

PIGEON ISLAND RACE – 29th July, 2012

RJYC SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. **RULES & GENERAL CONDITIONS**

The Race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (ISAF 2009-2012), SUPPLEMENT to the RACING RULES OF SAILING for 2009 - 2012 - Issued December 2008, the Jamaica Yachting Association (JYA) governing regulations for PHRF handicaps, the Notice of Race, and other specific provisions provided for in these Sailing Instructions.

2. **ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES**

ISAF Rule 44.2 (720° Turns Penalty) shall NOT apply for an infringement of a Rule of Part 2.

ISAF Rule 44.3 (Scoring Penalty) shall be in effect.

3. **ADVERTISING**

The Race is classified as a Category "A" event in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.3 and Appendix G RRS 2009-12.

4. **ENTRIES**

a) The races are open to the Cruiser Class having a valid RJYC/JYA PHRF rating. A Cruiser is defined as a self-righting monohull equipped with lifelines, accommodation for the crew in an enclosed cabin and having a self-draining cockpit. (Note that J-22's rigged to Class rules are considered eligible, and attention is drawn to paragraph 21 (a) herein for absolute compliance.)

b) Competitors may enter by registering with the Start Committee or by ensuring that the yacht's name is entered in the Race Book prior to the start of the Race.

The Race Book is to be signed by the boat's owner or owner's representative after the race, signifying compliance with these Sailing Instructions.

c) The ENTRANCE FEES will be \$3,500.00 only.

5. **STARTING PROCEDURE**

The Races will be started in accordance with ISAF Rule 26. The races will be started using the following signals as permitted by RRS 86.1 (b).

<i>Signal</i>	<i>Flag & Sound</i>	<i>Minutes prior start signal</i>
Warning	Code Flag 'C' (3 short sounds)	10
Preparatory	Code Flag 'P' (2 short sounds)	5
Start	removal of Code Flag 'C' (1 sound)	0

In the event a Start Committee Boat and/or visual signals are not available for the start of the Race, the Officer in charge shall advise the fleet of the starting signals at least 30 minutes prior to the start.

The following signals may be given unless otherwise specified:

a) POSTPONEMENT – General broadcast on VHF Channel 68. If the Race is postponed a warning to the preparatory signal will be given one minute prior to the preparatory signal and shall be one (1) sound signal.

b) INDIVIDUAL RECALL – One (1) sound signal after the starting signal, specific communication on VHF Channel 68 not mandatory.

c) GENERAL RECALL – Repeated multiple sound signals and/or general communication on VHF Channel 68.

6. **START TIME**
 - a. 0800 hours (LMT) Sunday 29th July, 2012.

7. **COURSE**

THE STARTING LINE:
The Starting Line will be an imaginary line between the base of Pigeon Island Northern Range Light and the Committee Boat, starting West to East.

In the event that a Committee Boat is not available the Starting Line shall be an imaginary Line between the base of Pigeon Island Northern Range Light and a temporary marker or boat anchored generally northward from the P. Isl. Range Light, starting West to East.

THE FINISHING LINE:
The Finishing Line will be an imaginary line extending Northward from the RJYC Crows Nest to "I" Mark, limited to the South by the RJYC Slipway Pier, finishing West to East.

THE RACE COURSE:
From the Start Line to the KINGSTON SOUTH CHANNEL, leaving THREE FATHOM BANK BUOY to PORT, then NORTHERLY leaving VIDAL SHOAL BUOY to STARBOARD and TURTLE HEAD SHOAL to PORT, (*) then into the KINGSTON MAIN SHIP CHANNEL leaving all NAVIGATION BUOYS and MARKS on their PROPER HAND, then EASTWARD (**) to the FINISH LINE.

Notes: (*) WEST MIDDLE ROCK (CAKE) BUOY may be passed on either hand.
The East Channel Alignment Mark located west of CAKE BUOY shall be left to PORT.

(**) Competitors shall NOT pass SOUTH of an imaginary line drawn between PICKERING and TUPPER beacons.

8. **TIME LIMIT:** 1400 hrs LMT Sunday 29th July, 2012.

9. **HANDICAP SYSTEM**
 - a. Yachts will be handicapped by the "Time on Time" system in accordance with the PHRF Ratings as determined by the Handicap Committee.

10. **COMMUNICATION**
 - a. A Yacht shall not receive special information concerning the Race by any means unless this information is available to all competing yachts and at the same time. Cellular phones included.
 - b. VHF Channel 68 is the recommended channel for this Race, and shall be the preferred channel used for general race management and safety coordination.

11. **NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**
 - a. Notices and changes to these Sailing Instructions will be placed on the Notice Board located by the RJYC Secretary's Office. Changes to these sailing instructions may alternatively be communicated by VHF radio or verbally from the officer in charge up to 30 minutes prior to the warning signal.

12. **ANCHORS**
 - a. Yachts over 28 feet in length shall carry two (2) anchors; other yachts shall carry one (1) anchor. The anchor rode shall be of adequate size and at minimum, 100ft in length.

13. **LIFE-SAVING EQUIPMENT**
 - a. Every yacht shall carry personal floatation equipment for each crewmember. If a yacht does not have lifelines that adequately protect the port and starboard sides of the cockpit, then the crew must wear life jackets from the 5-minute warning signal and continuously until they have crossed the finish line.
 - b. All Entrants are liable to inspection at the discretion of the Safety Officer of the Club.

14. **PRIZES**
 - a. **Cruiser Class** - Prizes will be awarded for the first, second and third place results under the handicap system, together with first, second and third place across the line. Note a third place prize will only be awarded if there are four or more entries.

- b. **J-22 Class (3 boats)** - Prizes will be awarded if a participant in the J-22 class places first on corrected time against all other competitors and J-22 Class prizes if there are 3 or more J22 entrants that are in the start area at the 5-minute signal.

15. **RESPONSIBILITY**

- a. The decision to enter a vessel and to take part in this event is the sole responsibility of the Skipper of each vessel, and to notify the Race Committee if the yacht withdraws after starting the race. (RRS Part I (4))
- b. The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper. Neither the Racing Rules of Sailing, equipment regulations, nor inspection of a yacht, limits or reduces complete, unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.
- c. The Royal Jamaica Yacht Club and Race Organizers accept no liability for any accident or injury that may be sustained by or caused by any participant or others, or for the loss of or damage to any vessel in any way, or from any cause whatsoever during this Race or related activities.

16. **NOTE**

The courses take competitors within the shipping channels and all must pay careful attention to the movement of vessels in the Channel, and be aware that these vessels are restricted in their ability to maneuver. In practice it is the responsibility of the vessel crossing to keep clear of any vessel transiting the channel.