



# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Name of the event: St Barth Cata Cup

Dates: 16th to 20th November 2016

Venue: St Barth - Organising authority: Club Nautique St Barth Grade: 4

## 1 RULES

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.
- 1.2 National prescriptions applying to foreign competitors will be enclosed in a special appendix "Prescriptions" if necessary.
- 1.3 Fédération Française de Voile (FFVoile) Regulations,
- 1.4 If translation of these sailing instructions is necessary, the French text will take precedence.

## 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the official center on the St Jean beach.

## 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board no later than 1 hours before the warning signal of the race concerned by the change(s), except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 8 PM on the day before it will take effect.

## 4 ASHORE SIGNALS

- 4.1. ashore Signals will be displayed on the flag mast, located at the St Jean beach.
- 4.2 When the AP Flag is displayed ashore, the warning signal cannot be made less than 30 minutes after the lowering of the AP Flag. This changes the Race Signals.
- 4.3 The Personal flotation device shall must always be worn at any time while afloat during navigation, accordingly to the RRS 40. This changes the preamble of Part 4.

## 5 RACE SCHEDULES OF

5.1. Races are scheduled as follows:

16th nov.	12 AM : first briefing of the day 8 PM : Partners' party	F 18
17th nov.	9 AM : first briefing of the day 8 PM : Partners' party	F 18
18th nov.	9 AM : first briefing of the day 8 PM : Partners' party	F 18
19th nov.	9 AM : first briefing of the day 7PM : Results of the ST BARTH CATA CUP 8 PM : Partners' party	F 18

- 5.2 The scheduled time of for the warning signal for the first race each day, is as soon as possible after the briefing.
- 5.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed with one sound signal at least five minutes before a the warning signal.
- 5.4 On the last day of the regatta, there will be no warning signal after 4 PM.

## 6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags are defined as follows: the official F18 class flag is pink on a white background.

## 7 RACING AREAS

The location of racing areas is described during the briefing.

## 8 THE COURSES

- 8.1 The courses are described during the briefing, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## 9 MARKS

- 9.1 Starting marks, course and offset marks, change of course and finishing marks will be described during the briefing.

9.2 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark.

## 10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions: The forbidden zone is the channel facing the airport runway in the bay of Saint Jean, and the port reef channel when facing the ocean, and also the West Cardinal buoy called "La Baleine".

All boats have to be launched between the « Carib Waterplay » windsurfing club, and the « Emeraude Hotel », and then go through the « Eden Rock » channel.

Penalty without a hearing (modification rule 63.1 RSS)

For this infraction, each boat will receive a penalty of 2 points for the previous race.

## 11 THE START

11.1 The starting line will be between a staff of the race committee boat displaying an orange flag on starboard and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

11.2 A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS.

## 12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag and the course side of the finishing mark.

## 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 For catamarans, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-turns Penalty is replaced by a One-turn Penalty.

## 14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

14.1 Boats failing to finish within 4 hours after the first boat sails the course and has finishes, or no later than the official sunset time, will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available at the race office located at the village center on St Jean Beach. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the "Petites Julies" in small house on St Jean Beach, beginning at the time mentioned on official notice board.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or jury ~~protest committee~~ will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.5 Breaches of the instructions below will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

- Start: boats waiting for their start
- Safety rules (except rule bowsprit)
- Advertising
- Support boats
- Trash disposal
- Radio communication

15.7 On the last scheduled day of racing, a request for redress or for reopening a hearing shall be delivered :

- (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day
- (b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day or, for a request for redress, no later than 30 minutes after the decision has been posted..

This changes RRS 66 and 62.2.

## 16 SCORING

16.1 1 race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 Discards

When ~~to~~ from 1 ~~at~~ to 3 races have been completed, the overall result of a boat will be the total of her race scores,

When 4 or more races have been completed, the overall result of a boat will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst scores,

The result of the race called "around the island" can't be discarded and this ~~is~~ result will ~~be~~ score as two races. When publishing this race's arrival order, the race committee designates this race as "around the island", and the only one during the event, providing that the following characteristics have been respected:

- the race has a finishing line in the same area as the starting line,
- and the race contours the island clockwise

The race committee must not schedule a second "around the island" when a first "around the island" has been completed.

