

NOTICE OF RACE
BARBADOS SAILING WEEK 2018
PREVIOUSLY KNOWN AS
THE MOUNT GAY ROUND BARBADOS RACE SERIES

January 16th to 24th 2018

**Organised by the Barbados Cruising Club in association with
Barbados Tourism Marketing Inc. and Mount Gay Rum.**

1. Tradition

A race around Barbados on Errol Barrow Day, a national holiday in honour of the first Prime Minister of independent Barbados and founding member of the Barbados Cruising Club. A race to beat absolute and class records. 2018 marks the 82nd anniversary of the "Round Barbados Race" and includes a wider programme of sailing and off the water activities, which shall be known as Barbados Sailing Week. The regatta will include a series of coastal races before the Mount Gay Round Barbados Race and an ocean passage race to Antigua after it.

2. Rules

2.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2.2. The CSA Rating Rule will apply to CSA classes.

2.3. No national prescriptions will apply.

3. Eligibility and Entry

3.1. The Mount Gay Round Barbados Race and the Coastal Racing Series are open to any type of monohull or multihull over 15 feet.

3.2. Boats less than 15 feet may also be accepted at the sole discretion of the organising authority.

However:

a) They should be aware that in the event of adverse weather conditions they will be amongst the first boats to be cancelled, and

b) For the Mount Gay Round Barbados Race they will each be required to have an appropriate safety boat in close attendance at all times.

3.3. The Ocean Passage Race to Antigua is open to boats with a CSA Rating only.

3.4. The Mount Gay Round Barbados Race will have classes based on length and type of boat (unrated). There will also be classes for boats with a CSA Rating and boats raced single-handed and double-handed.

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Boats with foils are eligible for “with-foils” records and not conventional records.

3.5. The Coastal Racing Series will have classes for:

3.5.1. Monohull boats with a CSA Rating, which will be split into two classes, CSA Racing and CSA Cruising.

3.5.2. Monohull boats without a CSA Rating, which will be given a local rating which may change during the regatta.

3.5.3. Multihull boats and monohull boats less than 15 feet (where accepted), which will either be unrated, or given a local rating which may change during the regatta.

3.5.4. J/24 Class boats.

3.6. The Ocean Passage Race to Antigua will have classes based on rating and/or type.

3.7. Entry forms will be available online via www.yachtscoring.com from November 1st 2017.

3.8. Entry forms received after 1200Hrs on 9th January 2018 may be accepted at the organising authority’s discretion and may incur a US\$50 late payment penalty.

4. Fees

Entry Fees are set at:

4.1. US\$2 per foot overall for Race Days 1 to 4 inclusive, the Coastal Racing Series.

4.2. US\$2 per foot overall for Race Day 5, The Mount Gay Round Barbados Race.

4.3. US\$2 per foot overall for Race Day 6, the Ocean Passage Race to Antigua.

5. Schedule

Barbados Sailing Week 2018 comprises:

16th January: From Noon to 5.30pm Registration
 6pm: Skipper’s Briefing
 7pm Welcome Party

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- 17th January: Race Day 1 Coastal Racing. First start 09.30am.
Post Race Party
- 18th January: Race Day 2 Coastal Racing. First start 09.30am.
Post Race Party
- 19th January: Race Day 3 Coastal Racing. First start 09.30am.
Post Race Party
- 20th January: Race Day 4 Coastal Racing (J/24 only). First start 09.30am.
Regatta Surf and Turf Polo Match.
- 21st January: Race Day 5 The Mount Gay Round Barbados Race. First start 07.00am.
Post Race Party at the Barbados Cruising Club.
- 22nd January: 7.00pm Regatta Dinner (ticketed event) at The Beach House, St. James.
9.00pm Grand Prize Giving (all welcome) at The Beach House, St. James.
- 23rd January: 6.00pm Briefing for the Ocean Passage Race to Antigua.
- 24th January: The Ocean Passage Race to Antigua, First start 10.00am.

Race Days 1 to 4, the Coastal Racing Series: Apart from the J/24 Class, one race per day is scheduled. For the J/24 class up to four races per day are scheduled.

The programme may be modified as a result of weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances. Changes will be announced online via www.yachtscoring.com and the regatta website.

6. Registration and Briefings

6.1. Boats shall complete registration between noon and 5.30pm on 16th January at the Radisson Aquatica Resort, situated adjacent to the Barbados Cruising Club.

6.2. Boats entered in a CSA Rating class shall produce a valid CSA Rating Certificate at registration.

6.3. The following Skipper's briefings will be held at 18.00 at the same location:

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16th January: The Coastal Racing Series and Mount Gay Round Barbados Race

23rd January: The Ocean Passage Race to Antigua

7. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available for collection at Registration, at each of the Skipper's briefings listed above and will also be available online at the regatta website.

8. Venue

The Barbados Cruising Club, Aquatic Gap, St Michael, Barbados. Telephone (1 246) 426 4434. www.barbadoscruisingclub.org

9. The Courses

9.1. Starting and finishing lines, bar the finishing line for the Ocean Passage Race to Antigua will be in Carlisle Bay.

9.2. Race Days 1 to 4, The Coastal Racing Series: Courses will be laid off the South and West Coasts of Barbados.

9.3. Race Day 5, The Mount Gay Round Barbados Race: The course is around Barbados leaving it to starboard, starting and finishing on the same line, a distance of approximately 60 miles.

9.4. Race Day 6, The Ocean Passage Race to Antigua: The course is Barbados to Antigua, finishing off Fort Charlotte at the eastern entrance of English Harbour, a distance of approximately 265 miles.

10. Scoring

10.1. Race Days 1 to 4, the Coastal Racing Series: One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

10.2. Apart from the J/24 class, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. For the J/24 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.

11. Berthing

Participating boats are invited to moor at the "Barbados 50" Facility in the Shallow Draft, or in the inner basin of the Careenage, subject to draft restrictions. A timetable of opening times for the Chamberlain Bridge will be published if required. Boats wishing to make use of the berthing facilities are required to contact the organising authority in advance.

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12. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4 Decision to Race. The organising 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.

13. Insurance

Competitors are strongly advised to hold Third Party Liability Insurance valid for the duration of the regatta.

14. Prizes

Race Days 1 to 4, the Coastal Racing Series: Prizes will be awarded based on overall results in each class.

Race Day 5, the Mount Gay Round Barbados Race: Prizes will be awarded in each class. Boats that win a class and break an absolute or class record will win their Skipper's weight in bottles of Mount Gay Extra Old Rum.

Race Day 6, The Ocean Passage Race to Antigua: Prizes will be awarded in each class

15. Further Information

For further information please visit the regatta website
www.mountgayrumroundbarbadosrace.com
(to be replaced by www.barbadossailingweek.com)
or email Alene Stone alene@barbadoscruisingclub.org.