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PUERTO CALERO MARINA

SATURDAY 9TH JANUARY 2021

WARNING SIGNAL 1050

HW ARRECIFE 1008

CONTACT DETAILS

	Race Committee	Coastguard	Race Office Address
Start	<p>Callsign "Ocean One" VHF Channel 72 (see also SI 11.2) Mobile: +44 7825 007 035 Email: racing@rorc.org</p>	<p>UK National Maritime Operations Centre MMSI 002320011 VHF Channel 16 +44 2392 552100 (for notification of retirements or in emergencies)</p>	<p>c/o Puerto Calero Marina 35571 - Yaiza Lanzarote Canary Islands Tel: +44 7825 007 035 Email: racing@rorc.org</p>
Finish	As above	As above	<p>c/o Antigua Yacht Club English Harbour Antigua Tel: +44 7825 007 035 Email: racing@rorc.org</p>

**Boats retiring from the race must immediately notify the Race Committee or the Coastguard.
Failure to comply may lead to exclusion from future RORC racing.**

**THE ATTENTION OF EVERY PERSON IS DRAWN TO SPECIAL REGULATION 1.02 AND TO THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING
SUITABLE AND ADEQUATE PERSONAL INSURANCE**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

**The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.
(RRS Fundamental Rule 3)**

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 World Sailing's Offshore Special Regulations Category 1 with RORC Prescriptions and Satellite Phone.
- 1.3 The rules and regulations of appropriate Class rules; IRC Rules Parts A, B & C, and MOCRA Rules

2 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 2.1 A boat or equipment shall be inspected at any time for compliance with the rules.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the RORC website and/or Race Minisite.

4 NOTICE TO MARINERS

- 4.1 Competitors are reminded of their responsibility to take account of all Notice to Mariners specific to the areas they are sailing.

5 ADVERTISING

- 5.1 Boats may be required to fly a RORC backstay flag at least 1.5m above the deck. This will be provided by the Organising Authority.

6 AIS

- 6.1 All boats shall have their AIS transponder switched on and capable of transmitting and receiving, at all times, from 1000 on Saturday 9th January 2021 and throughout the race.
- 6.2 A boat's AIS transponder shall be programmed with the boat's MMSI number and current racing name.
- 6.3 Nothing shall be done to inhibit AIS transmissions.
- 6.4 Yachts unable to meet these requirements shall submit comprehensive details of the reason on their Declaration Form and may be subject to protest. The penalty for breaking this rule is at the discretion of the Protest Committee and may include disqualification.

7 YB TRACKERS

- 7.1 It is mandatory for all yachts to carry a YB Tracker unit for the race. The tracking can be viewed on the Transatlantic Race Minisite: rorctransatlantic.rorc.org and via the YB Races mobile app.
- 7.2 Nothing shall be done to inhibit YB Tracker transmissions.
- 7.3 Failure to return the YB tracker at the end of race may result in a bill for £800.00.

8 CLASSES

Class	TCC Range
IRC	1.004 and above
Class40	
Multihull	1.200 and above

9 COMMITTEE VESSEL

- 9.1 A Committee Vessel will be on station approximately 0.5nm South of La Puntilla. (approximately 1.4nm South West of Puerto Calero).
- 9.2 The Committee Vessel will be on station approximately 45 minutes before the start.
- 9.3 After the start when sail numbers are not displayed elsewhere (sails down) they shall be displayed secured to the lifelines on the port quarter.

10 NUMBER OF PERSONS ABOARD

- 10.1 After leaving the dock to race, but not before 0900 BST and before starting, each boat shall send an SMS (text) / WhatsApp message to: +44 7825 007 035, using the declared onboard mobile. This message shall contain the boat name, sail number and the number of persons on board.

