



TRANSATLANTIC MAXI YACHT CUP 2009

TENERIFE – SINT MAARTEN

Monday 23rd November

PRELIMINARY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The Rules as defined in the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing 2009/2012 (RRS).
Three hours after the starting signal, Part 2 of the RRS will be replaced by the I.R.P.C.S./ ColRegs/ International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.
- 1.2 No National Authority prescriptions will apply
- 1.3 ISAF Sailing Regulations governing Offshore Racing - Category 1 will apply. A written declaration by the owner/skipper shall be delivered at registration to comply with these rules including training sessions.
- 1.4 IRC Rules and Regulations will apply but all devices for power assisted winches, canting keels, trim tab and water ballast are permitted. External meteo assistance is permitted (amends RRS 41).
- 1.5 The minimum crew members shall be eight. The complete list of people on board shall be delivered at registration.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between any of the above rules and/or regulations and the Sailing Instructions, the decision of the International Jury with the approval of the IMA representative shall prevail.
- 1.7 English shall be the official language used at the regatta.

2. Event classification and advertising

- 2.1 This event is under ISAF Advertising Code, Regulation 20.
On request by the O.A., all participating boats shall hoist a sponsor's flag on the backstay of the boat from 18.00 hours on November 21st to the prize giving ceremony. The battle flag with the event logo shall be flown while moored, from the registration day to the prize giving ceremony.
- 2.2 The Organizing Authority may also require:
 - the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on board video cameras for the official television production.
 - the installation of satellite monitoring equipment for the boat tracking system. The aforesaid equipment has been designed not to interfere with the instrumentation and the various communication equipment on board. The Organizing Committee will provide for the installation, free of charge.

3. Navigation lights

From sunset to sunrise and in case of poor visibility, the navigation lights must be switched on.

4. Finishing at night

When a boat finishes at night or with poor visibility she shall light her sail number using a powerful light or lighting her spreader light and do as much as possible to identify herself to the Race Committee.

5. Venue

Permanent Race Headquarters will be located at the IMA Office c/o YCCS Clubhouse. The Race Office will be located at the Real Club Nautico de Tenerife from the 19th to the 24th November and at the Sint Maarten Yacht Club from 1st to 13th December. The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be located in the above mentioned yacht clubs, as convenient. For contacts see paragraph 37.

6. Entries

According to the number and characteristics of entries, boats may be divided in accordance with IMA Rules.

Effective Divisions/Groups will be defined by the O.A. at 18.00 hours on November 22nd, 2009 depending on the number of competitors, for additional scoring and prizes.

7. **Registration Formalities**

To qualify as an official competitor the following shall be completed with the Race Office by 18.00 hours on November 21st, 2009:

- Complete Registration with the Organizing Authority, including entry form duly signed, crew list, sail inventory and entry fee.
- Disclaimer and Photographic Rights Form duly signed by each crew member Rating Certificate. The certificate shall be signed by the person responsible for the boat. Certificates shall be endorsed by the IMA Technical Office.
- A written declaration by the owner/skipper to comply with ISAF Sailing Regulations governing Offshore Racing - Category 1

Yachts not complying with the above formalities are not eligible for the event without approval of the International Jury.

Values of rating certificates issued at 17.00 hours on November 21st, 2009 shall not be modified without the International Jury's approval.

8. **Briefing**

The official Briefing will be held at the Real Club Nautico de Tenerife at 17.00 hours on November 22nd, 2009. Two representatives of each boat may attend.

9. **Amendments to the Sailing Instructions and Notices to Competitors**

9.1 Any amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ONB no later than 09.30 hours on the day it comes into effect except that changes to the programme shall be posted by 20.00 hours on the day before the change takes effect. It is the responsibility of competitors to acquaint themselves with these notices.

9.2 Notices to competitors will be posted on the ONB.

10 **Signals made ashore**

10.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flag staff located at the Real Club Nautico de Tenerife and repeated at a staff in the mooring area.

10.2 The display or removal of signals will be announced by sound signal and possibly via radio on VHF Channel 69. There will be no grounds for request of redress in the case of mistakes or omission of sound or radio signals. (This amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

10.3 Code flag "AP" (Answering Pennant) means "the race is postponed". The warning signal will not be displayed before 90 minutes after "AP is lowered" (Amends RRS- Race Signals).

