



JHYC Valentines Regatta 2026
Organizing Authority: Jolly Harbour Yacht Club
13th – 15th February 2026
Sailing Instructions for CSA Classes & RS Elite

The Regatta Headquarters will be located at Sea Dream Restaurant & Bar, Jolly Harbour

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 Safety and Equipment Regulations (Addendum A to the Notice of Race) will apply.
- 1.3 The CSA Rating Rule will apply to all boats except the RS Elites.
- 1.4 Rule 52, Manual Power, will not apply.
- 1.5 Rule 77, Identification on Sails, will not apply.
- 1.6 Rule A5.3 Boat Scores, will apply.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on: www.jhycantigua.com/sailing before 08:00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20:00 on the day before it will take effect.

3. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

There will be no signals made ashore.

4. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on: www.jhycantigua.com/sailing before 08:00 on the day it will take effect.
- 4.2 The Race Committee (RC) will standby on channel 12 and will broadcast the following:
 - a) time checks at thirty and fifteen minutes before the first start of each day.
 - b) the course to be sailed prior to each race.
- 4.3 Failure of a boat to hear any notification on the VHF radio will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 61.4(b)(1).



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5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Racing will take place on Saturday 14th February and Sunday 15th February.

5.2 The first warning signal of each day will not be before 10:00 for the CSA boats. The first warning signal of each day will not be before 11.00 for the RS Elites.

5.3 Subsequent races on each day will be started as soon as possible after all boats have finished the previous race.

5.4 Seven races are scheduled, with a maximum of four races on any one day.

5.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 1430.

6. COURSES

6.1 Addendum B shows the approximate mark location and approximate GPS position. The RS Elites buoys will be positioned to windward and leeward of the RC vessel.

6.2 Addendum C shows course numbers, including the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

6.3 If using the alternate finish line between Red Channel Mark No2 and White Club Mark, boats shall leave the Red Channel Mark No2 to port.

6.4 While racing, no boat shall pass through the Five Islands west of Pearn's Point.

6.5 While racing, no boat shall pass between Fullerton Point and Pelican Island.

6.6 The RS Elites will be sailing a Windward Leeward course with their own marks. These marks will be Red Topped Budget Marine buoys.

6.7 The RS Elites course may be shortened on any leg at the finishing line. The appropriate signals will be made from the RC Vessel.

7. MARKS

7.1 All marks of the course are described in Addendum A. White inflatable buoys labelled Budget Marine will be marking Second Star Sailing (previously Cook) and Budget Marine (previously Pelican).

7.2 For boats in the CSA classes after completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross the starting line. A CSA boat shall not cross the finishing line until she is completing the last leg of the course and finishes. Boats in the CSA classes shall not cross the RS Elite finish line. A boat that breaks this rule will be disqualified without a hearing.

7.3 For boats in the RS Elite class after rounding the leeward buoy of the course the boats shall pass through the RS Elite finish line laid to the starboard side of the RC vessel.





8. THE START

8.1 The location of the starting line each day for all classes will be west of Five Islands in the approximate position 17:05:20 north; 61:55:20 west, except for the first race each day, where the start may be in the vicinity of Jolly Harbour.

8.2 The start line for the CSA & RS Elites will be between a staff on the RC vessel displaying an orange flag and a nearby white Budget Marine buoy.

8.3 An Inner Distance Mark (IDM) may be laid from the committee boat. This will not form part of the start line. No boat shall pass between the IDM and RC vessel.

8.4 Start times and the order of starts will be announced on VHF 12.

8.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other boats. Alleged violation of this Sailing Instruction will be grounds for protest only by the RC. This changes Rule 60.1.

8.6 A boat that does not start before ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes Rule A5.

8.7 The starting sequence will be 5-minute starting sequence, according to the RRS 26.

9. THE FINISH

9.1 The CSA finish line will be between a staff on the RC vessel displaying a blue flag and a nearby Budget Marine mark to the port side of the RC Vessel.

9.2 RS Elites finish line will be between a staff on the RC vessel displaying a blue flag and a nearby white buoy to the starboard side of the RC vessel.

9.3 For the CSA Classes, on the final race of each day, the finish line may be between red Channel Mark No2 and White Club Mark, leaving the red Channel Mark No2 to port.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 Except for breaches of Parts 1 and 2 of the Rules, the Protest Committee may apply any penalty that it deems equitable.

10.2 A boat that does not take a penalty in accordance with rule 44.1 may accept a thirty per cent (30%) scoring penalty calculated per rule 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is three places and she shall be scored worse than the number of boats that came to the starting area. However, if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach, her penalty shall be to retire before any protest hearing, at the discretion of the Protest Committee.



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11. TIME LIMITS

11.1 The time limit for the coastal race will be 150 minutes. On Saturday and Sunday the time will be 100 minutes after the start or 20 minutes after the first boat finishes in each class.

11.2 Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35.

12. HEARING REQUESTS

12.1 Protest forms will be available at the Protest Desk located at the Committee Desk at Sea Dream Restaurant. The protest time limit will be 30 minutes after the RC vessel docks each day. The time will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

12.2 Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of a hearing request being filed to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at regatta headquarters.

12.3 On the last day of racing a request for redress based on a Protest Committee's decision shall be filed no later than thirty minutes after the decision is posted.

12.4 Except as allowed in CSA Rating Rule 2.3, no measurement or rating protest will be accepted after 18.00 on Friday, 13th February.

13. SCORING

13.1 A boat's series score will be:

- a) When fewer than five races have been completed, the total of her race scores.
- b) When five or more races have been completed, the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

13.2 For all classes, one race shall constitute a series.

14. SAFETY

14.1 All skippers are responsible for ensuring that their vessel carries appropriate safety equipment per Notice of Race, Addendum A.

14.2 A boat that retires shall attempt to notify the Race Committee as soon as possible by calling on VHF channel 12 and shall use its best efforts to receive an acknowledgement.

14.3 RS Elites. Safety Equipment as per RS Elite Class rules.





15. PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be awarded to each class.

15.2 Regatta Prize-Giving will take place not before 1700 on Sunday, 15th February at Sea Dream Restaurant & Bar.

16. INSURANCE

All boats shall have a minimum of adequate Third-Party Liability Insurance which covers racing valid for the duration of the Regatta.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes. The OA and its affiliates 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.

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