

THE 81ST ANNIVERSARY

THE
MOUNT GAY®
ROUND BARBADOS
RACE SERIES
2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

JANUARY 16TH - 24TH 2017



**MESSAGE FROM
THE HON. RICHARD SEALY, M.P. ..
MINISTER OF TOURISM AND INTERNATIONAL TRANSPORT
FOR THE MOUNT GAY ROUND BARBADOS RACE SERIES**



Message from the Hon. Richard L. Sealy, M.P. ,
Minister of Tourism and International Transport
for the Mount Gay Round Barbados Race Series 2017

It is another exciting year for sailing in Barbados and I warmly welcome all participants, families and friends to the 2017 Mount Gay Round Barbados Race Series.

Barbados is fortunate to be the home of this prestigious tournament which can boast of being in existence for some 81 years. The longevity of this event underscores the foresight, commitment and dedication of the tournament organisers who have managed throughout the years to consistently create memorable experiences for competitors and spectators alike.

In 2016, the event benefitted from attracting two of the fastest race boats in the world to the Round Barbados Race: the MS Barbados Concise and Phaedo 3. Consequently, sailing fans were thrilled by competitive and exciting races some of which were decided by mere seconds. To the cheers of elated fans, five of the competing boats broke records and won their skipper's weight in Mount Gay Extra Old. We are delighted that the MS Barbados Concise 10 has returned in 2017 to defend her record and spectators will be anticipating another exhilarating contest. We are also fortunate to welcome back Elena of London and Adix. These two magnificent racing schooners have returned to race around the island with the locally built schooner, Ruth. It is always gratifying when schooners participate in the Round Barbados Race since historically, the original race was created for competition between trading schooners.

In addition to locally organised contests like this event, Barbados has developed a proud legacy of hosting a number of world-class sporting competitions in various disciplines, including cricket, football, polo, tennis, and car rallying. In our continued efforts to promote the sports tourism niche we have also made some significant strides in hosting international nautical events.

Sailing enthusiasts will be delighted to note that in 2017 Barbados will be the host destination of the OK Dinghy World Championship from May 24 to 31, followed by the Finn Masters World's from June 2 to 9.

I take this opportunity to wish all competitors a successful and safe event and look forward to your support in 2018 and beyond.

Richard L. Sealy
Minister of Tourism and International Transport

Cover Photo Credit: Peter Marshall
Round the Island Single Handed Participant, Jerome Reid
May he rest in peace - Sail On, Jerome

PROGRAMME OF EVENTS

Monday 16th January	From 1200 Hrs: Registration and Skippers "Weigh in" at the Barbados Cruising Club. 1800 Hrs: Skipper's Briefing - Radisson Aquatica Beach Resort 1900Hrs: Welcome Party at the Barbados Cruising Club.
Tuesday 17th January	Race Day 1: Starting at 0930 Hrs 1700 Hrs: Post Race Party at The Barbados Yacht Club
Wednesday 18th January	Race Day 2: Starting at 0930 Hrs - Two Restaurants Races 1800 Hrs: Post Race RED CAP Party at Mount Gay Distilleries, Brandons (tours available)
Thursday 19th January	Race Day 3: Starting at 0930 Hrs 1700 Hrs: Post Race Party at Copacabana Beach Bar and Grill, Bay St 1800 Hrs: Skipper's Briefing - Radisson Aquatica Beach Resort
Friday 20th January	Lay Day 3pm - Regatta Polo Match, 3pm Holders Polo Field, St. James
Saturday 21st January	First start 0700 Hrs: The Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race. 1700 Hrs: Post Race Party - Barbados Cruising Club
Sunday 22nd January	Lay Day 1900 Hrs: The Regatta Dinner - The Beach House, St. James (<i>ticketed event</i>) 2100 Hrs: The Grand Prize Giving The Beach House, St. James followed by live music and dancing till late
Monday 23rd January	1800 Hrs: Barbados to Antigua Ocean Race Briefing - Radisson Aquatica Beach Resort. 1900 Hrs: Farewell Party - Barbados Cruising Club with live music
Tuesday 24th January	0900 Hrs: Staggered Starts: Barbados to Antigua Ocean Race

The Regatta Dinner is a ticketed event. Each competing yacht will be provided with an allocation of tickets. Additional tickets may be purchased directly from the Regatta Organisers or The Beach House, St. James.

