

RC44 BVI Cup 2014

RC44 BVI Cup 2014 will be organised by Yacht Club Costa Smeralda in co-operation with the RC 44 Class Association. The Event is sanctioned by the Royal British Virgin Islands Yacht Club (RBVIYC) as the National Authority to ISAF.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. For the match racing, Appendix C of RRS will apply.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The Equipment Rules of Sailing will apply.
- 1.4 The RC 44 Class Rules, the RC44 Sailing Instructions, the RC 44 Class Association Constitution and the RC44 Annual Championship Rules will apply
- 1.5 RRS 55 is changed adding the following sentence to the rule: 'However, discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail is permitted".
- 1.6 English shall be the official language of the Regatta;

2. ADVERTISING

RC44 championship Tour 2014 Rule 8 will apply.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The race is open to all boats of the RC 44 class that comply to the obligations of the class rules, RC 44 Class Association regulations and their National Authorities in the case that a National Authority exists.
- 3.2 All the RC44 teams who did pay their annual class fee are automatically registered to all the event of the RC44 Championship Tour. A team who doesn't want to join an event shall inform the Class Office minimum 6 weeks before the beginning of the race.
- 3.3 Only new crewmembers or owners will have to weigh-in at registration.
- 3.4 Each team is allowed to register 3 on board non-commercial guests per event. The registration shall be send to the Class Office (hubert.detrey@rc44.com) four weeks before the beginning of the race.

4. CLASSIFICATION

- 4.1 The ISAF Sailor Classification Code will apply. The skippers are responsible for their team registration to ISAF and shall send a copy of the classification certificate of each crew (including himself) with the entry form. Skippers shall provide the ISAF Sailor ID for each crew at registration. Skippers can register their crew on the ISAF website www.sailing.org.
- 4.2 For full information regarding the crew limitations, see class rules section C "Conditions for racing".

5. FEES

No Entry Fee is required.

6. SCHEDULE

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| Monday, February 10 th | 13:30 – 18:00 | Registration and Crew Weighing |
| Tuesday, February 11 th | 09:00 – 18:00 14:00 | Registration and Crew Weighing Practice race |
| Wednesday, February 12 th | 10:00 11:00 18:00 | Match Race Briefing Match Racing, first warning signal Welcome cocktail at the YCCS Clubhouse |
| Thursday, February 13 th | 09:30 11:00 to follow | Fleet Race Briefing First warning signal After race refreshment at the YCCS green |
| Friday, February 14 th | 09:00 10:00 to follow | Fleet & long distance Race Briefing First warning signal After race refreshment at the YCCS green |
| Saturday, February 15 th | 09:30 11:00 19:00 | Fleet Race Briefing First warning signal Crew Party |
| Sunday, February 16 th | 09:30 11:00 15:00 To follow | Fleet Race Briefing First warning signal Last warning signal Prize Giving at the YCCS Green |

- 6.1 Match Racing Series: format will be specified in the SI.
- 6.2 Fleet Racing Series: Maximum four races per day are scheduled. Short coastal races can be scheduled, depending on weather conditions. No initial warning signal will be made after 15h00 on Sunday, February 16th (last day of racing).
- 6.3 In cooperation with the class, the OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format.

The final programme (SI Appendix ECHO) will be available for competitors upon final registration.

7. MEASUREMENT

- 7.1 Each boat shall have a valid measurement certificate.
- 7.2 The Organisers may weigh, measure or inspect any boat and/or her sails and equipment before, during or after the races. There will be no facilities for initial sails measurement. Each boat shall sail with measured sails (initial measurement at the sail loft) and comply with the class rules and sail stickers regulations.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS & APPENDICES

The sailing instructions and all the appendices will be available on February 10th at registration.

9. VENUE

The venue will be YCCS Marina Virgin Gorda. Racing area will be in the waters of the archipelago of the Virgin Islands. A detailed map of the racing areas is available in the event Guidebook.

