



# 2026 ST BARTHS BUCKET REGATTA

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### **100 Foot Racing Class Rules** *(15 September, 2025)*

#### **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 40 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 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 Foot Racing Class' for the 2026 edition. This initiative was conceived for 'performance-oriented' racing sloops with a minimum LOA of 100'.

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

- There are three coastal series races scheduled Friday, Saturday and Sunday (13 - 15 March);
- There is an optional, standalone coastal race on Thursday, 12 March
- The 100 Foot Racing Class may use the pursuit racing format or a conventional fleet start (to be determined prior to 15 December);
- Classes may sail different courses than the pursuit cruising classes 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 feet (30.48 metres). Invitations to racing yachts with a LOA less than 100' will be considered on a case-by-case basis by the Bucket Stewards;
- Racing yachts as defined by the SYRA ( [Cruising-Superyacht-Definition.pdf](#) );
- A minimum of 3 entries is required for a class start (entries must be received by the entry deadline, 15 December, for the organizer to provide a class start).

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

- The rating rule will be determined by the organizer with input from yachts entered in the class (prior to 15 December);
- 100 Foot Racing Class entries must submit their rating application in accordance with the Notice of Race;
- The scoring option is to be determined and will be a class decision.

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