

**JOLLY HARBOUR YACHT CLUB WINTER SERIES
NOVEMBER 29 2014 TO MARCH 28 2015**

THE SERIES headquarters will be located at the **West Point Marina Lounge Bar, Jolly Harbour, Antigua**.
Times are Antigua Standard Time (UTC minus 4 hours).
Authority is Jolly Harbour Yacht Club affiliated with the Antigua Sailing Association.
Berthing in the Marina on Saturday nights for non-JHYC boats has been arranged for the Series.

RULES:

Racing will be governed by the Rules as defined in the *ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (2013 - 2016)*.
The series will also be governed by: the *CSA Rating Rule*;
The Rules will be changed as follows:

- (a) Rule 44.1, Taking a Penalty, is changed so that for all classes the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty;
- (b) Rule 52, Manual Power, will not apply; and
- (c) Rule 77, Identification on Sails, will not apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS:

All notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at West Point Marina Lounge Bar in the JH Commercial Centre.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board before 8:00 am on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8:00 pm on the day before it will take effect

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE:

Starting signals shall be made by sound and courses for each division shall be displayed at the start line.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES:

Nine races are scheduled for the Winter Series, seven races shall count, two discards will be permitted except that a DSQ following a protest shall not be discarded.

6. MARKS:

All marks of the course will be buoys or inflatable buoys in the approx. positions stated on the Official Notice Board. A mark boat flying flag 'M' may replace any of the course marks.

7. CLASSES:

Boats will be divided into DIVISIONS by type of boat and/or CSA Rating as in the Notice to All Sailors on the Club Notice Board.
Boats must declare their intended sail configuration and CSA rating to the Committee either at the West Point Bar or by VHF radio to the Starter before their first start in the series which **must not be changed** thereafter for the duration of the series

8. THE START:

Races will be started in accordance with rule 26.
The starting line will be between a staff on the "island" and a pile opposite marked JHYC
A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal may be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing.

9. COURSES:

The Course Sheets attached to these Sailing Instructions describes the marks to be passed, their order and the side on which each mark is to be left. Careful navigation is required and is the responsibility of the skipper of each boat. Reefs and shallow areas are within the boundaries of some of the race courses

10. THE FINISH:

The finishing line will be between the red and green channel markers at the entrance to Jolly Harbour.

11 .TIME LIMITS:

The time limit for all yachts shall be thirty (30) minutes after the finish time of the first yacht in her division to finish.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM:

Except for breaches of Parts 1 and 2 of the Rules, the Protest Committee may apply any penalty that it deems equitable. This changes rule 64.1.

A boat that does not take a penalty in accordance with rules 44.1 and 44.2 may accept a forty per cent (40%) scoring penalty before the protest hearing at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes rules 44.3(c) and A4.2.

Attention is drawn to Rule 55 discharge of garbage.

13: PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS:

A boat that intends to protest shall fly a protest flag as soon as practical after the incident, and notify the Committee **after finishing** on VHF channel 12.

Protest forms will be available at the Jolly Harbour West Point Bar. The protest time limit will be 30 minutes after the last yacht to finish. Notices informing competitors of the approximate time of each protest will be posted on the Official Notice Board and hearings will commence as soon as possible after those notices have been displayed.

14.SCORING:

The Low Point Scoring System, rule A4.1, will apply..For all classes, Two (2) races shall constitute a series. Two discards shall be permitted (see 5. Above).

Application of handicaps will be made on a time-on-time basis.

15. SAFETY:

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

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION:

All on the water communication shall be by VHF Channel 12.

The Race Committee may broadcast the following information: time checks at thirty (30) and fifteen (15) minutes before the first start of each day; the courses to be sailed; notification of amendments to the Sailing Instructions and, if brief, the text; the abandonment or postponement of any race. Failure of a boat to hear any notification on the VHF radio will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 60.1(b). The Committee will stand by on VHF Channel 12.

17. RESULTS AND PRIZES:

Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each division. Provisional results will be posted on the Official Notice Board and at West Point Bar as soon as possible after each race. Series prize-giving will take place at approximately 5:00 pm on Sat 28 March 2015, at West Point Bar.