



# ANTIGUA SAILING WEEK 2024

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## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS For Dragon and RS Elite Classes

The Organizing 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. RRS 77, Identification on Sails, is deleted.

### 2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the SI's will be posted online on the official notice board at [https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board.cfm?eid=16104](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board.cfm?eid=16104) 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.

### 3. COMMUNICATIONS TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. Except for communications being passed on the water, notices to competitors will be posted online on the official notice board located at [https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board.cfm?eid=16104](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board.cfm?eid=16104) and may also be posted on the unofficial noticeboard at the Antigua Yacht Club with an alert sent via WhatsApp.
- 3.2. 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).
- 3.3. The race office is located at Antigua Yacht Club.
- 3.4. On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors on a designated VHF channel 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 or WhatsApp will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 3.5. Committee Vessel C will stand by on VHF Channel 72
- 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 Antigua Yacht Club.
- 4.2. When Flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in Race Signals AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Racing is scheduled to take place on:  
Sunday, April 28; Monday, April 29; Tuesday, April 30; Thursday, May 2; Friday, May 3
- 5.2. The maximum number of races per day is 5 and the maximum total number is 18
- 5.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day is 10:00.
- 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. The Second Substitute flag, with no sound signal, displayed on the Committee Vessel indicates that a subsequent race is scheduled.



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## 6. COURSES

- 6.1. Appendix 1 will show the mark names, descriptions, and approximate GPS locations of the marks.
- 6.2. The expected location of the Signal boat will be advised to competitors each day via VHF and maybe via WhatsApp.
- 6.3. The Committee Vessel will display the course 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. START LINE, FINISH LINES AND MARKS

- 7.1. The Starting Line will be between an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and a nearby orange inflatable mark.
- 7.2. The Finish Line will be between a blue flag on the Committee Vessel and a nearby orange inflatable mark.
- 7.3. All other marks of the course will be inflatable marks described in Appendix 1
- 7.4. The nomenclature TFL means that competitors shall pass through the start/finish line between the Pin mark and signal boat.
- 7.5. Any painted identification on a mark shall be ignored.

## 8. THE START

- 8.1. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.
- 8.2. 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 redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 8.3. 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.

## 9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1. For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 9.2. 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.
- 9.3. 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.

## 10. TIME LIMITS

- 10.1. The Time Limit for the first boat to finish will be:
  - 10.1.1. RS Elite Class 90 minutes
  - 10.1.2. Dragon Class 90 minutes
- 10.2. The Finishing Time Window after the first boat sails the course and finishes is 20 mins
- 10.3. Boats failing to finish within time limit after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored TLE without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2. The TLE score is the number of boats that finished plus 1.

## 11. HEARING REQUESTS (INCLUDING SCORING INQUIRIES)

- 11.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Committee Vessel docks and will be posted on the official notice board.
- 11.2. 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.
- 11.3. 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 3 below. 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).
- 11.4. 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.



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## 12. SCORING

- 12.1. For all classes, one race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2. 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

## 13. SAFETY

A boat that retires shall attempt to notify the RC as soon as possible by calling the 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).

## 14. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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.

## 15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out after the end of on-site registration or during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Event Technical Committee.

## 16. PRIZES

- 16.1. Results will be posted online at [https://yachtscoring.com/event\\_results\\_cumulative.cfm?eid=16104](https://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.
- 16.2. Details of overall regatta prizes will be included in the registration package.
- 16.3. 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.
- 16.4. Other prizes may also be awarded.
- 16.5. The final awards presentation will be held at approximately 1900 on Friday, May 3.

## 17. 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

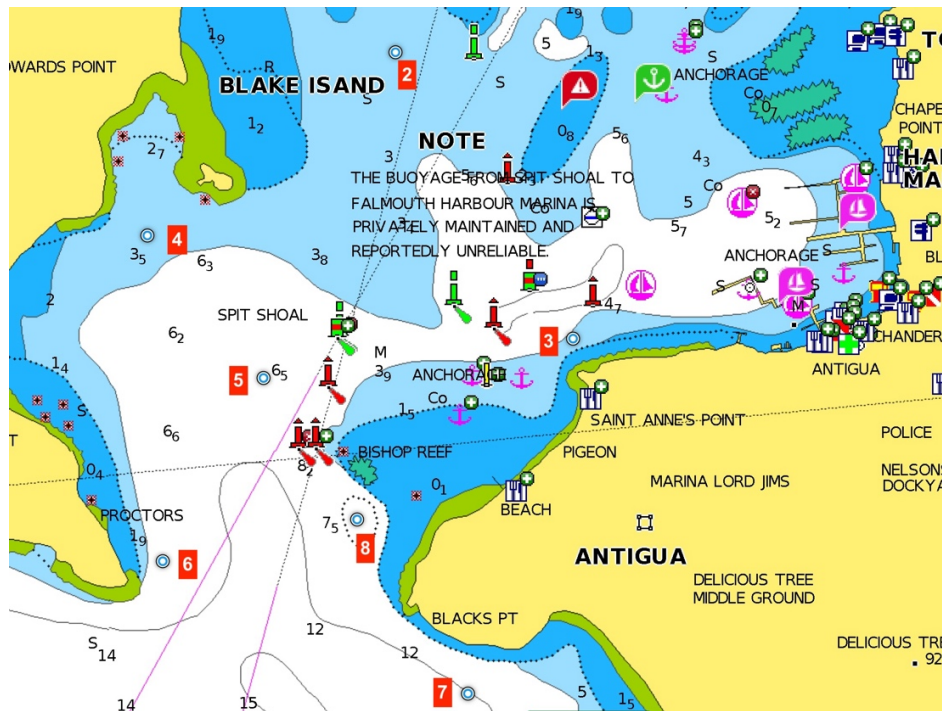
#### 2024 MARK LIST AND LOCATIONS

Below are a list of marks (in bold) and their approximate positions. Due to the confines and constraints of a harbour these marks may be in the vicinity of that location.

Mark Names will be displayed on the course board, together with the rounding side.

The nomenclature TFL means that competitors shall pass through the start/finish line between the Pin mark and signal boat.

Mark	Position										Mark Description
<b>A</b>	Will be the windward mark. Angle and distance from the start boat will be advised on the course board										Red Inflatable about 3' x 3'
<b>Z</b>	Will be the leeward mark and will be laid approximately 0.2nm downwind of the start line										White with Budget Marine Logo 2.5' x 2.5'
<b>Start Pin</b>											Red Inflatable about 3' x 3'
	Latitude					Longitude					
<b>2</b>	17	1	24	N		61	46	752	W		White with Budget Marine Logo 2.5' x 2.5'
<b>3</b>	17	0	691	N		61	46	538	W		
<b>4</b>	17	0	811	N		61	47	51	W		
<b>5</b>	17	0	645	N		61	46	911	W		
<b>6</b>	17	0	433	N		61	47	32	W		
<b>7</b>	17	0	279	N		61	46	664	W		
<b>8</b>	17	0	482	N		61	46	798	W		





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### APPENDIX 3

#### ARBITRATION (see SI 11.3)

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 11.3
  - 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 11.3
  - 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 8c. 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.