

# WELCOME TO BARBADOS AND THE 2015 MOUNT GAY ROUND BARBADOS RACE SERIES.



Barbados is once again proud to host this prestigious sailing event which brings together the sailing fraternity, your friends and families from all over the world to enjoy six days of sailing and partying in our tropical paradise.

Barbados has a long and distinguished sailing tradition. This should not come as a surprise since sailing and water sports are an integral part of our

environment. Barbados' strategic position in the Atlantic Ocean made it an important trading partner in the transatlantic trade and then more so in the 18th Century when it established communication links with Canada, trading sugar and rum in exchange for lumber and foodstuffs. This trade was expedited by fast and ubiquitous fore and aft schooners developed by the Canadians for their fishing industry and later used in the Caribbean as cargo schooners.

Since these times Barbados has evolved into a global sanctuary for countless coastal and offshore races which take place against the backdrop of excellent weather, steady breezes and relaxing warm waters. I warmly embrace the Mount Gay Round Barbados Race Series which has become a thrilling event on our calendar of sports activities. Barbados looks forward every year to entertaining you, our valued visitors.

Sports tourism in particular has grown to become an important part of Barbados' overall tourism thrust as it has a huge impact on our tourism arrivals and significantly adds to the island's foreign exchange earnings. The Mount Gay Round Barbados Race Series complements an already impressive range of sports tourism offerings from which Barbados is gaining international recognition. Sports activities are important elements of our island's tourism product and have given us strong competitive advantage in the global market place, whether it is through events such as watersports, cricket, horse racing, tennis, golf, hockey, football or motor racing. These all encourage visitors from every comer of the world and add to our tourism mix. The newly formed Barbados Tourism Marketing Incorporated, formerly the Barbados Tourism Authority, is one of the proud sponsors of the Mount Gay Round Barbados Race Series. Commendations are also extended to the Barbados Cruising Club and Mount Gay Distilleries for their continued development of these sports. This year's event is bigger than ever with the largest contingent of overseas boats since the commencement of the series. In addition to numerous parties and post-race events that have been arranged for your enjoyment there is no shortage of land-based activity here.

I trust that the 2015 Mount Gay Round Barbados Race Series will be a memorable one for you and I eagerly look forward to your return next year to immerse yourself in our culture, sail the warm waters of the Caribbean, soak up our beautiful sunshine, and enjoy Mount Gay, the oldest rum in the world. All the while, our renowned Bajan hospitality will complement everything that you do. Remember, you do not have to wait until the next Mount Gay Round Barbados Race Series to visit our island because you are welcome all year round.

#### Richard L. Sealy

Minister of Tourism and International Transport

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## THE MOUNT GAY ROUND BARBADOS RACE TRADITION

The earliest recorded sailing race around Barbados was held on New Year's Day 1936. Five trading Schooners took part going Southabout (anticlockwise) starting at 7am. The race was won handsomely by the American Schooner "Sea Fox" captained by Lou Kennedy a distant relative of the Kennedy family and a renowned smuggler. His winning time to complete the 60-mile circumnavigation was 10 hours and 22 minutes. The prize was ten pounds sterling but the real prize was the bragging rights. The Islanders loved the race and there was traffic chaos as people drove across the island to get a view and thousands more were amazed by the latest technology of the day providing live radio broadcasts.

Cut ahead 75 years. The Barbados Cruising Club in Association with Mount Gay Rum decided to revive the tradition with an annual sailing race around the island. The date of the race was set as 21st January, the birthday of one of the founding figures of the Barbados Cruising Club The Rt Excellent Errol Walton Barrow. Errol Barrow was also the first Prime Minister of Independent Barbados and is revered as a National Hero. His birthday is celebrated with a national holiday and it seemed a fitting tribute to the man who used to love to sit on the terrace of the Barbados Cruising Club to hold the Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race on Errol Barrow Day. As with the first race, thousands of people come out to watch from the beaches and the latest technology is employed to help people follow the race; each participating boat is equipped with a GPS tracker and people around the world can follow the race on their computers and smart phones. There is only one race mark, which is the start-finish line between the committee boat and the flagpole on the Barbados Cruising Club. Boats are started in a staggered fashion with the aim of getting everyone safely back to the Club for a massive party with plenty of Mount Gay Rum in the late afternoon.