The Grand Prize Giving and party follows the Regatta Dinner - and is open to all, just come along. No tickets required.

THE MOUNT GAY ROUND BARBADOS RACE TRADITION

The earliest recorded sailing race around Barbados was held on New Year's Day 1936. Five trading Schooners took part going Southabout (anticlockwise) starting at 7am. The race was won handsomely by the American Schooner "Sea Fox" captained by Lou Kennedy a distant relative of the Kennedy family and a renowned smuggler. His winning time to complete the 60-mile circumnavigation was 10 hours and 22 minutes. The prize was ten pounds sterling but the real prize was the bragging rights. The Islanders loved the race and there was traffic chaos as people drove across the island to get a view and thousands more were amazed by the latest technology of the day providing live radio broadcasts.

Cut ahead 75 years. The Barbados Cruising Club in Association with Mount Gay Rum decided to revive the tradition with an annual sailing race around the island. The date of the race was set as 21st January, the birthday of one of the founding figures of the Barbados Cruising Club The Rt Excellent Errol Walton Barrow. Errol Barrow was also the first Prime Minister of Independent Barbados and is revered as a National Hero. His birthday is celebrated with a national holiday and it seemed a fitting tribute to the man who used to love to sit on the terrace of the Barbados Cruising Club to hold the Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race on Errol Barrow Day. As with the first race, thousands of people come out to watch from the beaches and the latest technology is employed to help people follow the race; each participating boat is equipped with a GPS tracker and people around the world can follow the race on their computers and smart phones. There is only one race mark, which is the start-finish line between the committee boat and the flagpole on the Barbados Cruising Club. Boats are started in a staggered fashion with the aim of getting everyone safely back to the Club for a massive party with plenty of Mount Gay Rum in the late afternoon.

There are several prizes available but the most coveted is the prize for breaking a record time around the island. The prize on offer is the Skipper's weight in Mount Gay Rum Extra Old. Each skipper is carefully weighed before the start of the race. The record times are a bit quicker than they were for the schooners of the 1930s and the absolute record currently stands at 2 hours, 37 minutes, 38 seconds for a multihull and 4 hours 42 minutes and 20 seconds, for a monohull.

Even if you don't win a prize you have a good chance of getting your money back in Mount Gay Rum when you get ashore. You will also be awarded one of the highly sought after Mount Gay Red Caps. The race series now includes 8 parties all fuelled by copious quantities of Mount Gay Rum. Whether you are racing or watching from the shore enjoy the 2017 Mount Gay Round Barbados Race.

THE MOUNT GAY ROUND BARBADOS RACE SERIES

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: ALL RACES

January 17th-24th 2017

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 Competitors are reminded that a new edition of The Racing Rules of Sailing took effect on 1 January 2017.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located on the beach side of the Barbados Cruising Club (BCC).

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Other than at the start of the Ocean Passage Race to Antigua, no signals will be made ashore.

5. SKIPPERS' BRIEFINGS

The following skippers' briefings will be held at 18:00 at the Radisson Aquatica Resort, situated adjacent to the BCC

- Coastal Racing Series - 16th January
- Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race - 19th January
- Ocean Passage Race to Antigua - 23rd February

6. PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, unless the incident occurs within the zone of a rounding or finishing mark.

7. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 7.1 Protest forms are available from the race committee desk at the BCC. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 7.2 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest committee cabin on the road side of the BCC.
- 7.3 At Antigua, the Antigua Charter Yacht Meeting (ACYM) Office will be used instead.
- 7.4 Penalties for breaches of the rules other than a rule of Parts 1 and 2 may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

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8. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 8.1 Boats shall provide the race committee with a crew list and any changes to it.
- 8.2 A boat that retires from a race or is unlikely to finish the race by the time limit shall as soon as possible notify either the race committee on VHF channel 11 or the BCC Safety Officer by phone on +1-246-289-0075.
- 8.3 Multihull and Windsurfer crew shall wear adequate personal flotation devices (PFDs) at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not PFDs.

