



## Set sail with Ocean Breeze V070 from Las Palmas de Gran Canaria to the Caribbean

Every November since 1986 the Atlantic Rally for Cruisers has set sail from Las Palmas, bound westward across the Atlantic to the Caribbean.

Bringing together yachts from all over the world, the fleet gather in Las Palmas Marina in the heart of the port city.

The **ARC** is a 'must do' for many sailors, and attracts over 200 boats & 1200 people every year to sail 2700 NM across the Atlantic from "Gran Canaria" to "Saint Lucia".

The **ARC** is for everyone; families with children, tough racers such as our V070, cruising couples, big boats and modest boats. Crossing the Atlantic together, but having their own adventures.

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More than just a boat race, the ARC is about friendships made ashore in the two weeks of pre-departure activities continued over the radio net at sea.

It's about arriving in Saint Lucia to be met on the dock with a rum punch and a chilled beer, knowing you have achieved something fantastic - crossing an ocean on a small sailboat.

"I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and your team for a great event, and most probably one of the best experiences of my life" Max Klink, yacht Caro (GER)

## **Las Palmas de Gran Canaria**

Las Palmas de Gran Canaria has been the 'home port' of the ARC since the very first edition of the rally in 1986. It is a natural departure point for boats crossing the Atlantic from Europe to the Caribbean, and all summer and autumn boats will converge on the port of Las Palmas from northern Europe and the Mediterranean.

**Gran Canaria is located at the edge of the tradewind belt, so boats leaving the Canary Islands will sail south (*until the butter melts, as the saying goes*) until they pick up the north east tradewinds which then blow them west across the Atlantic.**

**The ARC starts in late November when the tradewinds become established, and the boats arrive at the end of the Caribbean hurricane season.**

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## VO70 Ocean Breeze - ARC 2018 Itinerary

Date	Details for ARC Gran Canaria - Saint Lucia Direct
12 Nov	<b>ARC</b> Office opens in Las Palmas & arrival VO70 Ocean Breeze in Las Palmas
18 - 20 Nov	Latest date for “Ocean Breeze Transat Crew” to arrive in Las Palmas
21 - 24 Nov	Training & Preparing “Ocean Breeze” for <b>ARC</b> Transat in Las Palmas
25 Nov	<b>Start day</b> 12:30 Multihulls 12:45 Racing Divisions 13:00 Cruising Divisions
13-18 Dec	Majority of ARC boats arrive in Rodney Bay
21 Dec	<b>ARC</b> finish line closes, 12:00 local time
22 Dec	Prize giving ceremony

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## **Saint Lucia and Beyond**

There is so much to do on Saint Lucia that many sailors stay on the Island for Christmas, enjoying the warm Saint Lucian hospitality and beautiful island (and the rum punches...). Many ARC boats continue their Caribbean cruising in small groups, often meeting other ARC friends in Caribbean anchorages.

Every boat is welcomed to Rodney Bay Marina with rum punches, fresh fruit and chilled beer. No matter what time of day or night, the welcome party will be ready for you!

## **ARC Activities in Saint Lucia**

- Saint Lucia Tourism Authority welcome party
- Anse La Raye Fish Fry
- Live music at the Boardwalk
- Tree planting excursion
- Marina manager's cocktail party
- ARC lectures - Caribbean cooking and Caribbean cruising
- Pigeon Island party
- ARC prize giving ceremony

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The ARC with the VO70 “Ocean Breeze” will be sailed with a 10 guests & 6 pro’s.

## Ocean Breeze price for ARC 2018 is set for € 5.995,-/pp

- ✓ Payment incl. € 2.995,-/pp NON-REFUNDABLE DEPOSIT
- ✓ Payment incl. for ARC = Ocean Breeze Crew Polo & Crew Cap by Helly Hansen to wear onboard & to keep
- ✓ Payment incl. use of Ocean Breeze Safety Gear, & wardrobe of Full Weather Gear
- ✓ Payment excl. catering during ARC (*€ 25/pp/sailing day - cash payment before boarding against receipt*)
- ✓ Payment excl. travelling cost to “Las Palmas” & back from “St. Lucia” (*can be organised by “Beaufort Travel Incentives bv” a sister company of “Ocean Breeze bv”*)
- ✓ Payment excl. activities/food & drinks in “Las Palmas” (*pre-departure*) & “Saint Lucia” (*after arrival*)

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