



2026 ST BARTHS BUCKET REGATTA

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12 - 15 March, 2026

The St Barths Bucket Regatta is a SYRA Sanctioned invitational regatta offering four days of coastal races (12-15 March). The Bucket Regatta series will once again be three days of racing from Friday through Sunday (13, 14 & 15 March), with Thursday (12 March) featuring a standalone, optional race with separate trophies. The regatta is open to invited cruising yachts whose length is 30.5 meters or greater and will also offer a 90 Foot Class and 100 Foot Racing Class (NOR Section 15). Safe sailing is the highest priority of the organizing authority; therefore, an invitation will be extended to those eligible yachts whose owners, captains and crews endeavor to contribute to 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 (OA)

The 2026 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).

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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 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB), which will be located under the marquee at the port of Gustavia quay and on the *unofficial notice board online* on the St Barths Bucket website.

4 RACE OFFICE

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

5 BRIEFINGS

5.1 Captains' Briefing: The pre-regatta Captains' Briefing will be conducted on Wednesday, 11 March for all yachts racing. An additional pre-regatta Captains' Briefing will be conducted on Thursday 12 March for yachts that did not attend the Wednesday briefing. The Wednesday briefing is mandatory for yachts racing in the optional race on Thursday.

5.2 Race Day Morning Briefing: A mandatory briefing will be held each morning before racing at 0830 at the event marquee. The racecourse, starting sequence, weather and any safety issues will be addressed. Attendance is mandatory for the Captain, RRS Afterguard Member and tactician.

6 DOCKAGE

6.1 The St Barthélemy Port Authority in Gustavia has kindly reserved the quay for the St Barths Bucket participants. There will be space alongside for over 20 yachts. There will be no Yacht Hop. Anchoring out will be necessary for some yachts.

6.2 Please indicate your dockage preference on the entry application. The Port Authority, in collaboration with the organizing authority, will assign dockage after receiving all applications.

6.3 Requests and inquiries regarding dockage should be directed to the OA. The final determination of yachts to be dockside, and their location, is strictly at the discretion of the Port Authority.

7 ST BARTHS LOGISTICS, ACCOMMODATIONS AND TRAVEL

WIMCO Villas: Preferred Villa Rental and Concierge Services Partner

For information about villas, booking flights, group restaurant reservations or reserving vehicles, please visit www.WIMCO.com (use code BUC2026).

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

8 MEDIA RIGHTS

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

9 INSURANCE

- 9.1 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 P&I up to at least €10,000,000 (or the equivalent in other currencies) for owner, captain, paid and unpaid crew and guests for the period of the regatta set forth in the schedule (NoR Section 17). Higher limits are strongly encouraged. A recognized Medical and Accident cover for any crew (permanent and temporary) on board is strongly recommended.
- 9.2 Certificate(s) of Insurance (in English) reflecting the above insurance requirements shall be carried onboard the yacht at all times during the regatta. Each yacht's insurer(s) shall be notified of the yacht's participation in this SYRA Sanctioned Regatta and provided with a copy of the regatta's notice of race and Bucket Disclaimer of Liability Form.
- 9.3 This requirement will be documented on the Disclaimer of Liability form, which shall be completed by each participating yacht at registration.

10 PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

Invoices and payment instructions are available upon request to the Event Manager (jeanne@bucketregattas.com).

PART 2 RACING RULES AND CONDITIONS

11 RULES

The St Barths Bucket will be governed by:

- The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS);
- Racing Rules are changed as follows: RRS 48.1 does not apply to water used in a water ballast system that is declared and described in a yacht's measurement certificate. This changes RRS 48.1;
- The prescriptions of the Fédération Française de Voile (FFV);
- Appendix SY to the RRS (**Exhibit 1**);
- The ORC Superyacht Rule (ORCSy) - orc.org/organization/superyachts;
- The Corinthian Spirit Class Rules (**Exhibit 2**);
- The 90 Foot Class Rules (**Exhibit 3**);
- The 100 Foot Racing Class Rules (**Exhibit 4**).

If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

Note: RRS 47 (Trash Disposal) does not allow disposable sail stops for spinnakers.

