



# ANTIGUA SAILING WEEK 2024

28 APRIL – 3 MAY

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### For CSA Monohull, CSA Multihull, CSA Bareboat, CSA Club Class

The Organising Authority is the Antigua Sailing Week Committee. The event headquarters will be located at Antigua Yacht Club, Falmouth Harbour, Antigua.

<b>Abbreviations:</b>	ASW – Antigua Sailing Week	CSA – Caribbean Sailing Association
	RRS – Racing Rules of Sailing	RC – Race Committee
	OA – Organizing Authority	SI – Sailing Instructions

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2. No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. The event will also be governed by:
  - 1.3.1. For boats in CSA Racing classes, the CSA Rating Rule;
  - 1.3.2. For boats in the CSA Multihull Class, the CSA Multihull Rating Rule;
  - 1.3.3. For boats in the Club Class, the CSA Simplified Rating Rule and the CSA Club Class Rules;
  - 1.3.4. For boats in Bareboat classes, the CSA Rating Rule with Bareboat Endorsement and the ASW Requirements for the Bareboat Class;
  - 1.3.5. For all boats, the ASW Minimum Safety Rules.
- 1.4. RRS 52, Manual Power, is deleted.
- 1.5. RRS 77, Identification on Sails, is deleted.
- 1.6. Appendix WP will apply

#### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SI's will be posted online on the official notice board<sup>o</sup> before 0800 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1700 on the day before it will take effect. The Official Notice Board can be found here: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16104>

#### 3. COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS

Except for communications being passed on the water, notices to competitors will be posted online on the official notice board and may also be posted on the unofficial noticeboard at the Antigua Yacht Club with an alert sent via WhatsApp. The Official Notice Board can be found here: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16104>

- 3.1. Wherever reference is made in the SI's to the use of WhatsApp, failure to receive a WhatsApp message will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 3.2. The race office is located at Antigua Yacht Club.
- 3.3. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on designated VHF channels and may also communicate via WhatsApp. Initial communications will commence approximately 60 minutes before the first warning signal of the day. Failure of a boat to hear any notification on the VHF radio will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 3.4. Committee Vessel A will stand by on VHF Channel 17.
- 3.5. Committee Vessel B will stand by on VHF Channel 77.
- 3.6. While racing, except in an emergency or when responding to contact from the OA's radio broadcaster, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

#### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed from the balcony at the Antigua Yacht Club.
- 4.2. When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.



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## 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1. For All Classes, racing is scheduled to take place on:  
Sunday, April 28; Monday, April 29; Tuesday, April 30; Thursday, May 2; Friday, May 3

5.2. Number of Races

Class	Max #	Max # / Day
All Classes except Club Class	13	3
CSA Club Class	5	1

5.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day is 1000.

5.4. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.

5.5. On the last scheduled day of racing, unless there has been a general recall, no warning signal will be made after 1300.

5.6. Committee Vessel A will be stationed on the following locations and days:

Windward Start Area on: Sunday, April 28; Tuesday, April 30; and Friday, May 3.

Rendezvous Start Area on: Monday, April 29 and Thursday, May 2.

5.7. Committee Vessel B will be stationed on the following locations and days:

Rendezvous Start Area on: Sunday, April 28, Tuesday, April 30, and Friday, May 3.

Windward Start Area on Monday, April 29 and Thursday, May 2.

5.8. The Second Substitute flag, with no sound signal, displayed on the Committee Vessel, indicates that a subsequent race is scheduled.

## 6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1. Class flags will be issued to each boat at registration.

6.2. Class flags shall be flown from the backstay or, if that is not possible, from another prominent position on the boat.

6.3. Each class will be assigned to either Committee Vessel A or Committee Vessel B for the duration of the event. A list of classes, class flags, starting order for the 1st race of the day and the Committee Vessel to which classes are assigned will be posted on the official notice board by 1700 on Saturday, April 27.

6.4. Any boat whose identification is missing, unreadable or obscured may not be protested by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).

## 7. COURSES

7.1. Appendix 1 indicates:

7.1.1. The mark names and approximate GPS locations of the marks.

7.1.2. The approximate location of the Committee Vessels.

7.2. Appendix 3 will be available online by Friday, 26 April and at registration. It will indicate:

7.2.1. Designated course numbers.

7.2.2. The description of each course including the marks to be rounded, the order in which they are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

7.3. The Committee Vessel will display the course number for each class on a whiteboard. The course will also be announced on VHF before the orange attention signal and may also be promulgated on WhatsApp.

7.4. For Committee Vessel A ONLY, the race committee may choose an additional course (RC Choice) which will be communicated via VHF, and may also be promulgated on WhatsApp. The announcement will include in which order the marks are to be rounded and the side on which each mark is to be left.

