

Antigua Yacht Club's
Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta
Organising Authority (OA) is Antigua Yacht Club (AYC)
17th – 22nd April 2024

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)*.

1.2 The CRF Rating Rule will apply for all Yachts except Spirit of Tradition and Modern Classics.

1.3 For Spirit of Tradition Yachts and Modern Classic, the CSA Rating Rule will apply.

1.4 The Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta (ACYR) Minimum Safety Requirements will apply.

2 ADVERTISING

Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located upstairs at The Officers' Quarters in Nelson's Dockyard.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that a change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 2000 hours on the day before it takes effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff at Nelson's Dockyard.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

Race 1 “Old Road” – Thursday 18th April

Race 2 “Butterfly” – Friday 19th April

Race 3 “Caterpillar” – Saturday 20th April

Race 4 “Cannon” - Sunday 21st April

6.2 One race per day per class will be scheduled.

6.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first start each day is 0950 hrs.

7 CLASSES AND FLAGS

7.1 The fleet will be divided into the following classes (subdivided as necessary): Vintage, Classic, Traditional, Schooner, Classic GRP, Spirit of Tradition, Tall Ships and Modern Classics.

7.2 Flags and times of warning signals are shown in Appendix 2.

7.3 A coloured flag will be provided to each yacht, to indicate which start it is in. This flag shall be displayed on a backstay or other conspicuous place if a boat has no backstay.

7.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to amalgamate, cancel, subdivide or re-arrange classes, dependent on the number of entries received for each class.

8 RACING AREA

Racing will take place off the South coast of Antigua as described in Appendix 1.

9 COURSES

9.1 Appendix 1 show the courses, their length, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9.2 Spirit of Tradition and Modern Classics shall not sail through the finish line on the Canon Course except when finishing.

9.3 Yachts may opt to sail the Comfort Zone Courses as detailed in Appendix 1

10 MARKS

10.1 Rounding and passing marks will be large orange cylinders.

10.2 The Start Mark will be a large yellow cylinder.

10.3 There will be an inner distance mark (a small yellow cylinder) at the start. See

also SI 11.2.

10.4 The Finish Mark will be the yellow cylinder used as the start line inner distance mark.

10.5 The distance and bearing to and position of the first mark will be broadcast on VHF Channel 77. Failure to hear the broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

11 OBSTRUCTIONS

11.1 The following area is designated as an obstruction: The area east of a line between the Race Committee vessel and Blacks Point to its north will be considered an obstruction within 5 minutes of a yacht's starting time until she has started. Yachts that enter this area while it is considered an obstruction will be penalized 15 minutes on elapsed time without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

11.2 Yachts that sail between the yellow inner distance mark and the Race Committee vessel will be penalized 15 minutes in elapsed time without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

12 THE START

12.1 Races will be started as follows, with the appropriate sound signals:

10 minutes Warning signal

5 minutes Preparatory signal

1 minute Preparatory signal removed

Start

This changes RRS 26. The preparatory flag will a blue flag.

12.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel and a large yellow cylinder to its southwest.

12.3 Any yacht that crosses the starting line in the direction of the course between 5 minutes and 1 minute before her start will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 29.1.

12.4 Under World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01 change the definition of Start as follows:

Start: A boat starts when her hull having been entirely on the prestart side of the starting line, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side either;

- a) At or after her starting signal, or
- b) During the last minute before her starting signal.

When a yacht starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition she shall not return to the pre-start side of the line, and 5 minutes will be added to her elapsed time.

12.5 Any yacht sailing through the starting line from the course side 5 minutes or less from any start will be scored DSQ without a hearing. This changes RRS 29.1 and 63.1.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel and a small yellow cylinder to its west, except for the Cannon, when it will be to the southwest.

13.2 A yacht about to finish shall advise the Race Committee of her name, by hail or VHF channel 77 prior to crossing the finishing line.

13.3 In the unlikely event the Race Committee vessel is not on station at the finish, a yacht shall take its own finishing time.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 will apply. Penalties will be as follows:

- a) The penalty for each incident where rules of RRS Part 2 are broken will be 40 percent of the number of yachts starting in her class.
 - b) The penalty for each incident of breaking RRS 31 will be 20 percent of the number of yachts starting in her class.
- These change RRS 44.3 (c).

15 TIME LIMIT

The Time Limit will be 1700 hours for all races and classes. Any yacht not finishing within the time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

16 PROTESTS

16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Event Centre upstairs at The Officers' Quarters in Nelson's Dockyard and returned there within 60 minutes after the Race Committee vessel docks.

16.2 Notices informing competitors of protests or hearing requests will be posted on the official notice board within 10 minutes of being filed. A notice may also be posted adjacent to the Protest Desk. Competitors involved should report to the Protest Desk. Hearings will start as soon as possible after protests or hearing

requests have been filed.

16.3 No measurement or rating protests may be lodged after 1800 hours on the first day of racing. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

16.4 Competitors may not protest under SI 11, 12.3, 12.4, and 12.5. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

17 SCORING

17.1 A yacht's score will be the total of all races scored. This changes RRS A2.

17.2 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.

17.3 Yachts electing to sail the Comfort Zone Courses as mentioned in Appendix 1 will be scored CZT for that day's race results.

17.4 When the RC determines that there is an error in a yacht's measurements at any time of the regatta, it will change the handicap according to the new corrected measurement and the score for all races in the regatta will be adjusted accordingly.

18 SAFETY

18.1 Exemptions to the ACYR Minimum Safety Rules requirements (see SI 1.4) may be granted upon a written application, prior to any racing, at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

18.2 The primary focus of ACYR is racing utilising prudent seamanship and sailing in the safest manner possible in all situations. If AYCR receives corroborative or substantial reports of a yacht being handled in an overly aggressive, un-seamanlike or unsafe manner they may excuse a yacht from the regatta. The fleet comprises yachts of greatly different size and performance. It is imperative that this be taken into account when maneuvering.

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A yacht's equipment and measurements may be inspected at any time.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

The Race Committee may transmit and receive race information and time checks on VHF channel 77. Failure to hear any such transmissions will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

21 RESULTS AND PRIZES

21.1 Results will be posted on the official notice board as soon as available. They can also be viewed on the Yacht Scoring site and the ACYR website www.antiguaclassics.com.

21.2 There will be prizes for 1st, 2nd and 3rd in each Class or subdivision.

21.3 The Comfort Zone Trophy.

21.4 The overall winner of both the CSA and CRF classes, calculated on least cumulative corrected time.

21.5 The Kenny Coombs Trophy will be presented to the yacht and crew in who has contributed most to the spirit the Regatta in the opinion of the Race Committee and the other competitors.

21.6 ACYR reserve the right to award additional trophies as they wish.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk, see RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority and the Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta Committee will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Regatta.