11. **Programme**

- Friday, 20 th November	10.00 - 18.00	Inspections, registrations
- Saturday, 21 st November	10.00 – 18.00	Inspections, registrations
	18.00	Closing registrations
- Sunday, 22 nd November	17.00	Official Briefing
- Monday, 23 rd November	13.00	Warning signal for the departure
- Saturday, 12 th December	18.00	Prize Giving Ceremony

12. **Starting area**

The starting area will be located within a radius of approx 4 N.M. from the entrance of Tenerife Marina unless further notice.

13. **Starting Procedure**

13.1 RRS 26 applies.

The fleet will start in a single group. The warning flag is "WHISKY".

13.2 **Starting Line**

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race

Committee Boat at the starboard end of the line and the starting mark at the port end. The starting mark may be replaced by a Service boat displaying an orange flag. In this case the starting line will be between the staffs displaying an orange flag on each boat. The Race Committee Boat and/or Service boat on the starting line may hold their position with the use of engines.

13.3 Marks

Marks will be inflatable orange marks.

13.4 Mark after the Start

The Race Committee may position an inflatable buoy at approx. 2 N.M. from the starting line. In this case, the Race Committee boat will hoist one of the following signals together with the preparatory signal:

- Red flag with numbers on a board meaning:
“the windward mark in the direction indicated shall be left to port”
- Green flag with numbers on a board meaning:
“the windward mark in the direction indicated shall be left to starboard”

A second buoy may be located in accordance with a proper notice by the R.C.

13.5 All support boats shall keep well clear of the starting area and, after the preparatory signal, are not to approach within 100 metres of any competing boat.

Infringement of this Rule by a boat's support vessel may result in the imposition of a scoring penalty against that boat by the I.J..

13.6 All signals may be repeated on VHF channel 69. Radio signals are for information only. There will be no grounds for request of redress in the case of omission or mistakes in the broadcast of radio signals. (This amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

13.7 Both the Race Committee Boat and the Service boat rate as marks.

13.8 A boat shall start no later than 10 minutes after the starting signal except for OCS, whose time is extended to 20 minutes. (This amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

14. Individual Recalls

14.1 Individual recalls will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.1.

14.2 The words “X-ray” will be repeated several times over VHF channel 69.

The sail numbers of the OCS will be repeated by radio.

Failure, delay or errors in the radio transmission shall not be grounds for request of redress. (Amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

15. General Recall

15.1 General recall will be signalled in accordance with RRS 29.2.

15.2 The words “General Recall” will be repeated several times over VHF channel 69.

Failure, delay or errors in the radio transmission shall not be grounds for request of redress. (Amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

16. Committee Boat, Jury Boat, Service Boats and Press Vessels

16.1 The Race Committee boat will be identified by an orange flag with “R.C.” and the event's flag. The Race Committee boat will normally be the starting boat.

16.2 Service boats will be identified by an orange flag with “R.C.”.

16.3 The Jury boat will display a flag with “J”.

16.4 Vessels used by Press, Photographers, Film Crews, VIP's, etc. are not under the jurisdiction of the Race Committee.

17. Race Course

The race course from the starting marks to the finishing procedure is free.

18. Finishing Procedure

18.1 Arrival Contact

- 18.1.1 When boat's ETA is approx 24 hours each boat shall inform by email or text messages the St. Maarten Race Committee (SXM RC- Mrs. Cary Byerley, St. Maarten Coordinator: 599-588-2474 (from December 1st) - Email: director@bigboatseries.com) indicating name of the boat and ETA (in local time)
- 18.1.2 Boats shall inform by email or text messages the SXM RC 6 hours before finishing at any time.
- 18.1.3 Boats shall phone the SXM RC 1 hour before finishing at any time (Mrs. Cary Byerley, St. Maarten Coordinator: 599-588-2474 (from December 1st).
- 18.2 Yachts shall leave St. Maarten Island and Great Bay to starboard.
- 18.3 The finish line coordinates will be posted at a later stage.
- 18.4 A buoy with strobe light will indicate the offshore end of the line. The finishing mark will be in a position to be posted later.
- 18.5 The finishing line is valid even if the finishing buoy is missing.
- 18.6 Yachts shall stand by on VHF channel 08 from 5 miles from the finishing line until they finish. Confirmation of finishing may be given by the race committee. When finishing between dusk and daylight, the mainsail number shall be illuminated before finishing and long enough afterward to aid positive identification.
- 18.7 Yachts are also requested to record their own finish time (local) and report it on the race declaration. Any boat finishing after 1500hrs on December 12th 2009 will be scored DNF. In any case they will take their own finish time and report it to the SXM RC.
- 18.8 A "race declaration" must be presented (within one hour after the mooring activity is completed) to the R.O. testifying that all the Racing Rules have been followed during the race. The Race declaration must be signed by all the Crew members.
- 18.9 After the finish, for the mooring at Palapa Marina in the Lagoon, yachts may go to Simpson Bay and may anchor and wait for the next bridge opening. The bridge operates on VHF channel 12. Opening hours are:
- 09.00hrs Outbound - 0930hrs Inbound
11.00hrs Outbound - 1130hrs Inbound
16.30hrs Outbound - 1730hrs Inbound

