



2026

**Barbados Sailing Week Coastal Racing
Series and the Mount Gay Rum
Round Barbados Race**

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

15th – 22nd 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

Race Headquarters will be located at the Barbados Cruising Club, Aquatic Gap, St. Michael, Barbados.

3. CLASSES

- 3.1 For the **Coastal Racing Series (CRS)**, 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 For the **Coastal Racing Series**, 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) **J/24 Class**
 - e) **Other Classes.** Consideration will be given to other classes provided there are sufficient entries in that category.
- 3.3 The **Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race (MGRBR)** is open to all boats that measure 25 feet and over. Special permission may be granted to boats less than 25 feet at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- 3.4 For the **Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race**, the following classes are invited:
- a) **CSA Monohull Racing Class**
 - b) **Non-CSA Monohull Class**
 - c) **CSA Multihull Class**
 - d) **Non-CSA Multihull Class**
 - e) **Other Classes.** Consideration will be given to other classes provided there are sufficient entries in that category.

4. REGISTRATION

- 4.1 Participants in the Coastal Racing Series and Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race 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 A fee of US\$3.00 per foot overall length will be charged for entry into the J/42 Class only.

- 4.4 All registered boats must complete the registration process onsite at the Committee Desk located at the Barbados Cruising Club, Aquatic Gap, St. Michael between the following times:
- a) 1100hrs and 1800hrs on Thursday, 15th January
 - b) 1100hrs and 1300hrs 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 following 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

Friday, 16 th January	Skippers Briefing
Saturday, 17 th January	Coastal Racing Series Day 1
Sunday, 18 th January	Coastal Racing Series Day 2
Monday, 19 th January	Coastal Racing Series Day 3, excluding J/24 Class
Tuesday, 20 th January	Lay Day
Wednesday, 21 st January	Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race Prize Giving and Red Cap Party

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. COURSES

- 10.1 Racing for the Coastal Racing Series will be in the waters off the South and West Coasts of Barbados.
- 10.2 Racing for the Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados race will be around the island of Barbados in a clockwise (North-about) direction.

11. SCORING

The Coastal Racing Series will be scored separately from the Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race.

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 first day of racing.

13. MOORINGS

There may be limited mooring facilities in Carlisle Bay. Boats wishing to use these facilities should contact barbadossailingweek@gmail.com well in advance.

14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 14.1 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 races or any part of Sailing Week. Moreover, every owner/skipper warrants the suitability of his/her boat for the event.
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 The owner/skipper bears full responsibility for the conduct and good behaviour of his/her crew and guests for the duration of Barbados Sailing Week.
- 14.4 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.
- 14.5 It is a condition of entry that the owners/skippers taking part in Barbados Sailing Week accept the disclaimer of liability on behalf of themselves and their crew.

15. RISK

Competitors participate in Barbados Sailing Week 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.

16. INSURANCE

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

17. PRIZES

- 17.1 Prizes for the Coastal Racing Series will be awarded based on the overall results in each class.
- 17.2 Prizes for the Mount Gay Rum Round Barbados Race will be awarded for the shortest elapsed time, the overall results in each class and records broken.

18. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in Barbados Sailing Week, 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.

19. MAIN VENUES

The main venues will be as follows:

- a) The Barbados Cruising Club, Aquatic Gap, St. Michael, Barbados
Telephone: +1 (246) 426 4434
- b) The Barbados Yacht Club, Bay Street, St. Michael, Barbados
Telephone: +1 (246) 427 1125

20. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact barbadossailingweek@gmail.com