

# GILL

## COMMODORE'S CUP

### Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup>, 2014

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016.
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the Caribbean Sailing Association (CSA) rating rule.
- 1.3 The regatta will be governed by the Notice of Race.
- 1.4 Any of the above can be altered by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 In the event of conflict the English text of the rules and these Sailing Instructions as printed and distributed at registration shall apply. Any versions posted on the regatta website are purely informational.

#### 2. Notices to Competitors

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Sint Maarten Yacht Club.

#### 3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 08.30h on the day it will take effect.
- 3.2 Any change to the schedule will be posted by 21.00h on the day before it will take effect.

#### 4. Signals Ashore

- 4.1 There will be no signals ashore.

#### 5. Schedule of Races

- 5.1 The scheduled time for the first warning signal for the first race is not before 11:25h.
- 5.2 It is intended that a maximum of three races will be sailed depending on bridge opening time.
- 5.3 The classes and starting order: Gill 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5.

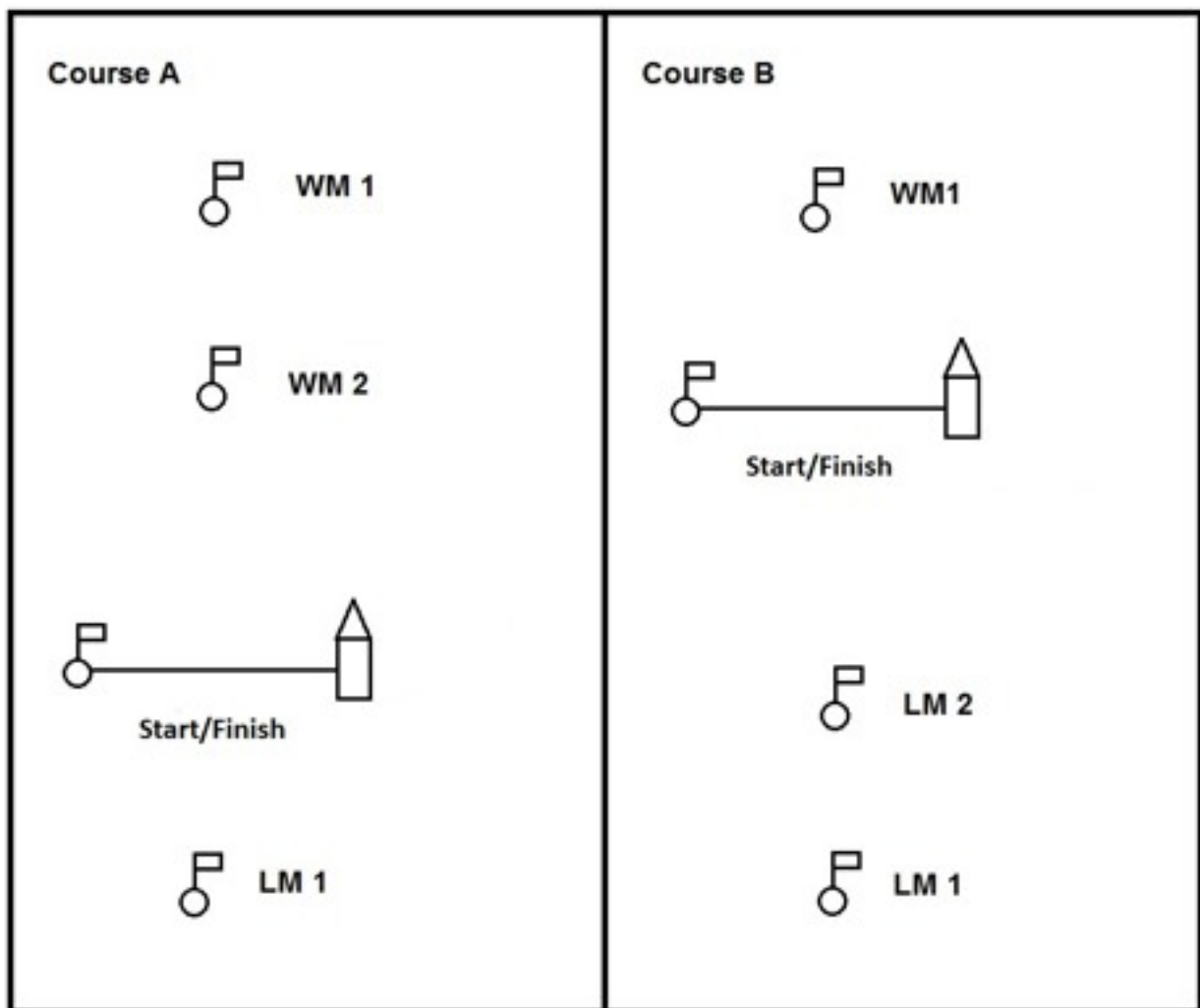
#### 6. Class Flags and Identification

- 6.1 Class flags are for indicating starts only. Boats do not fly class flags for the Gill Commodore's Cup.
- 6.2 Entrants that have sail numbers must provide them to the registration office and will not be required to have bow/stern identification numbers. Identification "tie-on" guardrail numbers will be provided, if needed, at registration and shall be clearly displayed on both sides of the forward and aft lifelines of the boat.

