



YACHT CLUB COSTA SMERALDA



NOTICE OF RACE
VIRGIN GORDA, 11th - 15th MARCH

ROLEX SWAN CUP CARIBBEAN 2013





ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The regatta is organized by the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda (YCCS) in collaboration with Nautor's Swan. The Event is sanctioned by the Royal British Virgin Islands Yacht Club (RBVIYC) as the National Authority to ISAF.

1 THE RULES

The regatta will be governed by the following:

- (a) the *rules* as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing;
- (b) Current IRC Rules, Parts A, B and D. IRC Rules 22.4.1 and 22.4.2 shall not apply. There will be no crew number or weight limitation.
- (c) ISAF Offshore Special Regulations for Category 3 no white flares are required, amending Special Regulation 4.23, Jackstays are not required, amending Special Regulation 4.04.
- (d) The Caribbean Sailing Association (CSA) Rating Rule (www.caribbean-sailing.com).
- (e) This Notice of Race;
- (f) The Sailing Instructions (available on the event website and at final registration on site);
- (g) In the event of a conflict between any of the above rules and/or regulations and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7;
- (h) Advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20 Advertising Code. Boats shall display Event Advertising in compliance with ISAF Regulation 20, Advertising Code, and as detailed in the Sailing Instructions;
- (i) English shall be the official language of the Regatta;
- (j) The Organizing Authority may amend this Notice in accordance with RRS 88.2(a). Any amendments to this Notice will be emailed to all Owners whose entries have been accepted. Amendments will also be posted on the official website. During the Regatta, any amendments will be posted on the Official Notice Board at the Regatta Headquarters and on the official website;
- (k) No national authority prescriptions will apply.

2 EVENT ADVERTISING

2.1 Boats will be required to display the Sponsor's pennant on the backstay and Sponsor's decal on each side of the bow throughout the period starting one hour after the completion of registration and ending one hour after the finish of the last race of the regatta and the event battle flag throughout the same period but only while moored.

2.2 The Organizing Authority will supply the decals, pennant and flags at registration.

2.3 The Organizing Authority may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on board video cameras for the official television production and/or a tracking system.

2.4 Boats intending to display advertising during the regatta shall state in the entry form the nature of such advertising.

3 ELIGIBILITY

3.1 The regatta is open to all Nautor's Swan yachts with a valid IRC Certificate or a valid CSA Certificate and all such yachts are invited to the regatta. It is the intent of the Organizing Authority to divide the fleet into two Classes based on final entries. Classes A and B may be further split into divisions based on rating bands and spinnaker / non-spinnaker division. This will be confirmed by the Organizing Authority and published in a Notice to Competitors after the close of Registration on Monday 11th March.

Class A (Swan Maxi) Boats of LH 18.29m and above;

Class B (Swan) Boats of LH 18.28m and below

3.2 The Organizing Authority reserves the right to amend the above class designations based on actual entries received and/or to amalgamate and/or further split classes at its discretion. The decisions of the Organizing Authority in this respect shall be final and there shall be no claims for redress (changing RRS 62).

3.3 IRC Certificates and CSA Certificates shall be received by the O.A. by the 1st of March 2013. A preliminary split of the fleet will be published on the YCCS website by the 8th of March.

3.4 With the permission of the IRC Technical Committee, boats may apply to the Organising Authority for a rating allowance when some or all of the boat's crew live aboard, with personal gear and stores, for the duration of the regatta. Boats applying for



this allowance shall specify the number of crew living aboard by the 8th of March shall comply with Appendix A to this Notice of Race.

4 RACING ENTRIES

4.1 Boats will be divided into classes in accordance with paragraph 3.1 above.

4.2 Entries shall be made on the enclosed Racing Entry Form which shall be completed and returned, by email or fax, to:

Race Office
Yacht Club Costa Smeralda
07021 Porto Cervo (OT) - Sardinia - Italy
Tel: +39 0789 902200 Fax: +39 0789 91213
Email: secretariat@yccs.it

4.3 Entry Fees (mooring fees and social programme are included in the entry fee):

a) For Swans up to 14.00m LOA	1,000.00 US \$
b) For Swans of 14.01m to 18.00m LOA	1,200.00 US \$
c) For Swans of 18.01m to 24.00m LOA	1,400.00 US \$
d) For Swans over 24.01m LOA	1,600.00 US \$

4.4 The non refundable entry fee shall accompany the entry form. Payments by Credit Card (Visa or Mastercard) or Bank Transfer are acceptable. If payment is made by bank transfer, a copy of the transfer confirmation is to accompany the entry form. Please send transfer payments to:

Yacht Club Costa Smeralda
Banca di Credito Sardo - Filiale di Arzachena
IBAN: IT92 D030 5984 9011 0000 0000 071 BIC - SWIFT: BCITIT3C

IMPERATIVE - specify as object: Rolex Swan Cup Caribbean – NAME OF THE BOAT

4.5 Entries shall be received by YCCS not later than 1st February 2013.

Entries will not be confirmed until the full entry fee has been received by the YCCS.