9. MAN OVERBOARD

If a man overboard is recovered by another vessel it is not necessary for him to be transferred back on board his boat. The boat may continue in the race without the man and another boat may not protest her under RRS 41(a). This changes RRS 41, 47.2 and 60.1(a).

10. PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded as detailed in the Notice of Race.

11. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12. INSURANCE

It is recommended that each participating boat be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of \$1,500,000.00 USD per incident or the equivalent.

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THE MOUNT GAY ROUND BARBADOS RACE SERIES

January 17th-19th 2017

APPENDIX TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Coastal Races

1. ANCHORS

Anchors shall not be carried over the bow or stern whilst racing in the Coastal Racing Series.

2. RACING AREA

The racing area is the south and west coasts of Barbados.

3. THE START

The starting line will be in Carlisle Bay between a staff displaying a Mount Gay Rum flag on the committee boat and the course side of a yellow mark.

4. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be in Carlisle Bay between a staff displaying a Mount Gay Rum flag on the committee boat and the course side of a yellow mark.

5. CLASSES

J/24 Class	 Blue Flag
Non CSA Rated	 Yellow Flag
CSA Cruising	 White Flag
CSA Racing	 Orange Flag
Multihull	 Pink Flag

6. TIME LIMITS

J/24 class boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, and other boats failing to finish by 18:00, will be scored Did Not finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35.

7. SCORING

7.1 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

7.2 Apart from the J24 class, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. For the J24 class, when six or more races have been completed a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

8. PROTESTS

The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in the class has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

THE MOUNT GAY ROUND BARBADOS RACE SERIES

January 17th-19th 2017
START TIMES: Coastal Races

THE FOLLOWING ARE POTENTIAL COURSES WHICH ARE FOR INFORMATION ONLY:

			TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
J/24 Race 1	(Blue)		Course 2	Course 2	Course 2
J/24 Race 2	(Blue)		Course 2	Course 2	Course 2
J/24 Race 3	(Blue)		Course 1	Course 1	Course 1
J/24 Race 4	(Blue)		Course 3	Course 4	Course 3
Non-CSA Rated	(Yellow)		Course 5	Course 7	Course 9
CSA Cruising	(White)		Course 5	Course 7	Course 9
CSA Racing	(Orange)		Course 6	Course 8	Course 10
Multihull	(Pink)		Course 6	Course 8	Course 10

START TIMES

			TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY
J/24 Race 1			09:30	09:30	09:30
J/24 Race 2, 3, 4			As soon as possible after the first race		
Non-CSA Rated			10:40	10:40	10:40
CSA Cruising			10:50	10:50	10:50
CSA Racing			11:00	11:00	11:00
Multihull			11:10	11:10	11:10

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MAP OF ALL MARKS



THE MOUNT GAY ROUND BARBADOS RACE SERIES

January 17th-19th 2017

MARKS & COURSES: Coastal Races

The starting and finishing line marks will be yellow Mount Gay Rum tetrahedrons.
Other marks will be orange Mount Gay Rum tetrahedrons.

APPROXIMATE POSITIONS

Starting Mark (Finishing Mark Courses 1 and 2) - 13°05'50N 59°37'90W

Mark 1 - 13 °05.33N 59°36.92W Windward Mark

Mark 2 - 13 °05.36N 59°36.92W Offset mark

Mark 3 - 13 °10.85N 59°39.40W The Beach House

Mark 4 - 13 °04.99N 59°38.29W Leeward Carlisle Bay

Mark 5 - 13 °03.49N 59°39.27W Trader Bank

Mark 6 - 13 °04.00N 59°35.69W Tapas

Mark 7 - 13 °03.36N 59°32.54W Oistins

Mark 8 - 13 °05.00N 59°37.65W Deep Mark

Finish Zone - 13°05'00N 59°37'00W (except Courses 1 and 2)

COURSES

The course to be sailed will be displayed on a board on the stern of the committee boat no later than the warning signal. S=leave to starboard, P=leave to port.