## 17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

17.1 A checking system (check out and check in) may be applied, according to the following indications: this system will be starting at least an ~~one~~ hour before the first starting signal of the day and 1 hour after the arrival of the last boat of the last race of the day or after the race committee has displayed AP over H.

17.2 A system of Tracking will be set up for all ~~the~~ boats, the tag will be ~~to~~ removed at the check out, attached to the life jacket and returned ~~during~~ at the check in Tracking system must not be exploited in case of protest.

- not wearing this system for ~~all~~ the duration of the-races can be the object of a penalty without a hearing (modification of the RCV 63.1) given by the race committee : a boat will receive a penalty of 2 points for every breach per race.

17.3 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

17.4 Penalty without a hearing (modification RCV 63.1) given by the race committee after check out and check in procedure:

- no check OUT: a boat will receive 2 points for the race nearest to the infraction,
- no check IN: a boat will receive 2 points for the race nearest to the infraction,
- no check OUT and IN: a boat will receive 2 points for all the races of the day.

## 18 REPLACEMENT OF COMPETITORS OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the race committee or jury.

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## 19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

19.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer or equipment inspector to proceed immediately to a designated **area** for inspection.

## 20 EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority, according to the instructions described on the notice.

## 21 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be marked with an orange CNSB flag.

## 22 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not throw trash into the water, but may ~~be~~ placed them aboard official boats.

## 23 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, 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.

## 24 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows each day, medals will be awarded:

- The top 3 for the race to day,

- The first Mixt team,
- The first Caraïbe team,
- The top 3 for the provisional result,

The last day:

- The top 3 for the general result,
- The first Mixt team,
- The first Caraïbe team,

## 25 DECISION TO RACE

The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is her's alone. Consequently, by accepting to participate in a race or by continuing racing, the competitor disclaims the organizing authority of any liability for damage (material and/or personal injury).

## RACE OFFICIALS

Race Committee Chairman: D.FLAMME - Event's measurer: C.LHINARES - Jury Chairman: Alexis DUVERNOY

### APPENDIX « PRESCRIPTIONS OF FFVoile »

FFVoile Prescriptions to RRS 2013-2016

Applying to foreign competitors

#### RRS 64.3 (\*):

The jury may ask the parties to the protest, prior to checking procedures, a deposit covering the cost of checking arising from a protest concerning class rules.

#### RRS 67 (\*):

Any question about or request of damages arising from an incident involving a boat bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing or International Regulation to Prevent Collision at Sea depends on the appropriate courts and will not be dealt by the jury.

#### RRS 70.5 (\*):

In such circumstances, the written approval of the Fédération Française de Voile shall be received before publishing the notice of race and shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

#### RRS 78 (\*):

The boat's owner or other person in charge shall, under his sole responsibility, make sure moreover that his boat comply with the equipment and security rules required by the laws, by-laws and regulations of the Administration.

#### RRS 86.3 (\*):

An organizing authority wishing to change a rule listed in RRS 86.1 in order to develop or test new rules shall first submit the changes to the FFVoile, in order to obtain its written approval and shall report the results to FFVoile after the event. Such authorization shall be mentioned in the notice of race and in the sailing instructions and shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

#### RRS 88 (\*):

Prescriptions of the FFVoile shall be neither changed nor deleted in the notice of race and sailing instructions, except for events for which an international jury has been appointed.

In such case, the prescriptions marked with an asterisk (\*) shall be neither changed nor deleted in the notice of race and sailing instructions. (The official translation of the prescriptions, downloadable on the FFVoile website [www.ffvoile.fr](http://www.ffvoile.fr), shall be the only translation used to comply with RRS 90.2(b)).

#### RRS 91 (\*):

The appointment of an international jury meeting the requirements of Appendix N is subject to prior written approval of the Fédération Française de Voile. Such notice of approval shall be posted on the official notice board during the event.

#### APPENDIX R (\*):

Appeals shall be sent to the head-office of Fédération Française de Voile, 17 rue Henri Bocquillon, 75015 Paris – email: [jury.appel@ffvoile.fr](mailto:jury.appel@ffvoile.fr) their required sides, the indicative length of the courses