

# **Rally Guide** Rally Barbados 2024

FEBRUARY 2024



### Welcome



Welcome to Rally Barbados!

I cannot believe we're here already. We've had a phenomenal response to the event so far with entries surpassing where we were last year at this time. Our sincere thanks to everyone that has entered so far.

Barbados is a world-class destination and a unique one to go rallying in.

Like every other event and sport globally, the pandemic affected the Barbados Rally Club and its blue riband event - Rally Barbados. The 2020 event had to be truncated, but it did come off and did so successfully. The 2021 event was cancelled due to the ongoing pandemic, but we managed to execute the 2022 edition utilizing an unconventional route that took into account a range of health and safety protocols. It was only in 2023 that the Club felt it had returned to some 'clear air' in which to the execute the event to its full potential.

But 2023 was also a rebuilding year. The pandemic that had affected competition during the preceding two years had also taken a toll on a whole range of support systems. Marshalling, equipment, human resources – almost everything. The Club rolled up its collective sleeves and got stuck back in, forming a new Rally Sub-committee to look after speed events and rallies; a thorough (and ongoing) inventory of its equipment including timing, safety and communications in which it has invested considerable sums of money over the years; and focused heavily on one of local rallying biggest challenges, that of public relations. A lot more time and energy has been spent ensuring the relationship with the residents and the travelling public remains positive and productive. Rallying in Barbados continues to evolve and the Club in conjunction with the Barbados Motoring Federation has been at the forefront of ensuring that the sport has a positive impact on local communities and the island as a whole.

The Barbados Rally Club liaises with local businesses situated on rally routes, such as bars and restaurants, who directly benefit from spectator attendance at events. We have also worked with local sports clubs such as Conrad Hunte Sports Club in St. Andrew, using the facilities as a service stop for the rally, and for the past three seasons have sponsored their cricket team in local competition.

For 2024 we are improving our focus on the social side of things, and to kick things off we will be hosting a Welcome Party on Friday, May 24 for all competitors and team supporters. At that event we're planning to bring back the pig roast – and of course there will be plenty of liquid refreshment on hand.

The Official Rally Barbados 'VIP' hospitality enclosure will be making a return this year! Tickets for the experience will soon be available for King of The Hill on Sunday, May 26 and for Saturday, June 1 during Rally Barbados. There has been a high demand for these in the past so be sure and reserve early. More info to come...

As for the rally itself, we'll be visiting traditional stage venues, but anyone that has done the event in the past will know that we'll always throw in a twist to keep things interesting. Watch this space...

We're very much looking forward to welcoming everyone to the island and once again executing a safe, professionally run rally. Thank you to everyone - All of our competitors, spectators, sponsors, volunteers, support services and of course our hard working organising team for everything that you do.

Neil Barnard Rally Director





## Key Dates & Contacts

### **Schedule of Events Overview**

Entries Close		Thursday, April 18
Entry Fee payment deadline		Friday, April 19
Deadline for delivery of cars to Portsmouth shipping from UK		Wednesday, May 1*
Estimated departure from Portsmouth, UK		Sunday, May 5*
Supplementary Regulations Published		Friday, May 3
Road Book Published Online		Friday, May 3
Media Launch		Friday, May 10
Road Books available from Motorsport Services		Friday, May 10
Rally Office & Rally Central Opens		Monday, May 20
Rally Barbados Welcome Party	6:00pm	Friday, May 24
The Rally Show -	2:00pm	Saturday, May 25
King of the Hill -	11:00am	Sunday, May 26
Rally Barbados Competitors Briefing	7:00pm	Wednesday, May 29
Rally Barbados (Day 1) -	7:00pm	Friday, May 31
Rally Barbados (Day 2) -	10:00am	Saturday, June 1
Rally Barbados (Day 3) -	9:00am	Sunday, June 2
Rally Barbados Prizegiving -	4:00pm	Monday, June 3

The week between KotH and RB24 will be an opportunity to work on cars and recce the route. \* Estimated date. To be confirmed.

### **Key Contacts**

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Specific queries outside the expertise of the people listed above will be forwarded to the appropriate member of the team.



## Key Information

### **Entry Fees\***

- the entry fee is US\$4,500.00
- this includes:
  - entry fees and third party insurance for King of the Hill, RB24 and for road use
  - trans-Atlantic shipping (outbound and inbound charges at Portsmouth are extra)
  - inbound and outbound charges at the Bridgetown Port, plus transport to and from Rally Central
  - secure storage and workshop space at Rally Central
  - RallySafe unit
- all competitors must complete the on-line entry form

• drivers who have participated in Rally Barbados more than three times will receive an additional discount of US\$750.00 reducing the entry fee to US\$3,750.00

- local entry fee BDS\$1850.00
- \* as exchange rates vary, please check your local currency against the US\$ figure throughout this document