An official welcome boat may come and meet the boats after the finish in Simpson Bay during daytime. A launch from Palapa Marina will meet and guide the boats through the bridge to the marina. Palapa Marina listens out on VHF Channel 68.
The St. Maarten Yacht Club is located on the starboard side after crossing the Simpson Bay bridge. The Club is open to all boats and crew who have sailed in this race.

19. Time Limit

- 19.1 The time limit for the race is 15.00 hours on 12th December 2009.

20. Retirement

- 20.1 A boat that retires from the race shall immediately notify the Race Committee Reporting Centre by phone or radio.
- 20.2 Boats that do not leave Tenerife Marina shall notify the Race Office before 11.30 hrs.

21. Protests

- 21.1 Protests shall be made in accordance with RRS 60 and 61.
- 21.2 Protests regarding a boat's rating and/or measurement shall be lodged not later than 18.00 hours on November 21st.
The protest shall indicate the matters to be examined. Rule 64.3(d) shall apply.
Hearings will take place on the morning of November 22nd.
- 21.3 For the race protests forms are available at the Race Office. The completed protest form shall be lodged to the Race Office within one hour after the mooring procedure at Palapa Marina is completed. The protest must be anticipated by radio to the Race Office within one hour after the protesting boat has finished the race and acknowledged by the RC.
The protest flag shall be flown for one hour after the incident and for the finish. (Amends RRS 61.1).
- 21.4 Hearings will take place on the morning of December 12th.
All persons involved in the hearings shall remain available for the hearing.

- 21.5 The Race Committee or International Jury intending to protest a boat under Rule 60.2(a) or Rule 60.3(a) because of an incident observed in the racing area shall inform her after the race by posting a notice on the SMYC ONB within the protest time limit of that boat.
- 21.6 It is the boat's representative's sole responsibility to check the protest notices at the end of the protest filing time to see if she is cited in a protest. Competitors are reminded of RRS 63.3 (b).
- 21.7 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.
The I.J. may impose penalties other than DSQ.

22. Communications

- 22.1 In Tenerife area, the Race Committee may use VHF 69 to broadcast information such as signals made ashore, location of the Race Committee Boat, sail numbers of boats recalled, etc.
A time check may be transmitted by the Race Committee over VHF Channel 69 approx. 30 minutes before the first scheduled warning signal of the race.
- 22.2 Failure to receive or hear radio transmissions will not be grounds for request of redress (Amends RRS 60.1 (b) and 62.1 (a)).
- 22.3 For communications in Sint. Maarten Area see Par.18 (Finishing Procedure).

23. Scoring

- 23.1 The Low Point System RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 23.2 The result will be on corrected time on time as indicated by the IRC Rules.

24. Penalties

- 24.1 RRS 44.2 applies, up to three hours after the starting signal. Two turns are required.
- 24.2 Report of the Race Committee on OCS, except for recording mistakes, is not ground for redress.
(Amends RRS 60.1 (b) and RRS 62.1).

25. Nautical Charts

In Tenerife Area the Spanish official nautical charts (from the Instituto Hidrográfico de la Marina) referred in this Sailing Instructions are:

- 61 Islas Canarias (from Gran Canaria to El Hierro)
205 Isla de Tenerife
6120 Puerto de Santa Cruz de Tenerife

Electronic charts
ES 30061A Gran Canaria and Tenerife
ES 400612 Aproximos del puerto de Tenerife

In Sint Maarten Area:

IMRAY Chart A: Covers, Puerto to Martinique - IMRAY Chart A3: Covers, Anguilla to Dominica
IMRAY Chart A24: Covers, Anguilla, St.Maarten & St.Barths

26. Moorings

Free moorings will be available at the Marina de Santa Cruz from 08.00 hours on November 20th to the starting day on 23rd November, for boats timely registered and participating in the event.
Free moorings will be available in Sint Maarten, at the Palapa Marina from the arrival of the boats until the 09.00 hours on 13th December.
For assistance with the mooring please contact the Marina de Santa Cruz Offices on VHF 9 or 16 and the Palapa Marina Office on VHF Channel 68.
On arrival either in Tenerife and Sint Maarten all boats shall register with the Marina Office.
Provision of water and electricity is not included in the entry fee and must be requested at the Marina Office.
Payment for these services must be made to the Marina Offices.