#### 7. Courses

- 7.1 It is intended that the courses will be windward/leeward with marks to be rounded to port.
- 7.2 The racing area will be located between Great Bay and Simpson Bay.
- 7.3 The course will be:

Course	Classes Gill 1		Classes Gill 2, 3, 4 and 5
A	Start WM1 – LM1 – WM1 – LM1 Finish	A	Start WM2 – LM1 – WM2 – LM1 Finish
B	Start WM1 – LM1 – WM1 – LM1 Finish	B	Start WM1 – LM2 – WM1 – LM2 Finish



Course Diagrams - not to scale

- 7.4 Code Flag (A or B) will be displayed on the Race Committee Signal Boat no later than the first warning signal to designate the course.
- 7.5 Mark WM1 and LM1 will be orange inflatable marks.
- 7.6 Mark WM2 and LM2 will be yellow inflatable marks.
- 7.7 Marks that go missing may be replaced by a small round mark.
- 7.8 The approximate bearing to WM1 may be displayed on a board on the Race Committee Signal Boat. Bearings and distances may be broadcast on VHF channel 71.
- 7.9 After completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross the starting line. After completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross the finish line until she is completing the last leg of the course and finishing. A restricted start or finish line shall be considered an obstruction.

## 8. Start

- 8.1 The warning signal from the Race Committee Signal Boat will be Five (5) minutes before the start signal.
- 8.2 The warning signal of each succeeding class shall be made with or after the start signal of the preceding class.
- 8.3 Subsequent races will start as soon as practical after the finish of the preceding races, in the same order and using the same starting procedure as the first race.
- 8.4 The start line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and an orange inflatable mark. The Race Committee Signal Boat shall be left to **Starboard** when starting.

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- 8.5 Any boat or buoy attached to the Race Committee Signal Boat shall be considered to be part of the Race Committee Signal Boat.
- 8.6 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the start area during the starting sequence for other races. A breach of this instruction may be protested by the Race Committee only. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).
- 8.7 A boat starting later than five (5) minutes after their start signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 8.8 The start line is restricted and shall rank as an obstruction except when boats are maneuvering to start or are starting. See S.I Rule 7.9.

## **9. General Recall**

- 9.1 In the event of a general recall, starts for succeeding classes will be postponed accordingly.

## **10. Finish**

- 10.1 The finish line will be between a blue flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and a nearby orange mark.
- 10.2 When finishing the Race Committee Signal Boat shall be left to **Starboard**.
- 10.3 The finish line is restricted and shall rank as an obstruction except when boats are maneuvering to finish or are finishing. See S.I. Rule 7.9.

## **11. Penalty System**

- 11.1 Except for breaches of Parts 1 and 2 of the RRS, the International Jury may apply any penalty that they deem equitable. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 11.2 A boat that does not take a penalty in accordance with RRS 44 may accept a 30% scoring penalty before the protest hearing, or before an Arbitration Hearing, provided there was no damage and the boat did not gain a significant advantage. This changes RRS 44. RRS 44.3 does not apply.
- 11.3 For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turn penalty is replaced by the One-Turn penalty.

## **12. Time Limit**

- 12.1 The time limit for all classes for the windward/leeward race shall be 150% of the elapsed time of the first boat, in its class, which finished.
- 12.2 Boats failing to finish by the time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **13. Protests**

- 13.1 Protest forms are available with the protest secretary at the official protest desk located at Port de Plaisance
- 13.2 The protesting boat must register their protest within two (2) hours of their last finish that day.
- 13.3 Protests will be heard, approximately, in the order of receipt, starting as soon as possible. Protest hearings will be notified by a listing on the Official Notice Board. This list will be updated at approximately 30-minute intervals from the receipt of the first protest each until the list has been marked "Final for the Day".
- 13.4 A system of Arbitration may be used prior to full International Jury hearings for matters concerning breaches of RRS Part 2. After Arbitration and before the Jury hearing, any party to the Arbitration may accept a 40% scoring penalty. Rules for Arbitration, if used, will be available at the protest desk.
- 13.5 When the official measurer of the regatta is satisfied that there is an error in a boat's measurement certificate at any time during the regatta, he/she will notify the International Jury which will call a hearing. If the Jury is satisfied that the measurement certificate is in error, the measurer will reissue the certificate and the score for all races in the regatta will be adjusted in accordance with the new measurement certificate. This changes RRS 78.3.
- 13.6 When the International Jury sits with a panel of less than 5 members, in accordance with Appendix N 1.4(b) the time limit for the parties to request a full International Jury hearing shall be 30 minutes from the time the initial decision is announced.

## **14. Scoring**

- 14.1 Application of handicaps will be made on a time-on-time system.
- 14.2 For all classes one race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.3 All races shall count. No race score shall be excluded. This amends RRS Appendix A, A2.

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## **15. Safety**

- 15.1 All boats shall comply with CSA minimum safety requirements.
- 15.2 No boat shall race with an anchor overhanging the bow. However written application for exemption from this requirement may be made to the Chairman of the Race Committee, which may grant any relief deemed appropriate.
- 15.3 Any boat retiring shall advise the Race Committee at the earliest opportunity. Failure to do so may, following a hearing, result in disqualification from the regatta or such other penalty as the International Jury deems equitable.

## **16. Equipment and Measurement Checks**

- 16.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the CSA measurement rules, CSA safety requirements and these Sailing Instructions.

## **17. Official Boats**

- 17.1 Official boats will be marked with a RC flag.

## **18. Radio Communication**

- 18.1 The Race Committee Signal Boat will monitor VHF Channel 72
- 18.2 The Race Committee Signal Boat may broadcast the following:
- Time checks 30 and 15 minutes before the first start
  - Notification of amendments to the Sailing Instructions and, if the amendment is brief, its text
  - Which course to be sailed
  - The Abandonment or Postponement of any race
  - The Race Committee Signal Boat leaving the finish line
- 18.3 Failure of the Race Committee to make these broadcasts will not be grounds for redress.

## **19. Use of Engines**

- 19.1 Any boat that uses her engine during a race shall submit a written report of the incident, including the time and distance covered and the reasons for using the engine, to the International Jury within the protest time. The International jury may, following a hearing, take any action it deems appropriate.