There are several prizes available but the most coveted is the prize for breaking a record time around the island. The prize on offer is the Skipper's weight in Mount Gay Rum Extra Old. Each skipper is carefully weighed before the start of the race. The record times are a bit quicker than they were for the schooners of the 1930s and the absolute record currently stands at 4 hours, 24 minutes, 27 seconds for a multihull and 4 hours 42 minutes and 20 seconds, for a monohull.

Even if you don't win a prize you have a good chance of getting your money back in Mount Gay Rum when you get ashore. You will also be awarded one of the highly sought after Mount Gay Red Caps. The race series now includes 8 parties all fuelled by copious quantities of Mount Gay Rum. Whether you are racing or watching from the shore enjoy the 2015 Mount Gay Round Barbados Race.

## THE MOUNT GAY ROUND BARBADOS RACE SERIES

## January 17th-24th 2015 - SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: All Races

#### **1. RULES GOVERNING THE RACE**

The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) published by ISAF

**RESPONSIBILTY Fundamental rule 4**; The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone. Competitors participate in the Regatta entirely at their own risk. The organising of the authority will not accept liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the Regatta.

### **2. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD**

The notice board is located beach side of the Barbados Cruising Club. Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board by 8pm on the day before each race.

### **3. RADIO MONITORING**

The race committee will monitor channel 11 on race days. An effort will be made to broadcast on channel 11 any boats prematurely starting.

#### 4. BOATS RETIRING FROM THE RACE

A boat that retires from a race for any reason MUST notify the race committee on channel 11 or the Safety Officer via phone on +1 246 248 1986. Official race results will not be posted until all boats are accounted for.

### **5. PROTESTS**

To conform with RRS 61.1a. Any yacht intending to protest must hoist a red flag as soon as possible after the incident and keep it hoisted and clearly visible until finishing, and hail the yacht concerned immediately to inform of their intention to protest. Protests must be made in writing and handed to the committee desk located at the Barbados Cruising Club not later than 1 hour after the finishing time of the protestor. Protests will be heard ASAP after filing. Directions to the Protest Room will be placed on the BCC Notice Board.

For Breaches of the RRS other than for Part 2, the Protest Committee may impose an alternative Penalty that it deems fair and appropriate.

### 6. CREW

It is the responsibility of the Skipper to provide signed yacht crew lists. Any failure to provide signed crew documentation to race committee may be penalized.

## THE MOUNT GAY ROUND BARBADOS RACE SERIES

## January 17th-19th 2015 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Coastal Races

### 1. ANCHORS

Shall not be carried over the bow or stern whilst racing coastal races.

## **2. START LINE**

Carlisle Bay between the Mount Gay Rum flag on committee boat and the <u>yellow</u> <u>marks</u> as shown on the course diagram.

### **3. FINISH LINE**

Carlisle Bay between the Mount Gay Rum flag on committee boat and the <u>yellow</u> marks as shown on the course diagram.

#### 4. DESCRIPTION OF MARKS

Apart from Start and Finish Marks, all marks will be orange Mount Gay Rum tetrahedrons.

#### 5. CLASSES

Racing Class	(CSA Rating)	Green Flag
Cruising A	(CSA Rating)	White Flag
Non CSA Rated	(Local Rating)	Yellow Flag
Multihull	(Local Rating)	Pink Flag
J/24 Class	(One Design)	Blue Flag

### **6. TIME LIMIT**

Boats other than J/24 class, must complete racing by the time limit of 4:00 pm.

