



## Notice to Competitors No. 1 – Clarification on questions arising during the Skipper’s Briefing

### **Q: What are the official Sunrise/Sunset times for the Caribbean 600 Race?**

**A:** The times for sunset and sunrise cannot be fixed, they vary by around 8 minutes from the easternmost to the westernmost part of the course, and by close to 3 minutes over the duration of the race. Times may be taken visually when the upper edge of the sun's disk is coincident with an ideal horizon. If the horizon is obscured, please refer to the astronomical information in your chart software or consult a web service such as [timeanddate.com](http://timeanddate.com) for your boat’s position.

### **Q: We are unable to find documentation about the two charted obstructions around Montserrat.**

**A:** The locations of the exclusion zones may be taken from the government document

<https://www.gov.ms/wp-content/uploads/2020/11/SRO.-No.-44-of-2014-Emergency-Powers-Maritime-Unsafe-Areas-Order-2014.pdf>

Sailing Instruction 11.2.1 classifies Zone W of the above document as an obstruction that boat’s shall not enter at any time. For Zone E to the East of Montserrat, boats should be aware of the rules and regulations on entry – for example, passage is prohibited between 17:30 and 06:30 and transgression may carry a fine or imprisonment.

### **Q: The finish line instructions appear to be unclear: Can the finish line be passed in either direction?**

**A:** Sailing Instruction 15.2 specifies “The Finishing Line will be formed between the flagstaff on Fort Charlotte and an orange cylindrical buoy [...]”. RRS specify the definition of Finish as “[...] any part of her hull crosses the finishing line from the course side [...]”. The last mark of the course is Redonda, making West the course side. Therefore, boats shall leave the flagstaff to port and the ODM to starboard in order to finish correctly.