

Marianas Yacht Club 42nd Annual Guam-Rota Race (2019) SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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1. SPONSOR: Marianas Yacht Club
2. DATE: **24 May, 2019 – 27 May, 2019**
3. SCHEDULE: Initial Skippers Meeting: **1830, 26 April, 2019 (Friday)**
 Final Skippers Meeting: **1830, 10 May, 2019 (Friday)**
 Race Start (Apra Harbor): **1700, 24 May, 2019 (Friday)**
 Race Start (Rota): **0700, 27 May, 2019 (Monday)**

There will be no skipper's meeting on the day of the race, however, it is advisable to check the website www.marianasyachtclub.org, www.facebook.com/MYCGuam, and the notice board at the club house for any last-minute changes such as a weather cancellation notice.

4. SAFETY:
 - 4.1 All boats must comply with all applicable U. S. Coast Guard and local regulations within the Territory of Guam and Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI). The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole responsibility of the owner/skipper who must do his or her best to ensure that the yacht is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy. The owner/skipper must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed, and that the crew knows where it is kept and how it is to be used. The owner/skipper shall hold a safety briefing before leaving the dock.
 - 4.2 Safety requirements: life jackets for everyone aboard; whistles attached to life jackets; life ring or approved throwable devices within reach of the helmsman and ready for immediate deployment; manual bilge pump or bucket (Multihulls excluded); anchor and rode suitable for holding boat in extreme conditions (Multihulls excluded). A boat may be inspected at any time. **If the boat does not comply with the safety requirements specified herein; the entry may be rejected or disqualified.**
 - 4.3 Neither the establishment of minimum equipment standards nor any inspection that may be performed by the Race Committee shall in any way limit the Owner's and/or Skipper's responsibility or confer any such responsibility on the Race Committee. Competitors participate in this race entirely at their own risk. The Marianas Yacht Club Race Committee (MYCRC) and Marianas Yacht Club (MYC) bear no responsibility for accidents, damage or injuries to yachts or their personnel arising from any cause during the race or related activities. As a

condition of entry, the **Owner/Skipper of each yacht shall submit a printed and signed copy of this instruction as a certificate of compliance prior to the final skippers meeting 1830, 10 May, 2019 (Friday)**. The entry form constitutes the Skipper's certificate of compliance with these conditions and disqualification for any breach or violation of these requirements is not subject to protest and/or redress.

4.4 Boats rated and designed with propulsion power must have operational propulsion capable of propelling the boat at 2/3 its theoretical hull speed in calm conditions.

4.5 All participants shall abide by the U.S. Coast Guard Inland Navigation Rules (COMDTUNSTM16672.21), "a vessel of less than 20 meters in length or a sailing vessel shall not impede the passage of a vessel that can safely navigate only within a narrow channel or fairway." Any boat which impedes commercial shipping shall be subject to disqualification.

5.0 CLASS:

5.1 It is the skipper/owner's responsibility to ensure that all information provided on the entry form is complete and accurate, as this data will be used to determine rating, fleet and class.

5.2 The race is open to all yachts on Guam including non-members of Marianas Yacht Club. Yachts that have a PHRF rating will be classified under Racing category. Non-racing category (Cruising Category) is open to those yachts that do not have a PHRF rating. The PHRF rated yachts may also choose to be under cruising category.

5.3 Yachts sailing PHRF must possess a valid GYA PHRF and XPHRF rating certificate. The Registration Committee reserves the right to examine this certificate. PHRF classes will be determined by the Registration Committee based on the current rating certificate and other data required to complete registration and are not subject to protest or request for redress.

6. COURSE:

6.1 The starting line shall be laid between Buoy R "2" and the signal flag of the race committee boat. Yachts will start at any position along this line heading in the direction of the harbor exit. All yachts must pass between the harbor entrance markers before heading north toward Rota.

6.2 The finish line for the first leg will be on the western side of Rota, outside of the Western Harbor across an imaginary line drawn from the existing two range markers approximately 300 yards (three football field lengths) from the harbor exit (see attached). All yachts are strongly recommended to finish on Rota before **1300 on Saturday 25 May, 2019** as a courtesy to all officials. Any yacht finishing after **1300** will receive a DNF.

6.3 The starting line for the return leg to Guam will be between the outer range marker and the stern of a starting boat. The starting boat may drift slightly as it is not possible to anchor. The yachts will cross the line in the southerly direction towards the island of Guam.

6.4 The finish line in Guam for the second leg will be between Buoy GR "A" and Buoy R "2" in Apra Harbor.

7.0 RACE TIME: All yachts must turn in their own time filling out the complete report sheet and returning it as described to the race committee within 4 hours of finishing the race. The starting time of each leg will be timed from the race start signal. On your stopwatch, start the time at the start signal. Record the elapsed time to finish the course. Do not start your time when you simply cross the starting line. The form must be signed by both the Skipper and a crew. Failure to comply may result in DSQ for the entire race.

8.0 LIABILITY: The organizers, their officers, the sponsors, and members of the organization or volunteers do not accept liability for the loss of life or property, personal injury, or damage caused or arising out of the 42nd Annual Guam-Rota Race.

9.0 REGISTRATION ENTRY FEE:

MYC Member Boat \$ 150.00

Non Member Boat \$ 250.00

Late Entry Fee (after May 11) \$ 50.00

1. RACING RULES: All races will be governed by the current "2017 – 2020 Racing Rules of Sailing – World Sailing" (<https://www.sailing.org/40174.php>) and these sailing instructions.