- 10.2 If the number of persons on board is less than that declared on SailGate (<https://rorc.sailgate.com>) then the full name(s) of the persons not on board shall also be included in the SMS message
- 10.3 A boat shall not sail with a crew member whose name and Emergency Contact details have not been lodged on RORC SailGate.**

11 COMMUNICATIONS

- 11.1 **VHF Ch.72** - A yacht may, without infringing RRS41 (Outside Help), request and receive repetition of information broadcast by the Race Committee or enquire if a broadcast has been made. VHF Ch.72 is the designated calling channel when contacting the Race Committee "Ocean One".
- 11.2 **VHF Ch.16** - Yachts are reminded of their legal obligation to keep a continuous watch on VHF Ch.16 throughout the race.
- 11.3 Inter-yacht communication calls should when possible be on DSC or VHF Ch.16 as a calling Channel and VHF Ch.72 as a working Channel.

12 STARTING TIMES AND SIGNALS

- 12.1 The race will be started by using RRS 26, with the warning signal being made 10 minutes before the starting signal.

Proposed Starting Times

All Classes Warning Flag: Numeral 1	Event	Signal
1050	Warning	Warning flag displayed
1056	Preparatory	Preparatory flag displayed
1059	One-minute	Preparatory flag removed
1100	Start	Warning flag removed

13 STARTING LINE

- 13.1 The Starting Line will be between a staff on a Committee Vessel displaying an orange flag and an inflatable mark in the vicinity of the Committee Boat.
- 13.2 Individual recalls may be broadcast on VHF.

14 LATE AT THE START

- 14.1 If a boat has not previously come to the starting area at her preparatory signal and comes to the starting area under power (or being towed), they shall stop their engine (or drop their tow) and complete a Two-Turns penalty as specified in RRS 44.2 before starting.
- 14.2 No penalty will be imposed for an infringement of RRS 42 for complying with SI14.1. This changes RRS 42 and 45.

15 THE COURSE

- 15.1 The course is detailed in Appendix A.

16 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 16.1 All Traffic Separation Schemes are designated as obstructions and boats shall not enter them – See Appendix B.

17 TIME LIMIT

- 17.1 There is no time limit for the race.

18 APPROACH TO THE FINISH

- 18.1 All boats are requested to try and inform the Race Committee by phone (+44 7825 007 035) when 30 minutes from the finish.

19 THE FINISH

- 19.1 The finishing line is a line bearing 180 degrees True from Fort Charlotte for a distance of 1.0 nm. The following coordinates shall be used as the position of Fort Charlotte - 17° 00'.02N 061° 45'.38W.
- 19.2 Boats are reminded to take their own finishing times (UTC) together with the names of the boats ahead and astern, if any. Finishing times shall be delivered to the RORC as soon as possible using a Declaration Form and emailed to racing@rorc.org.

20 RACE FINISH DECLARATIONS

- 20.1 After finishing or retiring, boats shall complete a Declaration Form and together with the YB tracker; return them to the Race Committee as soon as possible, but **not later than 24 hours after the end of the race**. Every member of the crew shall sign the Declaration Form. Failure to comply with this rule may result in the boat being excluded from the results. When a boat retires from a race she shall write the reasons on her Declaration Form.
- 20.2 When after a race a boat cannot promptly deliver the Declaration Form she shall without delay telephone the Race Committee, confirm that she has finished racing and give her time of finishing in UTC. In this case the completed Declaration Form may be scanned and emailed to racing@rorc.org.

21 RETIREMENTS AND NON STARTERS

- 21.1 Retirements and non-starters must promptly inform the Race Committee or the Coastguard. It is imperative that boats that are no longer competing can be excluded from any Search and Rescue operation. **Failure to comply with this rule may lead to disqualification or exclusion from future RORC racing.**

22 TEMPORARY DISCONTINUANCE OF RACING

- 22.1 If a boat temporarily stops racing, they shall immediately inform the Race Committee explaining the circumstances and their plan by telephone / WhatsApp (+44 7825 007 035), text message (+44 7797 805 885) or email (racing@rorc.org).
- 22.2 If a boat makes fast in order to take shelter or in an emergency, the crew may temporarily leave the boat to handle her moorings. If she uses her engine for propulsion she shall, on rejoining the race, return to the spot where she began to use her engine, turn off her engine and continue to race from that spot. She shall report the circumstances on her Declaration Form. This changes RRS 45 and 47.2.
- 22.3 A boat that is secured in harbour may receive any assistance to effect repairs or take on any supplies or equipment. This changes RRS 41 and 47.1.

