



MIAMI – MONTEGO BAY PINEAPPLE CUP RACE



2027 NOTICE OF RACE (NoR) Miami, Florida to Montego Bay, Jamaica

Start Date: April 10, 2027
All times are Atlantic Standard Time (AST) UTC - 4:00

Start Host Club: Biscayne Bay Yacht Club (BBYC)
Organizing Authority (OA) and Finish Host Club: Montego Bay Yacht Club (MBYC)
In collaboration with US Sailing for the 2027 U.S. Open Offshore

RULES

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the NoR means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule of the NoR means that a yacht may not protest another yacht for breaking that rule nor request redress based on that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2 Other rules that govern the event are:
 - (a) [ORC Rules and Regulations](#)
 - (b) PHRF Rules
 - (c) MOCRA Rules
 - (d) US Sailing Prescriptions as described in Addendum A
 - (e) [DP] [World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations \(OSR\) Category 1](#), except that
 - 1) 4.27.1(e) is hereby deleted, and
 - 2) 6.01 is amended as described in NOR 4.3(c)
 - (f) RRS Appendix RV, Reduced Visibility
 - (g) [NP] US Sailing Championship Code of Conduct

2 COMMUNICATION

- 2.1 The official notice board (ONB) is online and located on the [event website](#).
- 2.2 Communication with competitors will be via the [ONB](#) and either email or Whatsapp communications. Failure to receive any communications shall not be grounds for a yacht to request redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a) and 61.4(b).

3 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be posted on the [ONB](#) approximately one month before the event.
- 3.2 In the event there is a conflict between the NoR and the SIs; the SIs shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5 (c).

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The race is open to sailing yachts of no less than 30ft LOA which comply with the rules and regulations described in the NoR.
- 4.2 The minimum crew on board shall be five, unless the entry is double-handed. In the event of a double-handed entry, power-driven winches and furlers, and mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices will be permitted for the Double-Handed division. This changes RRS 52.
- 4.3 A full crew list with a contact email for each participant shall be registered on the [event website](#) or sent to the OA no later than the rating deadline. Any crew substitutions after the deadline shall be submitted in writing to the OA for approval at the discretion of the OA.
 - (a) All yacht owners shall be members of US Sailing or a member of their home country's Member National Authority. Non-members can join US Sailing directly online [here](#).
 - (b) At least 50% of the crew including the Person in Charge, and Reserve Person, must have completed a minimum of 250 miles of offshore racing, within 12 months of the start of the race on the yacht that is entered. Crews not meeting the requirements in NOR 4.3 may apply in writing to the OA to request an exception.
 - (c) At least 40% of a yacht's crew, including the Person in Charge, watch captains, and the reserve person in charge shall have a valid certificate for:
 - 1) A US Sailing International Offshore Safety at Sea with Hands-on Training Course, or
 - 2) The combination of a US Sailing Hands-On Safety at Sea Course and a US Sailing Online Offshore Safety at Sea course both taken in the same calendar year; or
 - 3) A World Sailing Approved Offshore Personal Survival Training Course certificate issued by another country.
 - (d) As a condition of entry, the owner of an entered yacht and each participating crew member shall submit an online waiver/release form no later than ten days prior to the start.
 - (e) The link to the Waiver/Release Form will be posted on the [event website](#).
- 4.4 Yachts shall hold a valid 2026/2027 MOCRA, ORC, or PHRF certificate, and if they hold more than one, shall declare the certificate they will use for this event by the rating deadline. Changes to rating certificates will only be accepted after the dating deadline at the discretion of the OA.
- 4.5 [DP] Each yacht shall have installed a tracking device supplied by the OA. The tracker shall remain on while the yacht is racing. Once issued to the yacht the tracker becomes the responsibility of the skipper/owner and loss of or failure to return the tracker will incur a \$1000 fee.
- 4.6 [DP] All yachts shall carry an Automatic Identification System (AIS) Transponder that transmits the name of the yacht rather than just the MMSI number. The AIS shall remain on (transmitting and receiving) at a minimum of every 5 minutes while a yacht is racing.
- 4.7 The OA has the final say over any interpretation of the criteria for entry and may refuse to allow a yacht to race if in its opinion the yacht is inadequately crewed or equipped or is otherwise not seaworthy or unsuitable for the course to be sailed.