## 8. START LINE, FINISH LINES AND MARKS

8.1. The Start Line will be between an orange flag on the corresponding Committee Vessel and a nearby orange inflatable mark.

8.2. The Finish Line will be between and blue flag on the corresponding Committee Vessel and a nearby orange inflatable mark.

8.3. All other physical marks of the course will be orange inflatable marks except Carlisle, Lee X, Lee Y, Old Road and Shirley South, SB1, SB2 and SBW which will be yellow inflatables.

8.4. Any painted identification on a mark shall be ignored.

8.5. When Virtual Marks are used, their order and direction of rounding will be communicated via the appropriate VHF channel and WhatsApp.



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## 9. OBSTRUCTIONS

- 9.1. Except when maneuvering for the start, starting, or finishing, the line between the start or finish pin and the associated Committee Vessel is an obstruction and shall not be crossed. A boat that breaks this SI will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.
- 9.2. While racing, boats shall not sail between Antigua and any part of Cades Reef.

## 10. THE START

- 10.1. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 10.2. If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to hail her sail number. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such a hail, or the order in which boats are hailed, will not be grounds for a redress for request. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.3. A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored 'Did Not Start' (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1.
- 10.4. In the event of a General Recall for any class, the starting sequence for succeeding classes will be correspondingly delayed.

## 11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.2. The penalty, if any, for breaches of the RRS other than Parts 1 and 2 will be at the sole discretion of the international jury.
- 11.3. A boat that does not take a penalty may, at the discretion of the international jury, accept a 30% scoring penalty, calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c). This shall be before any arbitration or protest hearing of a protest against the boat for the subject incident.

## 12. TIME LIMITS

- 12.1. The Time Limit for the first boat to finish for all classes except for Club Class will vary for every class and race and will be announced on the appropriate VHF channel and via WhatsApp
- 12.2. The Finishing Time Window is the time for all other boats (except boats in the Club Class) to finish after the second boat in the class sails the course. Finishing Windows for each class will be published online by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> April and at registration.
- 12.3. Boats apparently still racing when the Finishing Window expires, and not subsequently retiring, penalized, or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last place boat that finished within the Finishing Window. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 12.4. To expedite the start of the next race, the Race Committee may score any boat apparently still racing TLE before the Finishing Window expires. Boats affected will be notified by VHF and on receipt of the notification should immediately make their way to the starting area. A boat so scored TLE, and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress, will be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last position boat that finished ahead of her. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.
- 12.5. For the Club Class, the time limit on each day will be 1600 except that on Friday, May 3, the time limit will be 1500. Boats failing to finish within the daily time limit will be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.1.



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## 13. HEARING REQUESTS (INCLUDING SCORING INQUIRIES)

- 13.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Committee Vessel for the protesting boat docks and will be posted on the official notice board.
- 13.2. Notices informing competitors of protests or hearing requests will be posted on the Official Notice Board within 15 minutes of being filed. A notice may also be posted adjacent to the Protest Desk located outside the race office and may be broadcast via WhatsApp. Competitors involved should report to the Protest Desk. Hearings will commence as soon as possible after protests or hearing requests have been filed
- 13.3. For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule in RRS Part 2 or RRS 31, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to a jury hearing. See Appendix 2. This changes RRS Part 5, Section B. A boat accepting a penalty at arbitration will be assessed a 40% scoring penalty calculated per RRS 44.3(c).
- 13.4. Except as allowed in section 2.2 of the CSA Rating Rule and the CSA Multihull Rating Rule, no measurement or rating protest will be accepted after 1800 on Sunday, April 28.
- 13.5. For a SCORING INQUIRY a competitor should initially complete an Inquiry Form, available at the Protest Desk, and, as soon as possible after the results are posted, take the form to the Race Officer for his course. The inquiry should be discussed with the Race Officer. If resolved to the satisfaction of the competitor, the Race Officer will adjust the scoring to suit. If not resolved to the satisfaction of the competitor, the competitor may then raise a 'Request for Redress' at the Protest Desk and it will be dealt with in accordance with the normal rules for hearing requests.

## 14. SCORING

- 14.1. For all classes, one race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 14.2. For all classes, a boat's series score will be:  
When fewer than six races have been completed, the total of her race scores  
When six and up to ten races have been completed, the total of her race scores excluding her worst score  
When 11 and or more races have been completed, the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores

## 15. SAFETY

- 15.1. ASW Minimum Safety Rule #7 requires that no boat shall race with an anchor overhanging the bow. However, written application may be made to the OA for exemption from this requirement.
- 15.2. A boat that retires shall attempt to notify the RC as soon as possible by calling the appropriate Committee Vessel on the applicable VHF channel and shall use its best efforts to receive an acknowledgement. Protests under this SI may not be filed by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 15.3. For CSA Class 6, RRS 40.1 applies at all times while racing or when sailing to or from a race.

