impacting the participating cruising superyachts, the Bucket Stewards are offering a '100' Racing Class' for the 2024 edition. This initiative was conceived for 'performance-oriented' racing sloops with a minimum LOA of 100'. For all classes, the longstanding 'Spirit of the Bucket' will be on full display with an emphasis on fun, safe and competitive racing.

#### **100' Foot Racing Class Format**

- There are three coastal races scheduled Friday, Saturday and Sunday (22 - 24 March);
- This class will feature conventional fleet starts;
- Classes may sail different courses based on the speed potential and the rating bands of classes;
- Series trophies will be awarded for the top three finishers in class. Daily first place trophies will also be awarded.

#### **Eligibility Criteria & Class Specific Rules**

- Minimum LOA of 100' (30.48 metres);
- Racing yachts as defined by the SYRA ( [Cruising-Superyacht-Definition.pdf](#) );
- A valid ORCs<sub>y</sub> rating certificate will be required;
- A minimum of 3 entries is required for a class start (entries must be received by 15 January for the organizer to provide the class start).

#### **Handicapping Policy and Procedures**

- The rating rule is the ORCs<sub>y</sub>: [orc.org/isuperyacht](http://orc.org/isuperyacht). This transparent superyacht rating rule has been used at all superyacht regattas since 2015 with great success;
- 100' Racing Class entries must submit their rating application in accordance with the Notice of Race;
- The scoring option will be Time on Distance with the ORCs<sub>y</sub> 5 wind ranges.

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