J/24 class boats must complete racing within 20 minutes of the first J/24 class boat completing the course. Boats not finishing within the time limit shall be scored "TLE" without hearing. A TLE score shall be one more point than the number of boats that finished and received a finishing position in their class.

## 7. SCORING

Each boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores, except for the J/24 class where the worst score may be discarded when 4 or more races have been completed.

# THE MOUNT GAY ROUND BARBADOS RACE SERIES

## January 17th-19th 2015 START TIMES: Coastal Races

COURSES				
		SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
J/24 Race 1	(Blue)	Course 4	Course 4	Course 4
J/24 Race 2	(Blue) 💋	Course 4	Course 4	Course 7
J/24 Race 3	(Blue)	Course 5	Course 6	
Multihull	(Pink)	Course 2	Course 3	Course 7
Racing Class	(Green)	Course 2	Course 3	Course 7
Cruising Class	(White) 🗾	Course 1	Course 3	Course 7
Non-CSA Rated	(Yellow)	Course 1	Course 3	Course 7

START TIMES			
	SATURDAY	SUNDAY	MONDAY
J/24 First Race	10:00	10:00	10:00
J/24 Second and Third Race	As soc	on as possible *	
Multihull	11:10	11:10	11:10
Racing Class	11:20	11:20	11:20
Cruising Class	11:30	11:30	11:30
Non-CSA Rated	11:40	11:40	11:40

\*racers will be notified by race officer by VHF

## THE MOUNT GAY RUM ROUND BARBADOS RACE

## January 21st 2015 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

## **1. START LINE**

Carlisle Bay between the Mount Gay Rum flag on committee boat (and any trailing dinghies/marks attached to the stern thereof) and the Flag Pole located at the Barbados Cruising Club.

#### **2. FINISH LINE**

Carlisle Bay between the Mount Gay Rum flag on committee boat (any trailing dinghies/marks attached to the stern thereof)

#### **3. STARTING PROCEDURES AND TIMES**

The Barbados Cruising Club Burgee will be raised on the committee boat 5 minutes before the first start and lowered at the last start. All starts will be assisted by VHF announcements.

### A. PREMATURE STARTS

Premature starters who start within 1 minute of their start will be assessed a 10 minute penalty. Any boat starting MORE than 1 minute before their start time will be scored DSQ.

### **B. LATE STARTS**

Any late starter must keep clear of all yachts starting in their sequence

Starting times will be posted on the official notice board by 4pm January 20th. Starting times have been calculated to allow for all boats to reach the finish line between 3:30pm -5:00pm.

### 4. COURSE

Around Barbados "north about" in a clockwise direction returning to the same start finish line. Approximately 60 miles. Yachts are requested to call the committee boat on channel 11 approximately 1 mile from the finish.

#### **5. TIME LIMIT**

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6pm January 21st 2015.

## THE BARBADOS TO ANTIGUA OCEAN PASSAGE RACE

### January 24th 2015 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

### **1. SKIPPER'S BRIEFING**

A separate skipper's briefing will be held for participants of the Ocean Passage Race to Antigua at the Radisson Aquatica Resort (situated beside the Barbados Cruising Club) at 6pm on 23rd January 2015.

### **2. START LINE**

Carlisle Bay between the Flag Pole located at the Barbados Cruising Club (BCC) and a Mount Gay Rum tetrahedral mark placed approximately 1km from the BCC.

#### **3. STARTING PROCEDURES AND TIMES**

To be announced at the Skipper's briefing on 23rd January 2013.

## A. PREMATURE STARTS

Every effort will be made to contact premature starters on channel 11. Premature starters will be assessed a 10 minute penalty.

#### 4. COURSE

All islands south of Les Desirade are to be left to port. The finish will be between Fort Charlotte at the Eastern entrance of English Harbour and a buoy to its South. Course length is approximately 265 miles. All yachts are requested to call the race committee on channel 6, 2 miles before the finish.