## 16. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 16.1. A boat and/or its equipment may be inspected at any time throughout the event for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions.

## 17. PRIZES

- 17.1. Results will be posted online at [https://www.yachtscoring.com/event\\_results\\_cumulative.cfm?eid=16104](https://www.yachtscoring.com/event_results_cumulative.cfm?eid=16104) and posted on the unofficial notice board at the Antigua Yacht Club as soon as possible after each race.
- 17.2. Details of overall regatta prizes will be included in the registration package.
- 17.3. There will be a daily prize-giving held on each day of racing at 1700, except on Friday, May 3, when the daily prize-giving will be held at 1600. A list of venues for the daily prize-giving will be provided at registration. Winners' pennants will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers daily based on combined results of all races in each class that day.
- 17.4. Other prizes may also be awarded.
- 17.5. The final awards presentation will be held at approximately 1900 on Friday, May 3.

## 18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RISK STATEMENT

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.



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## APPENDIX 1

### 2024 MARK LIST AND LOCATIONS

#### WINDWARD COURSE AREA

##### MARK NAME

AFRICA

ISSAC

LEE X

LEE Y

NANTON

SHIRLEY

SHIRLEY SOUTH

STANDFAST

WILLOUGHBY

SBW

##### APPROXIMATE GPS COORDINATES

17° 00.00' N 61° 40.15' W

16° 59.35' N 61° 42.70' W

16° 59.90' N 61° 47.01' W

16° 59.92' N 61° 47.16' W

16° 59.69' N 61° 45.31' W

16° 59.70' N 61° 44.20' W

16° 59.00' N 61° 44.20' W

16° 59.00' N 61° 41.20' W

17° 01.00' N 61° 42.40' W

WINDWARD OF COMMITTEE VESSEL

#### RENDEZVOUS COURSE AREA

##### MARK NAME

BOGGY

CARLISLE

CAT

CURTAINS

LEGACY

OLD ROAD

TUNA

VIRTUAL 1

VIRTUAL 2

SB1

SB2

##### APPROXIMATE GPS COORDINATES

17° 00.00' N 61° 52.40' W

17° 00.00' N 61° 49.85' W

16° 59.75' N 61° 47.36' W

17° 00.20' N 61° 53.80' W

17° 00.00' N 61° 50.90' W

16° 58.80' N 61° 49.27' W

17° 00.01' N 61° 47.36' W

16° 58.00' N 61° 50.90' W

16° 58.00' N 61° 52.40' W

WINDWARD OF COMMITTEE VESSEL

LEEWARD OF COMMITTEE VESSEL

#### COMMITTEE VESSEL LOCATIONS

WINDWARD Southwest of Snapper Point

16° 59.76' N 61° 46.65' W

RENDEZVOUS Southwest of Rendezvous Bay

17° 00.10' N 61° 48.64' W



### APPENDIX 2

#### ARBITRATION (see SI 13.3)

1. Arbitration is available for alleged breaches of RRS Part 2 and RRS 31 only.
2. Arbitration is not available if the arbitrator decides that RRS 44.1(b) may apply or if a boat's charter company requires a hearing in the case of any damage.
3. Prior to arbitration or any hearing, the arbitrator may approve a request for:
  - 3.1. a 30% scoring penalty per SI 13.3
  - 3.2. the withdrawal of a protest or a request for redress.
4. All parties must agree to arbitration for it to proceed.
5. Only one party from each boat, who must have been on board at the time of the incident, may attend. No witnesses are permitted.
6. Arbitration should take no longer than 10-12 minutes and may be abandoned after 15 minutes if it becomes apparent that there is little likelihood of a settlement.
7. Arbitration will commence with a validity check of the protest, as in a normal hearing.
8. Possible opinions from the arbitrator are:
  - 8.1. The protest is invalid
  - 8.2. No boat would be penalized for breaking a rule
  - 8.3. One or more boats would be penalized for breaking a rule. The identified boat(s) may accept a 40% scoring penalty per SI 13.3
  - 8.4. The protest is unsuitable for arbitration or cannot be arbitrated.
9. The arbitrator's opinion becomes a decision, and therefore binding, only if accepted by all parties.
10. The option of a 40% penalty disappears.
11. If the arbitrator gave the opinion that the protestor broke a rule (see 8.2 above), the protestor may not withdraw the protest to escape a penalty ([see Q&A 2023-006](#)).
12. The arbitrator could be a member of any subsequent jury or protest committee.