4.6 At the Organizing Authority discretion, consent for a boat to register late maybe given.

4.7 The Organizing Committee reserves the right to accept entries after 1st February 2013, on payment of an additional fee (US \$ 500.00). No moorings can be assured for late entries.

5 CRUISING ENTRIES

5.1 Nautor's Swan yachts wishing to participate in the social programme of the Rolex Swan Cup Caribbean but not participate in the racing programme can do so by completing the enclosed entry form, specifying that the boat is Cruising. The same procedure and entry fee shall apply.

5.2 Cruising entries will not affect the results.

6 MOORINGS

6.1 The entry fee includes moorings from 08.00 hrs on Monday 11th March to 11.00 hrs on Saturday 16th March, provided that the completed entry form and fee are received by the YCCS before 1st February 2013.

6.2 The payment for water and electricity will be the responsibility of each boat and shall be paid directly to the Marina Office. 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 in par.6.1 and for tenders please contact:

Dockmaster
YCCS Marina Virgin Gorda
P.O. Box 132
North Sound, Virgin Gorda
British Virgin Islands



BVI 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.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 Registration and Inspection

Monday, March 11th 09:00 – 16:00

7.2 Dates of racing

Date	Programme	Scheduled time of first signal
Tuesday, March 12 th	Racing	11:00
Wednesday, March 13 th	Racing	11:00
Thursday, March 14 th	Racing	11:00
Friday, March 15 th	Racing	11:00

7.3 Prize Giving

Friday, March 15th

7.4 Alteration of Programme:

The Organizing Authority and the Race Committee reserve the right to modify the above programme according to weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances.

8 RATING CERTIFICATES AND MEASUREMENT

Rating certificates shall be received by the Organizing Authority no later than March 1st. A list of the ratings of the boats will be posted on YCCS website by March 8th. The protest time limit for rating protests for boats, except relating to changes made during the regatta, will expire on March 11th at 15:00 hrs.

9 REGISTRATION

At final registration the following documents will be required within March 11th at 16.00:

- Registration with the Organizing Authority, crew list, sail declaration;
- Rolex Disclaimer and Photographic Rights Form duly signed by each crew member, acceptance of the Notice of Race as set out in the Entry Form;
- Declaration of adequate insurance coverage duly signed;

10 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available at final registration on Monday 11th and published online on the YCCS website.

11 RACING AREA AND COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be coastal courses in the waters of the archipelago of the Virgin Islands.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

In accordance with RRS 44 a boat that may have broken a rule of part 2 while racing may take a penalty but RRS 44.1 is altered in that to the extent that the penalty is a One-Turn Penalty.

13 SCORING

13.1 The Low Point System Appendix A shall apply except that there will be no discard

13.2 Four races are scheduled and one race has to be completed to constitute the series.

12 COMMUNICATIONS AND ELECTRONIC AIDS

12.1 Boats shall be equipped with a Marine VHF transceiver that could operate on VHF 8, 72 and 16

12.2 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. All types of electronic aids, including radar,



VOR, satellite, AIS, etc., are permitted. No external aids, outside assistance or information may be used during the races, except weather forecast information.

12.3 Boat to boat communication are allowed and encouraged to allow the safest possible navigation during the regatta and one dedicated VHF channel will be used for this purpose.

12.4 Yachts equipped with Automatic Identification System (AIS) are required to operate their AIS system from the time they approach the starting area until departing the finishing area following the race.

13 PROTEST COMMITTEE

Protests will be heard by an International Protest Committee.

14 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

The Rolex Swan Cup Caribbean Trophies will be awarded to the lowest scoring yacht overall in the two Classes. Additionally, special trophies will be awarded to the winner of each division/category.

15 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third party liability insurance with adequate cover taking into account the value of the boats racing and the measure of damages likely to arise in the event of an accident.

16 DISCLAIMER

Competitors agree to be bound by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013/2016, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their boat, the rigging, the crew's ability and the safety equipment. Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for damages caused to third persons or their belongings, to themselves or to their belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of their participation in the regatta, relieving of any responsibility the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, Rolex S.A., Nautor Holding Srl and all persons or sponsors involved in the organization under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for the behavior and dress of the boat's crew, representatives and guests.

Competitors are reminded of RRS Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

In any case, competitors agree that the Yacht Club Costa Smeralda, Nautor Holding, the Sponsors and their agents, the Race Officials which shall include everyone involved in the management of the racing, the Race Officers, the International Jury and their assistants have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel or property.

As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.

17 MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors grant the Organizing Authority, Nautor Holding Srl and the Sponsors the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to Press and TV advertisements or Internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information; in this respect, competitors' names and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.

18 SOCIAL EVENTS

The social programme is scheduled as follow:

Date:	Programme
Monday, 11 th March	Opening Reception And Welcome Cocktail
Tuesday, 12 th March	Caribbean Barbeque
Thursday, 14 th March	Rolex Gala Dinner
Friday, 15 th March	Final Prize Giving and party

**19 PRESS OFFICE**

Media representatives wishing to cover the event are requested to contact:

YCCS PRESS OFFICE

Email: pressoffice@yccs.it

Jill Campbell - Tel: +39 0789 902200 – Fax: +39 0789 91213

NAUTOR'S SWAN PRESS OFFICE

media@nautorswan.com

Jennifer Hall – Tel: +393929768107

Cailah Leask – Tel: +447785294321

20 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please check the event web site www.yccs.com.