### **5. BOATS RETIRING FROM THE RACE**

A boat that retires from the race for any reason MUST notify the race committee on channel 11 (Barbados) or channel 6 (Antigua) or the Barbados Cruising Club Safety Officer or Antigua Super Yacht Challenge on +1 246 248 1986

### **6. PROTESTS**

Protests must be made in writing and handed to the committee desk located at the Antigua Yacht Club not later than 2 hours after the finishing time of the protestor.

## **PROGRAMME OF EVENTS**

Friday 16th January	From 1200 Hrs: Registration at the Barbados Cruising Club From 1500 Hrs - 1800 Hrs: Skippers "Weigh in" at the Barbados Cruising Club. 1800 Hrs: Skipper's Briefing - Radisson Aquatica Beach Resort 1900 Hrs: Welcome Party featuring SKF Steelsounds at the Barbados Cruising Club.
Saturday 17th January	Race Day 1: Starting at 1000 Hrs 1700 Hrs: Mount Gay Rum Red Cap Party at The Barbados Yacht Club with DJ Barry
Sunday 18th January	Race Day 2: Starting at 1000 Hrs - Two Restaurants Races 1800 Hrs: Post Race Party at DRIFT Ocean Terrace Lounge with live music from Garvie Griffith.
Monday 19th January	Race Day 3: Starting at 1000 Hrs 1700 Hrs: Post Race Party at The Barbados Yacht Club with DJ Barry
Tuesday 20th January	Lay Day – Sponsor Activities From 1000 Hrs: Mount Gay Rum Tour – Mount Gay Distilleries, Brandons. 1500 Hrs: "Regatta Polo Exhibition Match" Holders Polo Field, St. James, followed by live music from Roots Rock Express.
Wednesday 21st January	First start 0700 Hrs: The Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race. 1700 Hrs: Post Race Party - Barbados Cruising Club with DJ Emiro.
Thursday 22nd January	1000 Hrs: Bus tour to Earthworks Pottery, and Flower Forest – contact tim@barbadoscruisingclub.org / 836-9877 for tickets – only \$40 BDS all inclusive. 1000 pickup at BCC, and 1020 pickup at the careenage/Independence Square. 1900 Hrs: The Regatta Dinner – The Beach House, St. James ( <i>ticketed event</i> ) 2100 Hrs: The Grand Prize Giving – The Beach House, St. James followed by live music and dancing till late with the Brass Soul Band (all welcome).
Friday 23rd January	1800 Hrs: Barbados to Antigua Ocean Race Briefing - Radisson Aquatica Beach Resort. 1900 Hrs: Farewell Party - Barbados Cruising Club with live music from JJ and Brian.
Saturday 24th January	0900 Hrs: Staggered Starts: Barbados to Antigua Ocean Race

The Regatta Dinner is a ticketed event. Each competing yacht will be provided with an allocation of tickets. Additional tickets may be purchased directly from the Regatta Organisers or The Beach House, St. James.

The Grand Prize Giving and party follows the Regatta Dinner - and is open to all, just come along. No tickets required.

## THE MOUNT GAY RUM ROUND BARBADOS RACE

## **MARKS - APPROXIMATE POSITIONS**

Mark 1 - 13 °05'33N 59°36'92W Windward Mark

Mark 2 - 13 °05'36N 59° 36'92W Offset mark

Mark 3 - 13 ° 10'85N 59° 39'40W The Beach House

Mark 4 - 13 °04'99N 59°38'70W Leeward Carlisle Bay

Mark 5 - 13 °03'40N 59°39'93W Trader Bank

Mark 6 - 13 °04'00N 59°35'69W Tapas

Mark 7 - 13 °03'36N 59°32'54W Oistins

Mark 8 - 13 °04'69N 59°37'11W Needhams Point

## COURSES

Please also refer to course diagrams on page 12 - 19. P=Port, S=Starboard

Course 1: Start, 1P, 2P, 3P, 4P, Finish

Course 2: Start, 1P, 2P, 3P, 4P, 3P, 4P, Finish

Course 3: Start, 1P, 2P, 3P, 5P, 6P, 8S, Finish

Course 4: Start, 1P, 2P, 4P, 1P, 2P, Finish-- No boat is to pass through the start/finish line unless starting or finishing.