### **Shipping for Overseas Entrants (Europe)**

 the Geest Line is our Official Shipping Partner, from Portsmouth to Barbados return Estimated Departure from Portsmouth - May 5 2024\*
Estimated Arrival at Bridgetown - May 14 2024\*
Cars are to be delivered to Portsmouth NO LATER than - May 1 2024\*

• all necessary documentation for shipping will be issued via the Rally Office, and you are advised to read it carefully to understand Geest Line's terms & conditions

• please note that all vehicles consigned to the Barbados Rally Club to compete in RB24 must leave the island on the scheduled return shipping date. Any alternative arrangements must be made with the importer - The Barbados Rally Club

\* shipping dates are subject to change

### **Rally Central**

• the Rally Office manages brokerage in Barbados and arranges immediate carriage from the Bridgetown Port to 'Rally Central'

• 'Rally Central' is a storage and service facility, which accommodates most international and some regional competitors. A secure location, in which your vehicles are stored from their point of arrival to departure, when not in your care and custody. This facility provides support services for teams (particularly newcomers) and there will be helpful folk there who can assist with enquiries and source items you may need

• it also offers preparation areas for competition cars and a truck to transport larger spares, fuel and tyres that goes to main service for KotH and RB24

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### Fuel

• apart from locally-available pump fuel, the following racing fuels are on the Approved Fuel List and available locally:

• VP MS109 BDS\$280 per 5 gallon\*

• VP C9 BDS\$250 per 5 gallon\*

Email address for orders is **vpfuelsales@gmail.com** or **jcroney@cemtile.com**. \**Prices are subject to change* 

• Avgas is also on the Approved Fuel List and available. Please contact the Barbados Rally Club for more info

• for rental cars and rally cars running on pump fuel (or pump fuel plus octane booster), budget roughly US\$90 per tank (60 litres) at the pump. Rental cars might consume three or four tanks over your stay for recce and sightseeing

• on the rally side, taking in KotH and RB24, competition cars will consume somewhere in the range of:

1300cc unmodified modern fuel injected car: 120 litres

2000cc normally-aspirated heavily modified car (kit cars, R2/R3): 160-180 litres R5/WRC: 210-230 litres

### Insurance

#### **Rally Barbados**

Rally Competition third party insurance, purchased through the BRC, is obligatory for all competitors and is included in the entry fee for King of the Hill and Rally Barbados. Competitors are required to obtain this insurance in order to compete, however they may also seek more comprehensive insurance (own damage cover), if available to them, from their own insurer. The rally competition insurance is in two parts:

a) Competition Road Traffic Act (RTA Third Party) insurance is in effect from the time the vehicle arrives at Arrival Control at the Service Park, throughout the day's competition, including while on the open public road during transits, up until the time that the competitor leaves the location of the finish/Service Park when the competitor is no longer under the control of the organisers. The RTA Limit of Indemnity for personal injury and death is BDS\$30 million limited to BDS\$10 million per person. b) Public Liability Third Party insurance is in effect during the time the vehicle has entered the 'Closed Road' for the Special Stage until the vehicle has left the 'Closed Road' and is again in transit. The Limit of Liability is BDS\$3 million Any one Occurrence. Please note that should you cause damage to other (Third Party) property during a Special Stage, the driver is required to pay the first BDS\$1,000.00 of any claim admitted by the insurers.

International entrants are also required to obtain road insurance (non-competition) and must do this before driving their vehicles on the public roads. The BRC will arrange this Road Traffic Act third party 30-day Cover Note (the premium is also included in the entry fee for International entrants) and provide the documentation. The Cover/Limit of Indemnity is the same as stated for a) above.

### King of the Hill

The insurance arrangement for the 'Closed Roads' in KotH is the same as for the 'Closed Roads' in Rally Barbados ie Public Liability (see b) above). Please Note: when the vehicle is not on a 'Closed Road' in the Speed Event, such as when returning to the Start for the next run or when going to, from or while in the Service Area, your normal Road Traffic Act (RTA) insurance will apply during that time.

- John Sealy, Insurance Manager, Barbados Motoring Federation

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### **Licences and Safety Equipment**

• for UK competitors, the minimum Motorsport UK licence requirement is either RS National – Stage Rally or RS National – Stage Rally Navigator Only

• the BRC's vehicle classifications (2022-2024) can be found under Regulations in the draw-down under the Competitor tab on the web site – www.rallybarbados.net.

- HANS devices are mandatory
- UK spec fire extinguishers are OK

• there are no rally car rental companies in Barbados, although local cars have occasionally been made available for overseas visitors. Please check with Rally Office if interested

### **Car Rental**

Stoute's Car Rental Ltd is our Official Vehicle Rental Partner

• Stoutes Car Rentals is offering discounts on online bookings made at www.stoutescar.com. The discount booking code is RB24 and this applies to competitors entered in the event and their crews or family members.