12 SAFE RACING

- 12.1 The OA 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 expects adherence to the rules and mutual respect between competitors. Accordingly, participants are required to:
- Ensure that the safety of their guests, crew and yacht is their primary consideration during the regatta;
 - Comply with all rules of the regatta;
 - Comply with the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Category 4;
 - Comply with the yacht's Flag Administration, Classification Society, and/or Large Yacht Code of Compliance;
 - Comply with any local maritime authority's rule or regulation that may apply to the yacht at the time of the regatta;
 - Have due regard for any commercial shipping;
 - Be courteous to all other participating yachts, the organizing authority and its representatives, as well as all other vessels encountered on the racecourse;
 - 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.
- 12.2 This Notice of Race sends the implicit message that safe racing is a higher priority than competitive advantage. It reinforces the fact that the St Barths Bucket Regatta is a congenial racing event. If the OA receives corroborative or substantiated reports of a yacht being handled in an overly aggressive, un-seamanlike or unsafe manner, it may declare the yacht, the RRS Afterguard Member and/or the racing tactician ineligible for future Bucket regattas.

13 DESIGNATED RRS AFTERGUARD MEMBER COMPLIANCE

- 13.1 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 2026 (**Exhibit 5**). If the RRS 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 OA can assist entrants with finding an experienced RRS Afterguard Member.
- 13.2 Compliance forms will be reviewed by the organizing authority prior to 15 February 2026.

13.3 The RRS Afterguard Member may be the yacht's helmsman, navigator or racing tactician if they meet the stated criteria. This individual's role is to interact closely with the other members of the afterguard. The designated Communications Officer (who monitors the VHF safety channel) must be a different individual. Captains should not be the designated RRS Afterguard Member or Communications Officer due to the specific RRS related criteria that this position requires and the fact that the overall safety of the yacht is their responsibility.

13.4 The RRS Afterguard Member shall be responsible for ensuring the Daily Declaration Form is emailed or returned to the race office as soon as practicable following racing each day, but no later than two hours after finishing.

14 ADVERTISING

14.1 Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.

14.2 Yacht owners are responsible for informing advertisers and sponsors that no activities advertising any brand will be permitted dockside ashore in St Barths without the prior written consent of the OA.

15 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

15.1 The St Barths Bucket is an invitational event open to invited cruising sailing yachts whose LOA is 30.5 meters or greater, and yachts that are eligible for the 90 Foot class and 100 Foot Racing class. Cruising sailing yachts are defined by the SuperYacht Racing Association (*Cruising-Superyacht-Definition.pdf*)

15.2 The Bucket stewards determine which yachts will be issued invitations each year and may issue invitations to yachts whose LOA is less than 30.5 meters. Yachts may request an invitation by contacting the Event Manager (jeanne@bucketregattas.com).

15.3 Entry applications and the Notice of Race will be sent to invited yachts in September. A completed entry application shall be submitted no later than 15 December 2025. Entry acknowledgement will be sent to entrants shortly after entry receipt.

15.4 The entry fee is due by 1 January 2026 (see NOR 16).

15.5 A Corinthian Spirit Class will be provided if a minimum of four entries are received by the entry deadline. Entrants will race without spinnakers. Corinthian Spirit rules and sail restrictions are detailed in **Exhibit 2**.

15.6 A 90 Foot Class will be provided if a minimum of three entries are received by the entry deadline (**see Exhibit 3**). The 90 Foot Class may have a conventional fleet start.

15.7 A 100 Foot Racing Class will be provided a separate class if a minimum of three entries are received by the entry deadline (**see Exhibit 4**). The 100 Foot Racing Class may have a conventional fleet start.

15.8 Entrants are required to have current and valid handicap certificates with the following deadlines:

15.8.1 Superyacht and 90 Foot Class entries: Yachts shall submit their completed ORCs handicap application to the ORC no later than 15 January 2026 (orc.org/organization/superyachts). ORCs submissions received after that date will incur a 30% late fee.

15.8.2 Corinthian Spirit Class entries: Yachts shall submit their completed ORCs handicap application to the ORC no later than 1 February 2026 (orc.org/organization/superyachts). ORCs submissions received after that date will incur a 30% late.

15.8.3 100 Foot Racing Class entries: Handicap rule and deadlines to be determined.