Course 5: Start, 1P, 2P, 4P, 1P, 2P, 4P, Finish-- No boat is to pass through the start or finish line unless starting or finishing.

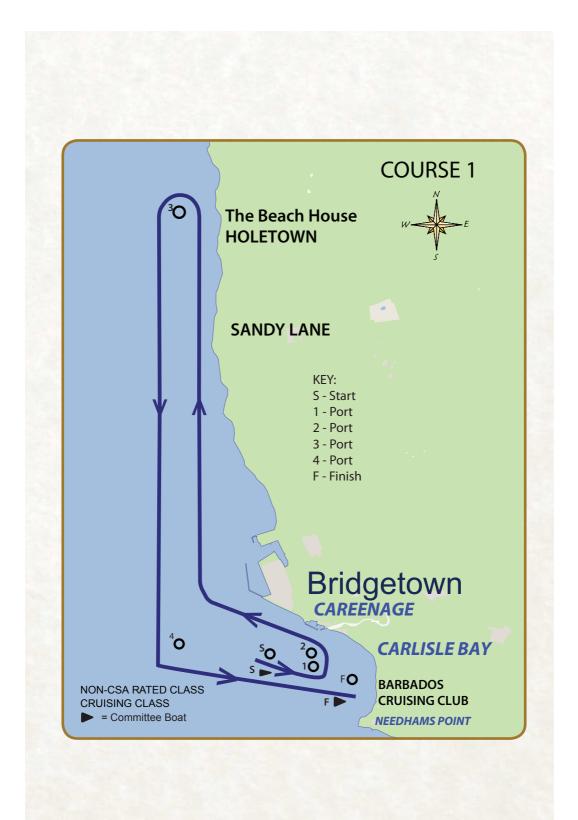
Course 6: Start, 1P, 2P, 4P, 5P, 6P, 8S Finish

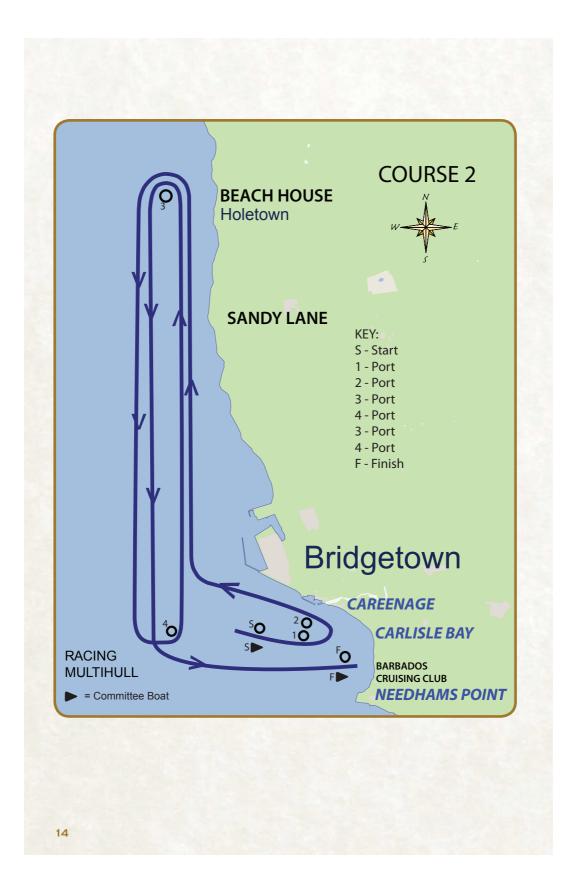
Course 7: Start, 1P, 2P, 4P, 5P, 7P, 8S, Finish