Racing Information contact:

YCCS Race Office

Email: secretariat@yccs.it

Tel: +39 0789 902200 - Fax: +39 0789 91213



Appendix A

A.1 Boats receiving the “live-aboard” crew allowance shall carry while racing the following minimum for each live-aboard crew member, in addition to items required by special and safety regulations:

- sailing clothes for the regatta duration;
- wet/foul weather gear;
- ashore clothes for the regatta duration;
- storage bag/luggage;
- adequate bedding;
- personal items (toiletries, valuables, documents, etc);
- adequate cooking utensils, crockery and cutlery;
- domestic provisions for the regatta duration;
- basic food preparation provisions for the regatta duration;
- canned, dried &/or frozen provisions for the regatta duration;
- fresh food stores maintained throughout the regatta (for breakfast and at least one daily meal aboard);
- an adequate variety of drinks;
- 20 litres (5 gallons) fresh water per live-aboard crew member maintained throughout the regatta.

A.2 The maximum number of live-aboard crew shall not exceed the number of fitted bunks, including settee berths and pipe cots.

A.3 To qualify for the live-aboard allowance, the minimum weight of the items detailed by A.1, plus also other items of a personal nature, and the boat’s spares, tools, emergency fuel etc., but excluding any item required to be carried by special and safety regulations, shall be 140kg per live-aboard crew member. No more than 40 litres of water per live-aboard crew member and 10 litres of fuel per live-aboard crew member shall be included in this weight. Except when in use, all items included shall be properly stowed in appropriate lockers or other storage areas while racing.

A.4 Qualification for live-aboard rating allowance shall only be protested by the Race Committee.

Virgin Gorda, 11th – 15th March 2013**ENTRY:** RACING () CRUISING ()**RATING:** IRC () CSA ()

BOAT NAME SAIL NUMBER

L.O.A. BEAM DRAFT HULL No:

MODEL OF SWAN DESIGNER YEAR

BOAT ADVERTISING (if boat is displaying advertising)

HULL COLOUR Yacht Owned since:

YACHT CLUB HOME PORT COUNTRY

OWNER/CHARTERER Club Swan Membership Card^(*)

ADDRESS

CITY COUNTRY TEL.

FAX EMAIL TEL ON-SITE

IMPERATIVE: Contact details to be reached ON SITE for any daily communication from the O.A.

NAME

TEL ON SITE EMAIL

HELMSMAN (if different than owner/charterer) COUNTRY

EMAIL TEL ON-SITE

TACTICIAN COUNTRY

EMAIL TEL ON-SITE

NUMBER OF CREW: E.T.A

PRESS INFOS

PRESS REPRESENTATIVE (for internal use only)

TEL TEL ON-SITE

SIGNIFICANT REGATTA PARTICIPATION/VICTORIES

PROFESSIONAL CREW ON BOARD AND ROLES

- **(*)** Please contact the Swan Racing Office on racing-office@nautorswan.com for any queries.- Please note the **mooring** fees from 08.00 hrs on Monday 11th March to 11.00 hrs on Saturday 16th March are included in the entry fee. Water and electricity are not included.- **Entries** received after 1st February 2013 will be charged an extra US\$ 500 on the relevant Entry Fee. No moorings are assured for late entries.- Please send entries to: Email: secretariat@yccs.it - Fax: +39 0789 91213

Virgin Gorda, 11th – 15th March 2013**DISCLAIMER****1. Notice of Race rules**

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2. Photographs and TV Rights

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3. Insurance

I hereby declare that the boat holds adequate insurance including third-party insurance, and it is the owner or owners' representative's sole and inescapable responsibility to ensure that the insurance is in place and is adequate prior to participating in this event.

I HAVE CAREFULLY READ THE AGREEMENT ABOVE AT POINTS 1,2 and 3 AND FULLY UNDERSTAND ITS CONTENTS, I AM AWARE THAT THIS IS A RELEASE OF LIABILITY AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS AND SIGN IT OF MY FREE WILL.

Name of the Owner/Charterer/Boat Representative: _____

Date: _____ Signed: _____

Date: _____ Relief Helmsman Signed: _____

ATTACHMENTS

RATING CERTIFICATE () YES () NO - to be delivered no later than **March 1st 2013**
 CREW LIST () YES () NO
 COPY OF BANK TRANSFER () YES () NO

ENTRY FEE :

a) For Swans up to 14.00m LOA 1,000.00 US\$ ()
 b) For Swans of 14.01m to 18.00m LOA 1,200.00 US\$ ()
 c) For Swans of 18.01m to 24.00m LOA 1,400.00 US\$ ()
 d) For Swans over 24.01m LOA 1,600.00 US\$ ()

() **Credit Card payment** VISA () MASTERCARD ()

Card Number _____ Expiry Date _____

Cardholder Name _____ Contact number of cardholder _____

() Bank Details

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 BIC - SWIFT: BCITIT3C