



2027 ST BARTHS BUCKET REGATTA

2027 ST BARTHS BUCKET Notice of Race - Exhibit 4

Maxi 100 Racing Class Rules ***(16 September, 2026)***

Background

The Bucket is legendary for its uniquely beautiful venue, spectacular racing and fantastic shore side socials (bucketregatta.com/gallery). It is an invitational, non-commercial event committed to the enjoyment of the yacht owners and their guests (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 (ORCSy), 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 'Maxi 100 Racing Class' for the 2027 edition. This initiative was conceived for 'performance-oriented' racing sloops with a minimum LOA of 100'.

Maxi 100 Racing Class Format

- The Maxi 100 class will have two windward/leeward races scheduled on Thursday, 18 March and coastal courses Friday-Sunday, 19-21 March.
- The Maxi 100 Racing Class will use a conventional fleet start;
- 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 in NoR Exhibit 7 Cruising Superyacht Definition;
- 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 IRC Rule with Time on Time scoring.
- Maxi 100 Racing Class entries must submit their IRC handicap certificate in accordance with the Notice of Race.

*For additional information on the Maxi 100 Racing Class please contact:
Peter Craig; Event Director/Race Chairman
peter@bucketregattas.com / +1 (617) 755-7316*