15.9 All yachts in ORCs handicap classes are required to have their final sail, anchor, fuel and water declaration submitted to the ORC no later than 28 February, 2026 (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 a declaration after the deadline must have it approved by the OA and will incur a 30% ORCs fee increase if approved.

15.10 French citizens sailing in the regatta shall have a valid FFV Sailing License. Temporary licenses may be obtained from the OA. Contact the Event Manager (jeanne@bucketregattas.com).

16 FEES AND REFUNDS

16.1 The entry fee is 12 500€ for members of the SuperYacht Racing Association (SYRA) and 13 600€ 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 SYRA Sanctioned Regattas on the 2026 superyacht racing calendar are members of the SYRA and will offer differential entry fees. Payment instructions will be sent upon receipt of the entry application and invoices are available upon request.

16.2 A late fee of 1 000€ will be assessed for payments made after 1 January and will be donated to the event's official charity. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA.

16.3 The OA will refund 50% of the entry fee for any cancellation received on or before 15 February 2026. After that date, there will be no refunds.

16.4 If the event is cancelled due to government mandate or event organizer discretion, the full entry fee will be refunded.

16.5 The fee for obtaining a valid ORC certificate is paid directly to that rule authority (orc.org/organization/superyachts).

17 PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

17.1 Three races are scheduled, one each day from Friday, 13 March through Sunday, 15 March. The standalone, optional race is scheduled for Thursday, 12 March.

17.2 Preliminary Schedule: See **Exhibit 6** (Page 6) for the preliminary racing and social schedule.

18 REGISTRATION

Registration for the St Barths Bucket will begin at 0900 on Wednesday, 11 March for all yachts. and at 0900 on Thursday, 12 March for those not yet registered. The following required documents may be submitted electronically in advance:

- 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) Names and mobile telephone numbers for the captain, Communications Crewmember, Designated RRS Afterguard Member, and racing tactician;
- e) Valid handicap certificate;

Note: The Designated RRS Afterguard Member's credentials (**Exhibit 5**) is due to the organizing authority by 1 February.

19 CLASSES

- 19.1 The OA 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 2 March 2026.
- 19.2 There may be separate Corinthian Spirit, 90 Foot, and 100 Foot Racing Classes. The race committee may add or delete classes and change the race format for any class.
- 19.3 Classes may sail different courses on any given day.

20 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The 2026 Sailing Instructions will be posted on the event website by 28 February, 2026, emailed to all entrants, and be available at the race office on-site. Captains are encouraged to forward these documents to their yacht owners, racing tactician and other members of the afterguard in advance.

21 RACING AREA

Racing will take place in the vicinity of St Barthélemy and its adjoining islands. The rendezvous location for racing will be just outside Gustavia Harbor entrance.

22 THE COURSES

On Thursday-Sunday (12-15 March), the courses will be coastal courses using islands, rocks, inflatable, robotic and government buoys as marks of the course.

23 RACING FORMAT

- 23.1 Pursuit Racing: It is the intent of the race committee to feature the traditional pursuit racing format for the cruising superyacht classes with the possibility of a conventional fleet start for the 90 Foot and 100 Foot Racing 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 overtaking less onerous for the faster rated yachts in the 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 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.
- 23.2 Conventional Fleet Racing: The race committee may provide the conventional fleet racing format for yachts in the 90 Foot and 100 Foot Racing classes. If so, these classes will start before the pursuit racing fleet with the race committee using course selection to keep yachts in this class separated from pursuit racing yachts.
- 23.3 Staggered Start or Conventional Fleet Start: The race committee may provide a conventional fleet racing or staggered start format for one or more performance-oriented classes depending on fleet composition.

24 HANDICAPPING AND SCORING

- 24.1 The handicap rules to be used are as follows:
 - 24.1.1 Superyacht Pursuit Classes: ORC Superyacht Rule (ORCs_y) with Time on Distance scoring.
 - 24.1.2 Superyacht Corinthian Spirit Classes: ORC Superyacht Rule (ORCs_c) with Time on Distance scoring.
 - 24.1.3 90 Foot class: ORC Superyacht Rule (ORCs_y) with scoring to be determined prior to the entry deadline.
 - 24.1.4 100 Foot Racing Class: To be determined prior to the entry deadline.