10. COURSES

- 10.1 Fleet race: the course to be sailed will be windward-leeward configuration. Spreader marks and leeward gates shall be used. Short coastal races may be scheduled depending on the weather conditions.
- 10.2 Match race: the course to be sailed will be windward-leeward configuration. Leeward gate may be used.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 The Low Point System of Appendix 'A' will apply to the fleet racing series.
- 11.2 Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 11.3 Each boat's score shall be the total of her race scores. No score will be excluded.



11.4 Scoring system is defined in the Championship Tour Rules 2014 for the match racing series.

12. **SUPPORT BOATS**

Support boats shall be identified with a team flag (min size 40x60cm).

13. **LAUNCHING AND BERTHING**

13.1 All boats are to be afloat and moored by 14:00 on February 11th including boats not participating in the match racing series. There will be no facilities available to assemble the boats during the match racing series.

13.2 Boats shall be kept on the assigned pontoons in the harbour.

For all the Participant the mooring place will be available from 12:00 on 9th February to 12:00 on 17th February.

Should a mooring be required for a longer period, entrants can extend the booking by contacting the Marina Office directly. Extended bookings will be chargeable at the current marina rates. Early booking is recommended.

Telephone bookings must be confirmed by fax, email or post.

To reserve moorings before and after the dates indicated above and for tenders please contact:

Dockmaster

YCCS Marina Virgin Gorda

P.O. Box 132

North Sound, Virgin Gorda

British Virgin Islands

Mobile: +1 284 346 0004

YCCS Marina Office: +1 284 393 2000

Fax: +1 284 495 3557

E-mail: dockmaster@yccsmarina.com

IMPERATIVE: prior to enter the harbour, boats are requested to contact the Marina office at VHF channel 8. When moored, it is MANDATORY for all Participants to visit the Harbourmaster's Office to finalize their registration procedures.

14. **HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta unless approved in writing by the OA.

15. **RADIO COMMUNICATION**

15.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

15.2 Race information will be given by VHF radios. The VHF channel will be confirmed in the SI.

16. **PRIZES**

The prizes will be given as follows:

Trophy to the winner of the match racing series & winner of the fleet racing series

17. **DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

17.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4 Decision to Race.

17.2 The owner/competitor is entirely responsible for his own safety, whether afloat or ashore, and nothing, whether in the notice of race or sailing instructions or anywhere else, reduces this responsibility.

17.3 It is for the owner/competitor to decide whether the boat is fit to sail in the conditions in which they will find themselves. By launching or going to sea, the owner/competitor confirms that boat is fit for those conditions and the crew is competent to sail and compete in them.



- 17.4 Nothing done by the organisers can reduce the responsibility of the owner/competitor nor will it make the organisers responsible for any loss, damage, death or personal injury, however, it may have occurred, as a result of the owner/competitor taking part in the racing. The organisers encompass everyone helping to run the race and the event, and include the organising authority, the race committee, the race officer, patrol boats and beach masters.
- 17.5 The provision of patrol boats does not relieve the owner/competitor of her responsibilities.
- 17.6 RRS 68 is changed and replace with:
1. Any claim for damages arising from an incident while a boat is bound by The Racing Rules of Sailing shall be subject to the jurisdiction of the courts and not considered by a protest committee.
 2. A boat that takes a penalty or retires does not thereby admit liability for damages or that she has broken a rule.

18 INSURANCE

The boat is required to hold adequate third-party insurance with a minimum cover of € 1.000.000,00 per event or the equivalent if expressed in other currency, and it is the owner or owner's representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate.

19 PHOTOGRAPHS AND TV RIGHTS

By participating in the RC44 BVI Cup 2014 will, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the Class Association the right in perpetuity to make use of and show, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still photographs, live or taped film or video on television and/or other media, showing him/her during the period of the competition, as well as to use such contents in any media whatsoever, for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information without compensation.

The Organising Authority