

**2007 ANTIGUA CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

1 Rules

The regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 a) The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005-2008,
b) The current CSA Safety and Simplified Measurement Rules
c) The Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions
d) The Organizing Authority is the Antigua Yacht Club.
- 1.3 The Regatta is designated Category 'A'
- 1.4 Exceptions may be made to 1.1(b) upon written application from a yacht.
- 1.5 Lifelines are not required

2 Entries

- 2.1 Eligible yachts shall enter by:
 - a) Submitting a completed 2007 Official Entry Form, with all requested information
 - b) Paying an entry fee of US\$4.50 per foot of L.O.D.on or before Sunday, April 1, 2007 at the Antigua Yacht Club, thereafter \$5.00 per foot
- 2.2 **Rating Certificates**
 - 2.2.1 Spirit of Tradition Class yachts must have a valid 2007 CSA rating Certificate.
 - 2.2.2 All other yachts will be rated with the 2007 AYC/CSA Classic Rule.
- 2.3 Appendix A5 is changed to permit the Race Committee may disqualify an entry that constitutes a hazard to other competitors or to the crew of the said boat.

3 Disclaimers

- 3.1 The Organizing Authority are providing this Regatta only on the understanding that neither they nor their representatives bear any responsibility for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to a competitor, skipper or crew as a result of taking part in the Regatta.
- 3.2 By entering, each competitor warrants the suitability of the entered yacht for the races. Prior inspection of the yacht does not in any way limit the absolute responsibility in this respect of the Owner/Skipper entering the yacht.
- 3.3 In particular, owners shall except full responsibility for the seaworthiness and safe navigation of their yachts and the competence of their crews, and use their own judgment whether to start, continue or retire from a race in the existing or forecast conditions. Owners shall draw the attentions of their crews to this disclaimer before the start of any race.

4 Notices to Competitors

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Antigua Yacht Club.

5 Changes in Sailing Instructions

- 5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect.
- 5.2 Any changes to the course for the following day will be posted before 2000.

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6 Signals Made Ashore and on Water

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagstaff at the Antigua Yacht Club.
- 6.2 Flag B fully hoisted with one long horn means 'Protest time has begun.' When lowered half way, it means 'There are less than 30 minutes remaining before protest time ends.' When lowered, it means 'Protest time has ended.'
- 6.3 Amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be signaled by International code Flag 'L' superior to the number of the last amendment.
- 6.4 The Committee Boat & Committee Desk will standby on VHF Channel 09, starting Friday April 20th
- 6.5 The Committee may broadcast the following information on VHF Channel 09 at any time:
 - a) Time Checks
 - b) The expiry of Time Limit of any race
 - c) Shortened Course
 - d) Any other information that may be relevant to Competitors

7 Schedule of Races

- 7.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

Race 1:	“Old Road”	Friday	20th April
Race 2:	“Butterfly”	Saturday	21st April
Race 3:	“The Canon”	Sunday	22nd April
Race 4	“ Windward”	Monday	23rd April

8 Classes

- 8.1
 - a) Traditional A & B
 - b) Vintage A, B, C & D
 - c) Classic A, B, C & D
 - d) Spirit of Tradition A & B
 - e) Tall Ships
- 8.2 Flags, times of Warning Signals and starting times are given in Appendix Two.
- 8.3 A colored flag will be provided to each yacht to indicate which start it is in. See Appendix Two for start flag colors. This flag shall be displayed on a backstay or conspicuous place.
- 8.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to amalgamate, cancel, subdivide or rearrange classes by means of an amendment to these sailing Instructions, dependent on the actual number of entries received for each class.

9 Sails

- 9.1 All sails to be used must be declared and attached to the entry form along with areas, cut, and materials
- 9.2 Spirit of Tradition Class
 - a) Yachts will use CSA 2007 rating for Jib and Main and are allowed to fly spinakers and other declared off wind sails.
- 9.3 All Other Classes
 - a) Yachts will be assigned a rating for a 100% jib as per declared fore triangle on the Entry Form or for the largest area of any single hanked on or attached luff headsail that is larger than 100%
 - b) In addition, any declared Dacron or Nylon, mittercut, crosscut, horizontal cut or vertical cut free flying headsail may be flown off the wind as long as it is declared on the entry form, and will incur approximately a 0.5% rating penalty.

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- c) All headsails built with radial cuts and/or sails built of exotic materials other than described above will incur approximately a 1% rating penalty.
- d) Spinakers and asymmetric sails will incur a 2% rating penalty
- e) mizzen staysails are not rated

10 Racing Area and Courses

- 10.1 Details of the Four races are given in Appendix One
- 10.2 The diagrams are provided as an aid only and are not part of the Sailing Instructions. Competitors are urged to consult the Caribbean Yachting Chart for the south coast of Antigua.
- 10.3 Courses may be shortened at any rounding or passing mark in accordance with RRS 32, the finishing line in this case will be between the mark in question and an orange flag on the finishing Committee Boat.
- 10.4 The approximate compass bearing from Committee Boat to the first mark will be announced on VHF Channel 09.
- 10.5 Any yacht which feels that they cannot finish the course in time or wishes to finish early due to weather or sea conditions, may finish by crossing the finish line as prescribed in Appendix one. The official finish time will be designated as DNF, however the yachts' time for the short course will be applied to the Comfort Zone Trophy.

11 Marks

- 11.1 Starting and Finishing Marks will be orange cylinders. Course marks will be orange cylinders,
- 11.2 In the event that a mark should drift off station, competitors should try and round the designated position as close as possible, as far as practical in the traditional spirit of the Regatta.