25 COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC AIDS

- 25.1 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.
- 25.2 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 the regatta (see RRS 56.3)

26 RESPONSIBILITY

- 26.1 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.
- 26.2 It is the sole and inescapable responsibility of each yacht to decide whether to start or continue racing. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.

27 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 27.1 First place in class will be presented following racing on Thursday, Friday and Saturday. Bucket series awards for first, second and third place in each class and the daily Sunday awards will be presented on Sunday evening following the racing.
- 27.2 The criteria for the Bucket Trophy will be posted on the event web site prior to 28 February, 2026.
- 27.3 There may be special trophies awarded for meritorious acts, boat handling and other notable behavior.

28 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 28.1 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 2026 St Barths Bucket 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.
- 28.2 The OA reserves the right to cancel the regatta completely by written notification to each yacht via email to the captain's email address provided on the Entry Application. In the event of cancellation of the regatta, each yacht, owner and captain hereby expressly agree that no claim of any nature whatsoever against the OA, Bucket Event SAS, St Barthélemy, FWI, participating stewards, sponsors, suppliers, Friends of the Bucket, race committee and all other affiliated organizations and individuals of the 2026 St Barths Bucket will be permitted or entertained. And each yacht, owner and captain hereby expressly undertakes to indemnify the organizers in respect of any claim brought by anyone associated with them and/or their yacht and any costs incurred by the organizers in relation to such claim. A refund in whole will be limited to payments made for the entry fee only.
- 28.3 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 28 February, 2026.
- 28.4 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. The updates shall be emailed or delivered to the race office prior to the start of the race.

29 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

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| Exhibit 1 | RRS Appendix SY |
| Exhibit 2 | Corinthian Spirit Class Rules |
| Exhibit 3 | 90 Foot Class Rules |
| Exhibit 4 | 100 Foot Racing Class Rules |
| Exhibit 5 | Designated RRS Afterguard Member |
| Exhibit 6 | Preliminary Schedule of Events |



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Notice of Race - Exhibit 6

Preliminary Schedule of Events

DAY	TIME	RACING	TIME	SOCIAL
Wednesday, 11 March	0830 – 1000	Appendix SY Q & A (<i>Salle de Theatre</i>)		
	0900 - 1700	Race Office Open / Registration all yachts at the Bucket Marquee (BMQ)		
	1700 -1730	Pre-regatta Captains' Briefing all yachts (BMQ) <i>Maximum 4 per yacht</i>		
Thursday, 12 March	0830	Pre-Race Daily Briefing (BMQ) <i>For yachts racing in the optional Thursday race</i>		
	0900 – 1700	Race Office Open / Registration at the Bucket Marquee (BMQ) <i>For all yachts that did not register Wednesday</i>		
	1125	First Signal – Optional Race		
	1700 - 1730	Pre-regatta Captains' Briefing <i>For all yachts that did not attend the Wednesday Captains' Briefing (BMQ)</i>	1730 – 2100	Bucket Bar Open (BMQ)
			1800 - 1815	Daily Awards Presentation (BMQ)
Friday, 13 March	0800 - 1800	Race Office Open (BMQ) Media Registration / Post Racing Drop Off	1900 – 2100	Fleet Welcoming Party (BMQ)
	0830	Pre-Race Briefing (BMQ)	1900 – 2100	Owners' Party - Invitation Only (<i>Location TBA</i>)
	1125	First Signal – Bucket Race 1		
			1630 – 2200	Bucket Bar Open (BMQ)
			1800 – 1815	Daily Awards Presentation (BMQ)
Saturday, 14 March	0800 – 1800	Race Office Open (BMQ) Media Registration /Post Racing Drop Off	1930 – 2200	Dockside Crew Party (BMQ)
	0830	Pre-Race Briefing (BMQ)		
	1125	First Signal – Bucket Race 2		
			1630 – 2200	Bucket Bar Open (BMQ)
			1800 – 1815	Daily Awards Presentation (BMQ)
Sunday, 15 March	0800 – 1800	Race Office Open (BMQ) Media Registration / Post Racing Drop Off	2000 – 2200	Bucket Bash (BMQ)
	0830	Pre-Race Briefing (BMQ)		
	1125	First Signal – Bucket Race 3		
			1630 – 1830	Bucket Bar Open (BMQ)
			1800 – 2100	Final Awards Ceremony and Party (<i>Collectivite</i>)

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