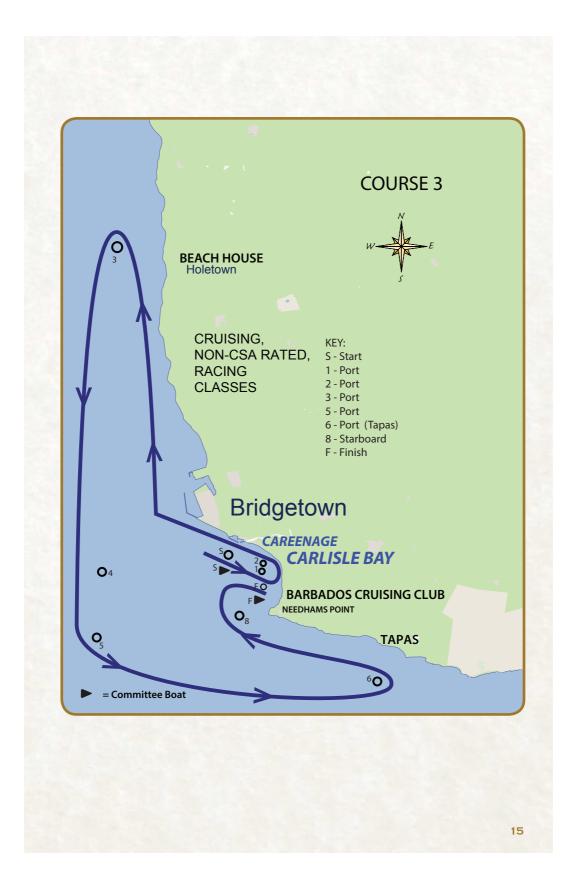
Course 8: Start, 1P, 2P, 3P, 4P, 5P, 6P, 5P, 6P, 8S, Finish

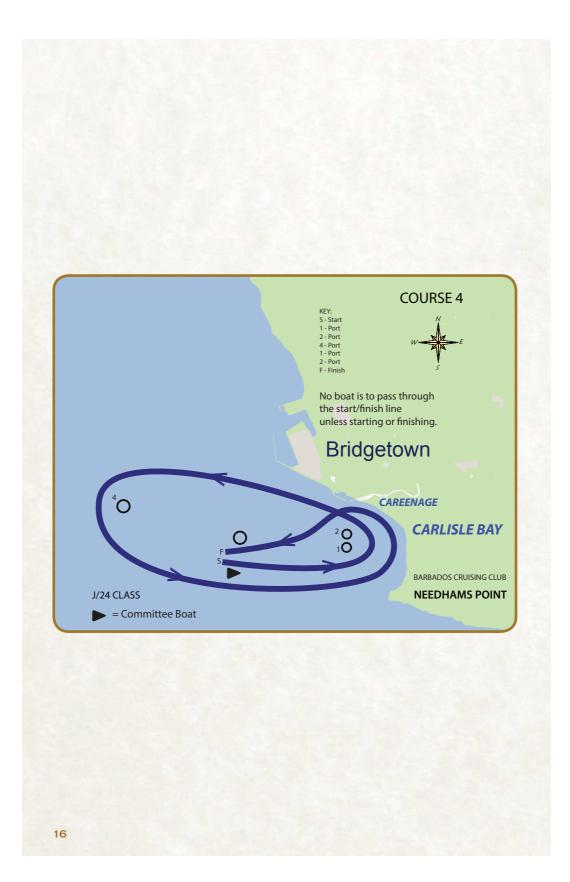
Course 9: Start, 1P, 2P, 4P, 5P, 7P, 5P, 7P, 8S, Finish