27. Hauling out

Boats shall not be hauled out after 13.00 on 22nd November without prior written permission of the International Jury. The cleaning of the hull at sea is permitted, as is the use of mask and bottles.

28. Rating Certificates

- 28.1 The IMA Technical Office has arranged with the RORC Rating Office in Lymington to process certificate requests received by that office until 10.00 hours on 21st November, 2009. Copies of new certificates will be sent directly to the IMA Technical Office to be properly signed by the owner in order to become valid. Prior to 13 .00 hours on November 22nd a signed copy of the boat's IRC final certificate shall be presented at the Race Office in Tenerife.
- 28.2 The list of rating values shall be issued by the Measurement Committee by 15.00 on November 21st approved and signed by the International Jury. Thereafter no changes of the rating values are possible unless as a consequence of controls and inspections and with the approval of the International Jury.
- 28.3 It is reminded to all the competitors that the rating certificates shall be endorsed by the IMA Technical Office.

29. Tracking System

- 29.1 An electronic tracking system will be used to track the position of participating boats during the race and participants will be required to allow the installation of tracking beacons on their boats. The Organising Authority may use the information received from the system for media coverage of the race as well as for technical and safety purposes.
On registration, participants will be required to leave a deposit of 300 euros with the Organising Authority, which will be refunded on return of the beacons after the race.
- 29.2 In any case it is a skipper responsibility to provide the Race Office with the daily position at 08.00 and 20.00 UTC by SMS text messages and/or emails.

30. Control, Measurement and Inspection

- 30.1 The IMA Technical office may rule on all matters of rating, accommodation, equipment and associated Rules and Regulations and ISAF Offshore Special Regulations. The ATO's ruling shall be final. It shall advise the Race Committee and the International Jury on any related disputes and propose appropriate penalties for infringements.
- 30.2 The IMA Technical office has the right to undertake random inspections and measurement checks on any entered boat throughout the registration period and after the finishing . All boats shall be available for inspection between 08.00 and 18.00 hours each day during the port calls. In the event of a protest, access for inspections may be requested at any time.
- 30.3 Sail inventory for the event shall be lodged with the Race Office at final registration. The number of sails to be carried on board is free but all sails carried on board shall be part of the sail inventory.

31. Crews Lists

- 31.1 Changes to the crew list in compliance with the IRC Rules shall be made in writing indicating the name(s) of the substituting crew member(s) and shall be lodged at the Race Office before 18.00 hours of November 22nd. Failure to do so may result in the imposition of a penalty against that boat by the I.J..
- 31.2 The Organizing Authority may direct television team to be on board a boat additional to the crew list, for a limited period during the departure or arrival phases. Other guests on board shall be on the crew list.

32. Ecological Rules

While moored and at sea all boats shall respect all the rules to prevent pollution and environment damages. Furthermore attention is called on the Rules for Tenerife and St. Maarten presently in force. The International Jury may take action in case of infringements of the above ecological rules.

33. Photographic and Television Media Rights

Competitors grant the Organizing Authority 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' name and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known.

As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights (See S.I. Par. 7).

34. Disclaimer

34.1 Competitors agree to be bound by International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009/2012, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race.

Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their yacht, the rigging, the crew's ability and the safety equipment. Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for damages caused to thirds persons or their belongings, to themselves or to their belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of their participation in the regatta, relieving of any responsibility the Organising Clubs, the Race Committee, the International Jury, all event sponsors and any other party involved in the organization under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for the behaviour and dress of the yacht's crew, representatives, guests and anybody connected with the boat in any way..

In any case Competitors agree that the Organising Clubs, the sponsors and their agents, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss, or damage to any boat or property.

As part of the registration process, each individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.

34.2 The safety of a boat and her entire management including insurance shall be the sole responsibility of the owner/competitor, who must ensure the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, manned by a crew sufficient in number and experience and who are physically fit to face bad weather. The owner/competitor must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging and all gear. He/she must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and that the crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used.