23 USE OF ENGINE

- 23.1 When a boat uses its engine for propulsion, e.g. to avoid collision, in a grave emergency or as per SI 22 Temporary Discontinuance of Racing, the facts shall be reported on her Declaration Form.

24 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 24.1 Scoring Penalty:
- 24.1.1 When the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS apply (between the hours of sunset and sunrise) a scoring penalty applies (RRS 44.3).
- 24.1.2 The scoring penalty will be 10 minutes added to the boat's corrected time for each penalty. A boat that has taken a scoring penalty shall include full details on her Declaration Form. This adds to RRS 44.3
- 24.1.3 When a scoring penalty does not apply, a yacht may take a Two Turns Penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 or a One Turn Penalty when she may have broken RRS 31, as described in RRS 44.2.
- 24.2 Standard Penalties:
- 24.2.1 When at a boat's starting signal she is subject to RRS 29.1 (Individual Recall) and she fails to comply with RRS 29.1 to start correctly the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a standard time penalty of 10%. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 24.2.2 For a minor or unavoidable breaches of RRS 28 (Sailing the Course) where no advantage has been gained, the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a standard time penalty of 10%. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5. For any other breach the penalty shall be to retire.
- 24.2.3 For a breach of any area designated an Obstruction, i.e. Traffic Separation Schemes, the Race Committee shall, without a hearing, apply a standard time penalty of 10%, unless the breach was unavoidable and unintentional and no advantage was gained. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.
- 24.2.4 Should the Race Committee consider a standard penalty to be inappropriate, it may protest the boat.
- 24.2.5 If, in a hearing brought by the Race Committee under Sailing Instruction 0 or by another boat, a boat is found to have infringed RRS 28, 29.1 or Sailing Instruction 16.1 the penalty will be at the discretion of the Protest Committee, but will not be less than the standard penalty.
- 24.3 Grounds for Protest
- 24.3.1 Breaches of Sailing Instruction 8 and **Error! Reference source not found.** will not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1a.
- 24.2 Other Penalties

24.2.2 When the Protest Committee decides that a boat that is party to a protest hearing has broken a rule other than RRS Part 1 and 2 and that no serious damage or injury was caused and no significant advantage has been gained, it may apply a time penalty of up to 10%. Should the Protest Committee decide that the breach was minor and unintentional it may at its discretion choose to give a warning.

25 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 25.1 Protests may be written on plain paper, but Protest Forms are available to download from the RORC website. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be emailed to the RORC Race Team (racing@rorc.org) within the appropriate time limit.
- 25.2 The Protest Time Limit is 3 hours after the protesting boat finishes.
- 25.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit for the last boat to finish the race.
- 25.4 The notification of a protest by the Race or Protest Committee against a competitor as required under RRS 61.1(b) or (c) shall consist of a notice on the RORC website and/or Race Minisite.

26 SCORING

- 26.1 The Scoring System for Offshore Races, defined in Notice of Race 14.1, will apply.

27 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 27.1 The following Trophies/Prizes will be awarded:

IMA Trophy – Line Honours Monohull
Line Honours Multihull
IRC Overall – RORC Transatlantic Trophy
Class40

- 27.2 Medallions:

- 27.2.1 RORC medallions will be presented as prizes for each class and division as follows:

Number of starters	6 – 8	9 – 15	16 – 24	25 or more
Prizes	2	3	4	5

- 27.2.2 When there are fewer than 6 starters in a class it may be combined for prizes with another class.