11. CHANGES IN SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: Any changes in these written sailing instructions prior to May 24 will be posted on the MYC Website at www.marianasyachtclub.org and <https://www.facebook.com/MYCGuam>. Any change in these written sailing instructions on or after May 24th will be announced at start or will be posted on the board at MYC clubhouse in Guam prior the Guam to Rota leg. In Rota, any changes will be posted at the Rota Race Hut at West Harbor Dock prior to the race start for the Rota-Guam leg.

12. STARTING SIGNALS:

The official start will be on the Flag.

Warning Signal – Five (5) minutes before the start, the Racing Pennant #1 flag (WHITE FLAG WITH RED CIRCLE) shall be hoisted and the one blast of the horn sounded.

Preparatory Signal – Four (4) minutes before the start, the "P" flag (BLUE flag with a WHITE rectangular center) shall be hoisted and one blast of horn sounded.

Preparatory Signal Removed – One (1) minute before the start, the "P" flag shall be dropped and one blast of the horn sounded.

Starting Signal – Zero (0) minutes, the Racing Pennant #1 shall be removed and one blast on horn sounded. A second blast of the horn will signal a premature start.

13. RECALL: There will be no recall of any yachts over the line during the last minutes before the starting signal. Such yachts will be penalized the period of time that it is early plus an

additional ten (10) minutes - such time to be added to the total elapsed time at completion of the race.

14. LEG 1: Yachts shall sail directly out of Apra Harbor from the starting line passing between the channel markers. They will then sail directly to Rota as prescribed in paragraph number 6.

LEG 2: Yachts shall sail directly from the starting line at Rota, re-enter Apra Harbor between channel markers and finish as prescribed in paragraph number 6.

15. POSTPONEMENT: Postponement shall be at the discretion of the Race Committee. In the event of foul weather, this committee will make its decision by **1500, Friday, 24 May, 2019** based upon information provided by the Naval Oceanography Command Detachment. As a general guide, if sustained winds of force 7 (28 knots) or greater are occurring or expected to occur and or if the seas are such that would make difficulty in entering West Harbor in Rota, the race will be canceled.

16. AWARDS: All racing yachts shall be awarded as follows:

- A. Racing Class Awards – First place Leg 1, Leg 2, and First Overall will be awarded
- B. Cruising Class Awards – Awards may be provided to the Cruising Class Top Cruiser to the discretion of the Race Committee.
- C. Additional Prizes/Awards may be awarded to Racing or Cruising Class participants based on the discretion of the Committee and based on the number of entrants – (The Turtle Award, The “Sailfish: Award, The Dirty Bottom Award, Top Fisherman Award, Seamanship Award, Most Spirited Award).

17. PROTEST: Protest will be conducted in accordance with US Sail procedures. Official protest forms shall be used. Formal protest must be lodged within 24 hours after the protesting yacht finish that particular leg race. Protest flag must be flown and an attempt must be made to inform the protested yachts as soon as possible after the incident.

18. COMMUNICATIONS: All yachts must monitor VHF channel 16 and 79 during the race.

19. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

- a. All racing and non-racing yachts must comply with quarantine, customs, and immigration requirements for entry to Rota and re-entry to Guam. MYC will take no responsibility in lack of documentation by any yacht.
- b. Any Yacht that starts the race and is then **unable to complete sail** to Rota and returns to Guam or vice versa **must notify** MYC Race Committee Representative Tim Armour: 688-3230 or MYC Race Chair Larry Williams: 682-8250 as soon as possible. Utilize VHF if out of range for cell service. This is necessary to prevent us from beginning a search.

- c. **All registered yachts are required to check-in with race committee prior to departure and upon arrival on both legs Guam to Rota and Rota to Guam.**
Contact MYC Race Committee Representative Tim Armour: 688-3230 or MYC Race Chair Larry Williams: 682-8250

20. TIME LIMIT:

- Leg 1: Yachts finishing after **1:00 PM** on **Saturday, 25 May, 2019**, will receive a DNF.
- Leg 2: Yachts finishing more than six hours after the third finishing yacht or after 8pm on Monday, May 28, 2018 will receive a DNF.

21. RADIO CHECK IN:

- a. GUAM TO ROTA: A radio check schedule has been established beginning at **2100** on **Friday, 24 May, 2019** and continuing at 3 hour intervals. (Example 2100, 0000, 0300, 0600). As per the race instructions, communication will be on VHF channel 79. A copy of the roll call schedule will be available at MYC by **1200** on **Wednesday 22 May, 2019** from the race committee. Please answer the roll call with a brief condition report. Boats will be called in alphabetical order.
- b. ROTA TO GUAM: A radio check schedule has been established beginning at **1000** on **Monday, 27 May, 2019** and continuing at 3 hour intervals. (Example 1000, 1300, 1600, 1900). As per the race instructions, communications will be on VHF channel 79. A copy of the roll call schedule will be available at MYC by **1200** on **Wednesday 22 May, 2019** from the race committee. Please answer the roll call with a brief condition report. Boats will be called in alphabetical order.

22. ENVIRONMENTAL: Any Boat which discharges waste or discards trash into the water shall be subject to disqualification.

23. SIGNATURE:

Signature below indicates that I have read and understood the racing instructions and that I am aware that these instructions may change and I am required to be cognizant of those changes at all times.