34.3 Neither the establishment of these conditions, nor their use by the Organizing Authorities and the Race Organizers in any way limits the absolute responsibility of the owner/competitor. The crew and guests are nonetheless advised to satisfy themselves as to the experience of the skipper and adequacy of all safety equipment and insurance arrangements.

34.4 The attention of competitors is drawn to ISAF RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

35. Electronic Equipment

All types of electronic aids, including radar, GPS, etc., are permitted. Weather information from any source is permitted. (Amends RRS 41).

36. Trophies

- IMA Challenge Trophy for the Overall Winner in elapsed time.
- IMA Cup for the first classified in corrected time.
- IMA Cups for the winner of each IMA category.
- Trophies and Cups for all the competitors.

37. Contact Info.

Permanent IMA Race Office :

Cell Phones to be utilize also for SMS text messages and emails: +39 3334858385 or +393484368124

Email : info@internationalmaxiassociation.com - administration@internationalmaxiassociation.com

Real Club Nautico de Tenerife :

Tel. +34 922 273700 - Fax +34 922 27 3117 – email: j.gorostiza@servi7.es

VHF Channel 69.

Sint Maarten Yacht Club:

Cary Byerley, St.Maarten Coordinator: 599-588-2474 (from December 1st) or 599-552-0068

Email: director@bigboatseries.com

Heather Tackling, St. Maarten Coordinator: 599-580-8181

Email: director@heinekenregatta.com

VHF Channel 08. VHF channels may not work until boat near Great Bay

38. Emergency Contacts

In Tenerife:

Emergencias de salvamento marítimo: Tel: 900.202.202.

Centro de coordinación de salvamento marítimo de Tenerife: Tel: 922.59.75.51-52

e.mail : tenerife@sasemar.es web : www.salvamentomaritimo.es.

Search and Rescue Canarie Islands Area (East Atlantic Ocean) (To Be Communicated by RCNT)

In Sint. Maarten:

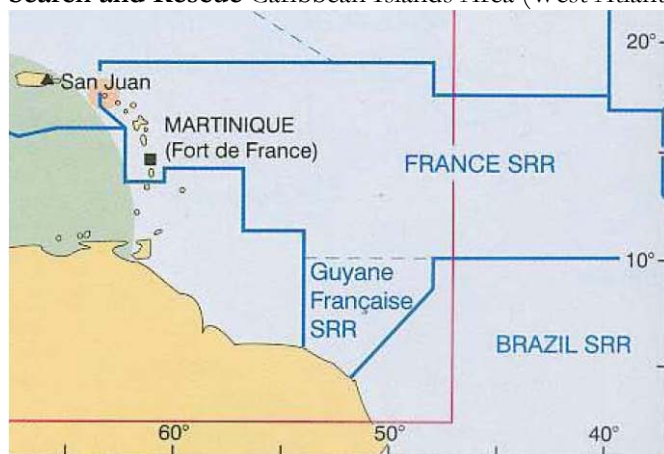
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Search and Rescue Caribbean Islands Area (West Atlantic Ocean)



All search and rescue efforts for the above area are coordinated by :

CROSS Antilles-Guyane (Martinique)

16 boulevard de la Marne - BP 621 - 97261 FORT DE FRANCE cédex

TEL : + (596) 5 96 70 92 92

INMARSAT – Satellite AOR EAST : #422 799 024

INMARSAT – Satellite AOR WEST : #422 799 224

MINI M : 871 763 913648

Dutch Side Coast Guard is (599) 543-7603 - St. Maarten Sea Rescue Service (599) 542-4966

Search and Rescue US Coast Guard:

Main Phone Number: (202)475-3400 - **Main Facsimile Number:** (202)475-3920

In the event of a vessel casualty, initial contact with the vessel owner or representative is through the Captain of the Port (COTP) or Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC). SERT may be contacted initially by the COTP or FOSC, and eventually the vessel representative or naval architect, using the following information:

- Marine Safety Center (0700 to 1630 daily): (202) 475-3400 or (202) 475-3403
- Salvage Team duty member cell phone: (202)327-3985
- Salvage Team Leader: (202) 475-3400 or cell phone (202) 327-3987
- FLAGPLOT (manned 24 hours/7 days a week): (202) 267-2100

39. **Clearing in information**

Simon Manley will help you with your yacht's clearance. He will also organise berthing and offer shipping and receiving services, crew placement services for crew disembarking after the race, seaman's air tickets and can receive and transfer funds to be delivered to your yacht on arrival.

Contact: Simon Manley email: simon@shoresupport.net Phone (599) 522-9746