J/24 CLASS:

Course 1: Start, 1P, 2P, Starting/Finishing Line Yellow Mark S, 1P, 2P, Finish ~ 4.4NM

Course 2: Start, 1P, 2P, 4P, 1P, 2P, Finish ~ Distance: 5.6NM

Course 3: Start, 1P, 2P, 4P, 1P, 2P, 4P, Finish ~ Distance: 8.5NM

On courses 2 and 3, unless in the process of starting or finishing, boats shall not cross the starting or finishing lines.

ALL OTHER CLASSES:

Course 4 - Tapas: Start, 1P, 2P, 4P, 6P, 8S, Finish ~ Distance: 11.1NM

Course 5 - Tapas Start, 1P, 2P, 4P, 5P, 6P, 8S, Finish ~ Distance: 12.6NM

Course 6 - Tapas: Start, 1P, 2P, 4P, 5P, 6P, 5P, 6P, 8S, Finish ~ 18NM

Course 7 - Two Restaurants: Start, 1P, 2P, 3P, 4P, 6P, 8S Finish ~ 21.2NM

Course 8 - Two Restaurants: Start, 1P, 2P, 3P, 4P, 5P, 6P, 8S, Finish ~ 22.7NM

Course 9 - Oistins: Start, 1P, 2P, 4P, 7P, 8S, Finish ~ Distance: 14.2NM

Course 10 - Oistins: Start, 1P, 2P, 4P, 5P, 7P, 8S, Finish ~ Distance: 15.7NM

**THE MOUNT GAY RUM
ROUND BARBADOS RACE**
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS APPENDIX
MOUNT GAY ROUND BARBADOS RACE
JANUARY 21st 2017

1. THE COURSE

The course is around Barbados leaving it to starboard, starting and finishing on the same line, a distance of approximately 60 miles.

2. THE STARTING AND FINISHING LINE

The starting and finishing line will be in Carlisle Bay between a staff displaying a Mount Gay Rum flag on the committee boat and the flag pole at the BCC.

3. THE START

- 3.1 The first start will be at 07:00. Other starting times will be posted on the official notice board by 16:00 January 20th.
- 3.2 The starting procedure will be notified at the Skippers' Briefing on 19th January. RRS 26 will be changed.
- 3.3 There will be no individual recalls. A boat that is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal shall not return and will be given a penalty added to her elapsed time of 10 minutes in addition to the time she was over early. A boat that was more than 3 minutes over early will be scored OCS. This changes RRS 28.1, 29.1 and A4.2.

4. THE FINISH

Boats are requested to call the committee boat on channel 11 approximately 1 mile from the finish.

5. TIME LIMIT

Boats failing to finish by 18:00 will be scored Did Not finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35.

6. PROTEST TIME LIMIT

The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the finish or retirement of the boat, or 1900, whichever is earlier.

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SAILING INSTRUCTIONS APPENDIX OCEAN PASSAGE RACE TO ANTIGUA JANUARY 24th 2017

1. THE COURSE

The course is Barbados to Antigua, a distance of approximately 265 miles.

2. THE START

- 2.1 The first start will be at 10:00.
- 2.2 The starting line will be in Carlisle Bay between the flag pole at the BCC and the course side of a yellow Mount Gay Rum tetrahedral mark approximately 0.6 NM to the west.
- 2.3 The starting procedure will be notified at the Skippers' Briefing on 23rd January. RRS 26 may be changed.
- 2.4 There will be no individual recalls. A boat that is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal shall not return and will be given a penalty added to her elapsed time of 10 minutes in addition to the time she was over early. A boat that was more than 3 minutes over early will be scored OCS. This changes RRS 28.1, 29.1 and A4.2.

3. THE FINISH

- 3.1 The finishing line will be between the signal mast at Fort Charlotte at the Eastern entrance of English Harbour (at 17°00.038N-61°45.641W) and a yellow cylindrical mark to its south west at approximately 16°59.850N-61°45.800W. In the event that the mark is missing boats shall leave this position to port.
- 3.2 Boats are requested to call the race committee on channel 6 approximately 2 miles from the finish.