12 The Start

- 12.1 The starting area for the four races is specified in Appendix One.
- 12.2 The starting line for each race will be between a staff with an orange flag on the Committee Boat at the port end and the starboard-end starting mark.
- 12.2.1 Boats shall pass to the west of an orange cylindrical buoy named "Panerai" (inner distance mark) anchored off the stern of the Committee Boat.
- 12.3 Races will be started using rule 26 changed as follows:
 - 12.3.1 Classes start at 15 minute intervals in the order (see Appendix Two)
Warning/Class flag, one sound, 10 minutes before starting signal,
Preparatory/Blue Flag, one sound, 5 minutes before starting signal,
One-minute before starting signal, Preparatory/Blue flag removed
Starting, red flag, one sound, the class flag red flag will be removed within 4 minutes
- 12.4 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 12.5 After the 5 minute Preparatory Signal, and within the area described by a safety mark positioned approximately 200 feet and 90 degrees to the start line, to port of the Committee Boat, the leeward start mark and the Committee Boat, (see Appendix One), yachts are expected to be on Port tack and steering a course for the first mark.

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- 12.5.1 In case of abnormal wind conditions, Code flag numeral “2” will be flown on the committee boat, then starboard tack will be allowed. Yachts are expected to be steering a course for the first mark .
- 12.6 Aggressive start tactics like luffing are discouraged. During normal tradewind conditions any yacht on a starboard tack in the vicinity of the Start Area may be considered by the Committee to be sailing dangerously, or in an unsportsmanlike manner?
- 12.7 Yachts should not pass between the safety mark and the Committee Boat for safety reasons, however they will receive a penalty as per S.I. 14.3.2 for doing so.
- 12.8 OCS yachts will be notified by code flag ‘X’ in accordance with RRS 29.1. If a yacht is OCS at the start, she should keep sailing its proper course and receive a penalty. See SI 14.2 this changes RRS 28 and 29.1
- 12.9 The Race Committee may announce OCS yachts on VHF channel 09.
- 12.10 A yacht starting later than 9 minutes after her starting signal, must keep clear of the other yachts starting. This changes RRS 29.1

13 The Finish

- 13.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a race committee boat and the port-end finishing mark.
- 13.2 A finishing yacht (less than 50 m from line) is requested to hail or call on VHF 09, her name.
- 13.3 The committee boat may leave station at 1600 hours.
- 13.4 In the event the committee boat is not on station at the finish, a yacht shall take its own time when it crosses the imaginary finish line and give the identification the yacht finishing immediately ahead. and astern.

14 Penalty System

- 14.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply. The penalty will be 40 percent of the number of yachts starting in her class. This changes RRS 44.3(c)
- 14.2 For a yacht that is OCS at the start:
 - a) a yacht less than one boat length over the line shall receive a 5 minute penalty, that may be reduced if the yacht slows down to lose its advantage,
 - b) a yacht more than one length over the line shall receive a 10 minute penalty, that may be reduced if the yacht slows down to lose its advantage,
- 14.3 The Race Committee reserves the right, at its absolute discretion, to disqualify any yacht without a hearing which has in its opinion acted dangerously and/or in gross disregard of the racing rules as set out in these instructions. This changes RRS 63.1, and RRS A5.
 - 14.3.1 Penalty for infringing SI 12.7 is 5 minutes.
- 14.4 A Protest Committee may, at its discretion, impose a percentage penalty for violation of racing rules other than Part Two.
- 14.5 A yacht that does not comply with RRS 44.3(a), but acknowledges an infringement prior to the protest hearing shall be penalized 45 percent.

15 Time Limit

- 15.1 The time limit will be 6 hours for all races and classes. This changes rule RRS 35.

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16 Protests

- 16.1 Protests are not encouraged.
- 16.2 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Antigua Yacht Club and delivered there within the protest time (See SI 6.2).
- 16.3 Time of protest meetings will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 16.4 Protests will be heard as soon as is practicable by the Protest Committee. It is the responsibility of the protesting yacht to inform the protested yacht of her protest and of both parties to the protest to ascertain the time and location of the hearing.

17 Scoring

- 17.1 The Low Point scoring system, rule A4, will apply. All races completed will constitute the series. This changes RRS A2
- 17.2 Appendix A4.2 is changed in that DSQ and DNS shall be scored as the number of entries in class plus 2.
- 17.3 Ties will be broken according to Appendix A8..

18 Prizes

- 18.1 Provisional results will be posted at the Antigua Yacht Club as soon as possible after each race.
- 18.2 Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each class.
- 18.3 The **Comfort Zone Trophy** is for smaller and slower vessels who elect to sail the shortened course for all 4 races as described in Appendix 2 and will be awarded for the lowest total corrected time
- 18.4 The basis for awarding the **Classic Class Trophy** and the **Vintage Class Trophy** is as follows:
 - 18.4.1 these trophies will be awarded to the most competitive division in the class with at least three entrants
 - 18.4.2 the most competitive division is that division with the lowest corrected time difference between first-place and third-place added together for each of the races.
 - 18.4.3 this yacht will have the lowest total points or if there is a tie, the lowest total corrected time for all races sailed.
- 18.5 the basis for awarding the **Wayfarer Trophy** is as follows:
 - 18.5.1 only the winners of the Classic Class Trophy and Vintage Class Trophy are eligible and will go to the yacht with the lowest total corrected time for all races.
- 18.6 The **Mount Gay Rum Trophy** will be awarded to the yacht in the most competitive class, which has at least 7 entrants. The most competitive class is that class with the lowest corrected time difference between 1st place and 4th place added together for each of the races. . This yacht will have the lowest total points or if there is a tie, the lowest total corrected time for all races sailed.
- 18.7 The **Panerai Trophies** will be awarded to the winners of each class and the overall winner as prescribed above.
- 18.7 A list of prizes can be found **in** the ACYR 2007 programme.