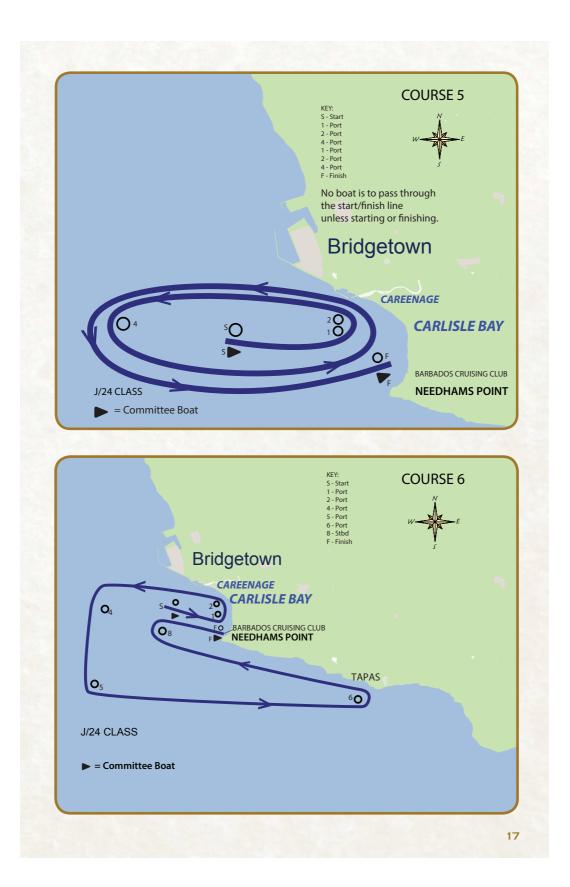


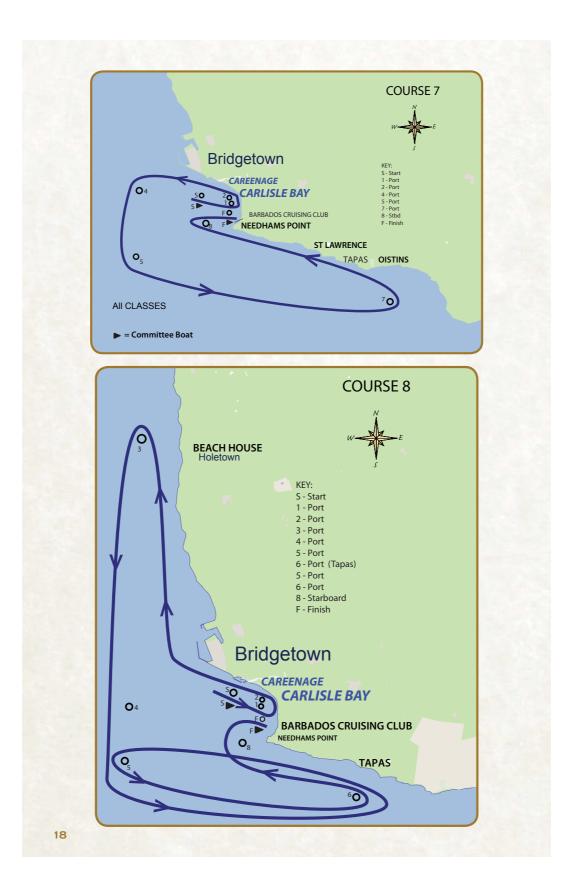














## CHAMBERLAIN BRIDGE FOR INNER BASIN LIFT TIMES

The Chamberlain Bridge is at the East end of the careenage in the town of Bridgetown. Passing through the bridge, there are a number of med-style moorings with power. To arrange for a mooring, please contact:

<b>Thursday 15th January</b>	Tuesday - 20th January
1pm – 1.30pm	No scheduled opening - by arrangement
Friday 16th January	Wednesday 21st January
1pm – 1.30pm	6am – 6.30am
3pm – 3.30pm	9am – 9.30am
Saturday – 17th January	5.30pm – 6pm
9am – 9.30am	Thursday 22nd January
4pm – 4.30pm	1pm - 1.30pm
Sunday - 18th January   9am - 9.30am   4pm - 4.30pm	Friday 23rd January 1pm - 1.30pm
Monday – 19th January	Saturday – 24th January
9am – 9.30am	6am – 6.30am (subject to race start time)
4pm – 4.30pm	9am – 9.30am

