



2022 ST BARTHS BUCKET REGATTA

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90 Foot Class Rules (11/05/2021)

Background

The Bucket is legendary for its uniquely beautiful venue, spectacular racing and fantastic shore side socials (bucketregatta.com/gallery). It is an invitational, non-commercial event committed to the enjoyment of the yacht owners and their guests (bucketregatta.com). Prior to 2017, certain yachts that did not meet the 100-foot LOA eligibility criteria were grandfathered and invited to compete. That led to classes with excessively wide rating bands and yachts with disparate sailing characteristics. Given some of the inherent advantages of smaller, more nimble yachts, it also put large cruising superyachts at a competitive disadvantage. To be as inclusive as possible without negatively impacting the participating superyachts, the Bucket Stewards are offering a '90' Class' at the 2022 edition.

This initiative was conceived for performance-oriented sloops and depending on the composition of the class, may feature a staggered, pursuit or conventional fleet start. For a fleet start, the boats will race under the conventional Racing Rules of Sailing with the RRS Appendix SY invoked if yachts in the 90' Class meet yachts in the Superyacht Fleet. For a staggered or pursuit start, the RRS Appendix SY will be invoked. The superyacht fleet will feature the traditional pursuit racing format. For all classes, the longstanding 'Spirit of the Bucket' will be on full display with an emphasis on fun, safe and competitive racing.

90 Foot Class Racing

- There are three coastal races scheduled Friday, Saturday and Sunday (18 - 20 March);
- Safe racing has been and will continue to be a top priority of the St Barths Bucket organizers;
- Classes may sail different courses;
- Series trophies will be awarded for the top three finishers in class. Daily first place trophies will also be awarded.

Eligibility Criteria & Class Specific Rules

- Sloop rigs only;
- There will be LOA and rating band ranges, which will be refined going forward:
 - Preliminary LOA range 26–30.5m (approximately 85'–100')
 - Preliminary rating band: ORCs_y 335-410 (moderate wind range). If the yacht does not have an ORC certificate, ORC can determine if the yacht's rating is within the band;

Note: The rating band is based on 2021 ORCs_y VPP and may be updated when the 2022 ORCs_y VPP becomes available

- A valid ORCs_y rating certificate is required;
- A minimum of 4 entries is required for a class start (maximum of 6 yachts in class).

Handicapping Policy and Procedures

- The rating rule is the ORCs_y: orc.org/isuperyacht. This transparent superyacht rating rule has been used at all superyacht regattas since 2015 with great success;
- 90' Class entries must submit their rating application in accordance with the NoR requirement;
- For a pursuit start, the scoring option will be Time on Distance.
- For a staggered or fleet start, the scoring option will be Time on Distance with the wind range declared prior to the first yacht in class finishing.

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