5 FEES

- 5.1 The entry fee of \$750.00 + \$20 a foot is due at the time of online registration, payable via Yacht Scoring.
- 5.2 Entry fees may be refunded up to 80% of the paid sum upon request prior to October 17, 2026.
- 5.3 All entry fees are non-refundable after October 17, 2026.
- 5.4 An additional late fee of \$500.00 will be assessed to those entering after the entry deadline.

6 ADVERTISING

A yacht and her crew may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code.

7 SCHEDULE

7.1 The schedule is as follows (all times are Atlantic Standard Time):

Date	Time	Item
October 17	23:59	Entry Deadline
April 2	23:59	Rating Deadline
April 9	15:00-17:00	Check-in and registration at BBYC
	17:30	Skipper's meeting
April 10	1100	First warning for yachts starting Saturday
April 11	1400	First warning for yachts starting Sunday
April 16	After racing	Welcome Party
April 18	1500	Prize Giving

8 VENUES

8.1 The starting host club will be the Biscayne Bay Yacht Club.

8.2 The finishing host club will be the Montego Bay Yacht Club.

9 COURSE

9.1 Yachts will start in the waters off of Miami, Florida and finish in the waters of Montego Bay, Jamaica. Approximate race distance is 810nm.

9.2 [DP] At no time shall any competing yacht enter the 12 nautical mile territorial waters limit surrounding Cuba.

9.3 Any course parameters and/or exclusion zones will be detailed in the sailing instructions.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

Penalties for infringements of rules will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

11 SCORING

The Low-Point System, Appendix A4 of the RRS will apply in each class using ORC Weather Routing Scoring (WRS) or PHRF SEF (Performance Handicap Racing Fleet of South East Florida) depending on certificate and declaration.

12 RISK, DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

12.1 Competitors participate in the regatta at their own risk. See Racing Rules of Sailing Rule 3 (Decision to Race). The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

12.2 Competitors shall accept full responsibility for their actions during any activity related to the event. This includes activities before, during, and after the regatta from the time they arrive at the venue until they leave the venue at the conclusion of the event.

13 INSURANCE

Each yacht shall carry a valid third-party liability insurance of no less than \$100,000 in effect for the duration of the race.

14 PHOTOGRAPHIC AND MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors grant the OA and the Host Clubs the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the yacht 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.

15 PRIZES

- 15.1 **SILVER PINEAPPLE CUP PERPETUAL TROPHY:** For 1st overall corrected time ORC monohull.
- 15.2 **ROBERT McNEIL MOBAY COURSE CHALLENGE TROPHY:** For 1st monohull yacht to break the Montego Bay 811nm course record of 2 days, 10hrs, 24min, and 42sec set in 2005 by “Titan 12.”
- 15.3 **E.J. GARMHAUSEN PERPETUAL TROPHY:** For 1st overall corrected time ORC navigator.
- 15.4 Class trophies for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each class, with qualified entries.
- 15.5 **JAMAICA TOURISM BOARD LOG AWARD:** For the most interesting log, to be determined at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 15.6 **U.S. Open Offshore Trophy:** For monohull with best elapsed time.
- 15.7 To be eligible for an award a yacht must have a crew member that sailed in the race present at the Prize Giving.
- 15.8 Additional awards may be given at the discretion of the organizing authority and host club(s).

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

- 16.1 Montego Bay Yacht Club Commodore: Spencer May, spencer@mobayyachtclub.com 1(876)276-6623
- 16.2 Biscay Bay Yacht Club Race Committee Chair, Jeff Nehms, jeffnehms@gmail.com
- 16.3 US Sailing Representative: Diana Emmanuelli, dianaemmanuelli@ussailing.org

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Participating yachts are required to arrange their own berthing in Miami, travel, and housing, if any, for the event. Logistics information and support may be provided upon request.