28 RIGHTS TO USE EMAIL ADDRESS, CONTACT NUMBERS, NAMES & LIKENESSES

- 28.1 By participating in this event, a competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority, and the sponsors of the event the right in perpetuity to make, use and show at their discretion any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or filmed television and other reproductions of him/her during the race, and of all of his/her material related to the race, without compensation. By providing your email as part of the entry procedure, you may receive targeted email from the OA for the purpose of race tracking applications and detailed entry requirements.

29 RISK STATEMENT

- 29.1 Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”
- 29.2 Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:
- they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
 - they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
 - they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission;
 - their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
 - the provision of a race management team and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;

- f) they are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, in date and familiar to the crew;
- g) all boats shall comply with current COVID-19 guidelines applicable to their location. Given the length and potential conditions of the race no person(s) shall compete if they have, or if they have been in contact with anyone with, symptoms of COVID-19 in the last 14 days;
- h) activities are currently restricted by regulations and guidelines emanating from governments, port/harbour authorities and marinas. All competitors should be aware of regulations, guidelines and restrictions before entering any port.

30 INSURANCE

30.1 Each boat shall ensure that their boat is adequately insured against all third party claims.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

(Notices are for information and do not rank as part of the Sailing Instructions)

Berthing

Puerto Calero, Lanzarote – Berthing is provided in Puerto Calero Marina, Lanzarote from Monday 4th January until the start of the race:

Puerto Calero
Ed. Antiguo Varadero 2^aP
35571 Yaiza
Lanzarote
Canary Islands
Telephone: +34 928 511 285
Email:marina@puertocalero.com

Discounted berthing may be available outside of the times specified above - please contact the marina directly for more information.

Skippers Packs/Trackers

The Skippers Packs and Trackers will be available (subject to completion of registration requirements) from the RORC Race Office located in Marina Lanzarote from 1200 on Wednesday 6th January.

Skippers Briefing

The Skippers Briefing will take place online at 1500 on Friday 8th January 2021 followed by an online Q and A. The invitation will be sent prior to the briefing.

Prizegiving

Trophies will be presented at a prize giving TBC.

Story of the Race – Blogs and Twitter

Please keep us up to date with your experiences and progress throughout the race; everything from sighting of wildlife and what is for dinner. We will use them to form the story of the race. Blogs should go to racing@rorc.org and need to include the boat's "Name" and "Sail Number".

Race Report

Louay Habib has been contracted by the RORC to cover the race and write regular reports throughout. The RORC will supply Louay with mobile and satellite telephone numbers for competitors so you may receive calls from Louay about the race.

APPENDIX A – THE COURSE

#	Mark	Required Side; Leave to:
1	Isla de Lanzarote	Starboard
2	Fuerteventura	Port
3	Gran Canaria	Port
4	Tenerife	Port
5	Green Island, Antigua	Starboard
Finish	Fort Charlotte, Antigua	Starboard

APPENDIX B – OBSTRUCTIONS: TRAFFIC SEPARATION SCHEMES (TSS)

- A1 The area of each Obstruction is a box; the coordinates of the corners are given.
 A2 The boundaries are the rhumb lines between the corners.
 A3 The Obstructions apply to all classes with no exceptions, when racing

Obstruction	Position (WGS84): Latitude Longitude	
West Fuerteventura	A - 28° 09'.68N 014° 51'.79W	B - 28° 12'.25N 015° 00'.49W
	C - 28° 22'.33N 014° 56'.50W	D - 28° 22'.00N 014° 46'.67W
East Gran Canaria	A - 28° 00'.17N 014° 55'.50W	B - 28° 03'.00N 015° 04'.40W
	C - 27° 51'.88N 015° 09'.03W	D - 27° 48'.93N 015° 00'.00W
West Gran Canaria	A - 28° 13'.72N 015° 58'.38W	B - 28° 18'.87N 016° 05'.25W
	C - 28° 03'.73N 016° 19'.68W	D - 27° 58'.45N 016° 12'.80W
East Tenerife	A - 28° 22'.12N 015° 50'.13W	B - 28° 27'.47N 015° 57'.19W
	C - 28° 38'.13N 015° 47'.00W	D - 28° 33'.61N 015° 39'.18W