



2026

Rum to Spice Race

**Organising Authority (OA): Barbados Sailing Week
Committee and Grenada Sailing Week Committee**

22nd – 23rd January 2026

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2025 – 2028*.
- 1.2 No national prescription will apply.
- 1.3 The CSA Rating Rule will apply to all CSA classes.

2. RACE HEADQUARTERS

- 2.1 Thursday, 22nd January – The Barbados Cruising Club, Aquatic Gap, St. Michael, Barbados.
- 2.2 Friday, 23rd January – The Slipway, Tyrell Bay, Carriacou, Grenada.

3. CLASSES

- 3.1 The number of classes, division of classes, grouping of classes to start together and courses to be sailed by classes will be determined after close of registration by the Race Committee. The decisions of the Race Committee are final.
- 3.2 The following classes are invited:
- a) **CSA Monohull Racing Class** for boats with a valid CSA Rating
 - b) **CSA Monohull Club Class** for boats with a valid CSA Simplified Rule Rating
 - c) **CSA Multihull Class** for boats with a valid CSA Rating
 - d) **Other Classes.** Consideration will be given to other classes provided there are sufficient entries in that category.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1 Participants must register online and have completed their payment online by Tuesday, 13th January, 2026. This is to be done by following the link to www.roundbarbados.com or emailing barbadossailingweek@gmail.com for more information.
- 4.2 A fee of US\$4.00 per foot overall length will be charged for entry into the Coastal Racing Series, Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race and Rum to Spice Race combined.
- 4.3 All registered boats must complete the registration process onsite at the Committee Desk located at the Barbados Cruising Club, Aquatic Gap, St. Michael by 1300 hrs on Friday, 16th January.
- 4.5 For registration to be complete and an entry accepted into CSA Racing Class and CSA Multihull Class, skippers must present a valid 2026 CSA Rating Certificate and they must state their choice of sail configuration on their signed Entry Form.

5. MEASUREMENT AND RATING CERTIFICATES

- 5.1 The National Certified Measurers will be available to measure boats and check certificates from Monday, 5th January until Wednesday, 14th January, 2026. Boats still needing to be measured or to update a certificate are strongly advised to contact one of the Measurers as soon as their decision to race has been made:
- Renata Goodridge: renatabdos@gmail.com or on WhatsApp/mobile +1 (246) 233 2170
- Tristan King: powerboatsbarbados@gmail.com or WhatsApp/mobile +1 (246) 233 1574
- 5.2 If intending to race in the CSA Monohull Racing Class or CSA Multihull Class, a valid 2026 CSA Rating Certificate will be required.

- 5.3 If intending to race in CSA Monohull Club Class, a valid 2026 CSA Simplified Rating Certificate will be issued by a Regatta Measurer.
- 5.4 Both rules require a fee to be paid to the Measurer and to the CSA. Please refer to the CSA website: <https://caribbean-sailing.com/csa-rules/get-a-csa-rating/>.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available online at www.yachtscoring.com prior to registration.

7. SKIPPERS BRIEFING

A Skippers Briefing will be held at 1730hrs on Friday, 16th January at the Barbados Yacht Club.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 **Race Start Time:** 1600hrs on Thursday, 22nd January in Carlisle Bay, Barbados.
- 8.2 **Finish Cut Off Time:** 1700 hrs on Friday, 23rd January in Tyrell Bay, Carriacou.

9. COMMUNICATION

- 9.1 The Official Notice Board will be located at www.yachtscoring.com.
- 9.2 On the water, the race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF Channel 10.
- 9.3 For safety reasons, all boats must carry a radio capable of communicating on International Channel 16.

10. COURSE

The course will be a straight sail from the start line in Carlisle Bay, Barbados to the finish line in Tyrrell Bay, Carriacou.

11. SAFETY

- 11.1 Boats taking part in the race are recommended to refer to World Sailing safety regulations at <https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/offshore-special-regulations/>.
- 11.2 Boats must have suitable charts on board for the sailing/racing area.

12. ADVERTISING

- 12.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and provided by the Organising Authority.
- 12.2 Any advertising of any other event or event sponsor shall be removed prior to the start of the Race.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 13.1 The Barbados Cruising Club Inc., the Barbados Yacht Club, the Barbados Sailing Association, the Organising Authority and the sponsors shall not be liable for any loss, damage, personal injury or death, howsoever caused, to the owner/skipper or crew as a result of their taking part in the Race. Moreover, every owner/skipper warrants the suitability of his/her boat for the event.
- 13.2 The safety of a boat and her entire management, including insurance, shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/skipper who must ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, manned by crew sufficient in number and experience, and who are physically fit to face bad weather. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date, and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is used.
- 13.3 Neither the establishment of these conditions or their use by the Barbados Cruising Club Inc., the Barbados Yacht Club, the Barbados Sailing Association or the Organising Authority in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/skipper. The crew is, nonetheless, advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and the adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.
- 13.4 It is a condition of entry that the owners/skippers taking part in the Race accept the disclaimer of liability on behalf of themselves and their crew.

14. RISK

Competitors participate in the Race entirely at their own risk. See Rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material loss or damage, or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the event.

15. INSURANCE

Competitors are strongly advised to hold third party liability insurance valid for the duration of the event.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1 There will be a Prize Giving on Saturday, 24th January at The Slipway, Tyrell Bay, Carriacou.
- 16.2 Prizes will be awarded based on the overall results in each class.

17. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority and the sponsors of the event the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition in this event, and in all material related to the event without compensation.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact barbadossailingweek@gmail.com