### Hospitality

#### **Official Hospitality**

There will be limited number of tickets available to competitors and team supporters in the official Rally Barbados hospitality enclosure for both KotH and on the Saturday of Rally Barbados (located on venue 3 for stages 3, 6 & 9). More info to come.

#### **Bushy Park**

Bushy Park circuit would like to extend an offer to the competitors of Rally Barbados for the rental of a corporate suite for the Rally. As the servicing for KotH, start and service for one day of the rally will be at Bushy Park this will allow the competitors to have a secure base during those competitive periods.

Price to competitors is BDS \$1,750 VAT inclusive for a basic furnished (chairs and tables) corporate suite for the Rally Barbados period. They can also offer a day rate for the box if persons wish to only use it on specific days and this would be BDS \$450 per day unfurnished or BDS \$550 furnished.

If anyone would like to book a suite for Rally Barbados, please email **info@bushyparkbarbados.com** and they will organise everything for you.



## Schedule of Events

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### Friday, May 24

The Welcome Party

#### 6.00pm

- Barbados Rally Club hosted event
- All competitors and team supporters are welcome
- pay bar (with VERY special pricing) & food available for sale

### Saturday, May 25

### The Rally Show at Bushy Park Barbados 2.00pm to approx 6.00pm

• ALL entrants' competition vehicles must be present at this event as it plays a major role in our pre-event promotion. Enjoy the chance to meet fans, sign autographs and distribute promotional give-aways. There is entertainment throughout and, once fans arrive in larger numbers late afternoon, driver interviews and a brief 'official welcome' to the overseas crews

• pay bar & food available throughout

### Sunday, May 26

### King of the Hill

#### 11.00am to approx 5.00pm

- a tarmac course approximately 4 kilometres in length
- drivers must take a co-driver on all timed runs
- for locals, a round of the BRC Driver's and Class Championships
- for visitors, a shake-down and chance to drive a local stage at faster than recce speed
- four official timed runs
- the results are the basis for the seeding of RB24

• initially, competitors are seeded in 'reverse' order, from Clubman up to WRC; after the second official timed run - if time allows, the top 10 may be re-seeded in reverse order of times and run at the end of the field, building the hype towards the final run

• pay bar & food available throughout, and a Prizegiving at the end of the day

### Wednesday, May 29

### 7.00pm - RB24 Briefing Meeting

- Venue TBA
- attendance at the Briefing Meeting is for drivers and co-drivers only
- there will be a formal introduction to key officials, plus a Q & A session



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### Wednesday, May 29 & Thursday, May 30

• rest days and recce. Recce is open throughout the week and not restricted to these two days, but recce rules must be adhered to: no practising and no speeding

### Friday, May 31

**RB24 - day 1** • start at approx 7.00pm - provisionally, three stages at two venues one of which will be a floodlit circuit-based venue

### Saturday, June 1

RB24 - day 2

• start at approx 10.00am - provisionally, nine stages at three venues

### Sunday, June 2

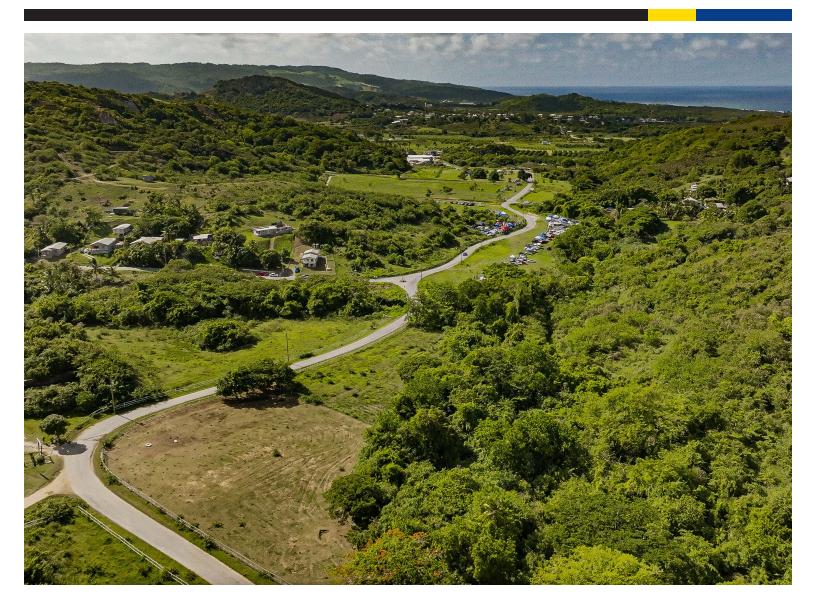
RB24 - day 3

- start at approx 9.00am provisionally, 10 stages at four venues
- approx total RB24 stage distance 130km

### Monday, June 3

- 4.00pm RB23 Prizegiving
- The Boatyard, Bay Street, St Michael
- the Prizegiving will follow at approx 5.00pm
- pay bar & food available (except during the formalities)

• the information in this document is subject to change



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