4. RETIRING FROM THE RACE

Further to All Races Sailing Instruction 8, when approaching Antigua a boat that retires from the race shall instead either notify the race committee on channel 6 or Antigua Superyacht Challenge by phone on +1-268-464-2388.

5. PROTEST TIME LIMIT

The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the finish or retirement of the boat.

YACHT DOCKING AND MOORING

SHALLOW DRAFT

This new docking facility was recently opened on the occasion of the 50th Anniversary of Barbados' Independence. Located to the north east of the main cruise ship terminal, enter by passing the cruise ship terminal to your starboard and you will see the new docks straight ahead as you head east into the shallow draft docking area.

Vessels wishing to enter or leave the port area on their way to the shallow draft docks must hail the Bridgetown Signal Station on channel 12 or 16 to obtain clearance. There are large cruise and freight ships entering and leaving the port that are not easily maneuverable and the signal station must be made aware of your intentions. You should also indicate to the signal station if you are intending on clearing in to customs - a service now provided at the shallow draft docks.

The shallow draft name may stir caution to the helmsman, but in fact has plenty of draft for the average cruising yacht. It is named as such to differentiate itself from the deep water harbour for cruise ships.

The shallow draft has showers, washing machines and wifi. Berthing in shallow draft will be free during the event. The organisers must be notified of intended berthing location in advance.

INNER BASIN OF THE CAREENAGE IN BRIDGETOWN

The Chamberlain Bridge is at the east end of the carenage in the city of Bridgetown. Passing through the bridge, there are a number of med-style moorings with power.

To arrange for a mooring, please call +1-246-434-6100 and request Marine Services.

CARLISLE BAY

Anchoring in Carlisle Bay is permitted. Mooring balls are privately owned and must not be used without permission. Landing area for dinghies is available at the Barbados Cruising Club. The club is not responsible for theft or damage of dinghies or other property.

BOAT MEASURING



All boats competing in the Coastal Racing Series are encouraged to obtain a CSA measurement. The regatta measurer is Renata Goodridge who may be contacted on renatabdos@gmail.com to make arrangements. For boats travelling to Barbados from other parts of the Caribbean a list of Caribbean Sailing Association measurers can be found on their website at:

<http://caribbean-sailing.com/csa-rules/measurers>

ALL ABOUT THE BARBADOS CRUISING CLUB



The Barbados Cruising Club was founded by Ian Gale, of The Barbados Advocate in October 1957 in response to restrictive membership practices then in place at the neighbouring Barbados Yacht Club. Founding members included the who's who of Bajan society, most notably the Right Excellent Errol Walton Barrow, who after completing his term as the first club treasurer, went on to lead Barbados to independence from Britain in 1966, becoming the Island's first Prime Minister.

With Barbados' beautiful beaches, crystal blue waters, and perfect sailing conditions, it is the Club's mission to make sailing available to ordinary Barbadians. This is as important to us now as it was back then in 1957.

After many years as a vibrant social and sailing club, the Barbados Cruising Club fell into decline following the turn of the century. By 2006 the Club was effectively bankrupt, with large debts and few members. But those members never gave up and their persistence and determination paid off. A steering committee was created to guide the club back to life. Through their hard work, and partnerships with local businesses the Cruising Club was given a new lease of life.

The Club today is almost unrecognisable from the Cruising Club of 2006. Major renovations started in 2009, and continued through 2010. Our membership numbers grow month on month. The Cruising Club is now proudly back in its place as a vibrant South Coast hub, with regular sailing and social events.

Although our decor has changed and our facilities improved, the core values and aims of the Club have not. We are a totally inclusive club that welcomes members both locally and internationally. We strive to share the 'sailing bug' throughout Barbados. We recognise the special place that Errol Barrow holds in our history through the name of the bar, "Dipper's", his nickname, and also by hosting The Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race on Errol Barrow Day, January 21st annually.

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SEE YOU NEXT YEAR! - SAME DATES, SAME GREAT ISLAND!

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