## **EMERGENCY CONTACTS:**

(Note: area code 1-246 not required when calling from a local phone)

Dial 1-246-430-7100 to report a crime or incident that is not an emergency. Telephone 1-246-249-1986 for emergencies and retirements. This will answered by the safety officer during racing hours. Please do not call this number for anything other than an emergency or a retirement.

Contact: Alene@BarbadosCruisingClub.org / 1-246-234-6596

### POLICE

Dial 211 or 1-246-429-8787 in an emergency

#### **COAST GUARD**

Dial 1-246-429-7153

FIRE Dial 311

## MEDICAL EMERGENCIES

Dial 511 for Ambulance or Dial 1-246-435-0516

# HOSPITALS AND CLINICS

Bayview Hospital - 1-246 436-5446 FMH Emergency Medical Clinic -

1-246 228-6120

Sandy Crest Medical Centre -1-246 419-4911

The Sparman Clinic - 1-246 624-3278

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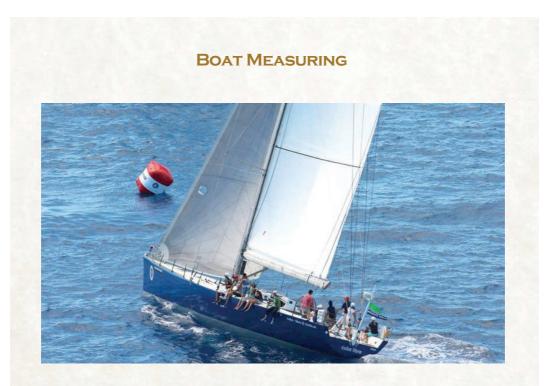


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All entries to Racing, and Cruising Class will require a valid CSA certificate. We encourage all boats that have not already done so to be measured. Our local CSA measurer in Barbados is Renata Goodridge. Please contact her well in advance of the race if you wish to have your boat measured for this race series.

renatabdos@gmail.com (cell) +1 246-233-2170

## ALL ABOUT THE BARBADOS CRUISING CLUB



The Barbados Cruising Club was founded by Ian Gale, of The Barbados Advocate in October 1957 in response to restrictive membership practices then in place at the neighbouring Barbados Yacht Club. Founding members included the who's who of Bajan society, most notably the Right Excellent Errol Walton Barrow, who after completing his term as the first club treasurer, went on to lead Barbados to independence from Britain in 1966, becoming the Island's first Prime Minister.

With Barbados' beautiful beaches, crystal blue waters, and perfect sailing conditions, it is the Club's mission to make sailing available to ordinary Barbadians. This is as important to us now as it was back then in 1957.

After many years as a vibrant social and sailing club, the Barbados Cruising Club fell into decline following the turn of the century. By 2006 the Club was effectively bankrupt, with large debts and few members. But those members never gave up and their persistence and determination paid off. A steering committee was created to guide the club back to life. Through their hard work, and partnerships with local businesses the Cruising Club was given a new lease of life.

The Club today is almost unrecognisable from the Cruising Club of 2006. Major renovations started in 2009, and continued through 2010. Our membership numbers grow month on month. The Cruising Club is now proudly back in its place as a vibrant South Coast hub, with regular sailing and social events.

Although our decor has changed and our facilities improved, the core values and aims of the Club have not. We are a totally inclusive club that welcomes members both locally and internationally. We strive to share the 'sailing bug' throughout Barbados. We recognise the special place that Errol Barrow holds in our history through the name of the bar, "Dipper's", his nickname, and also by hosting The Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race on Errol Barrow Day, January 21st annually.

