

Antigua Yacht Club's 36th Annual

Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta

16th – 21st April 2025

Operating Authority (OA) Antigua Yacht Club.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. The Classic Rating Formula (CRF) will apply for all yachts.
- 1.3. Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta (ACYR) Minimum Safety Requirements will apply and are attached.
- 1.4. 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.
- 1.5 Any further changes to the RRS will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

2. Advertising

- 2.1. Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 2.2. Yachts may not display advertising, including yacht names, without the prior written permission of ACYR.

3. Eligibility

All yachts, except for Spirit of Tradition and Modern Classics:

- 3.1. Should have a full keel, be of moderate to heavy displacement, built of wood or steel and be of traditional rig appearance.
- 3.2. Old craft using modern materials, e.g. epoxy or glass sheathing and new craft built along an old design, are acceptable.
- 3.3. Fibreglass yachts should have a full long keel with a keel hung rudder and be a descendent of a wooden boat design to qualify for the Classics GRP Class.
- 3.4. Yachts built of other materials may be acceptable if they have gaff or traditional schooner rig.

Spirit of Tradition:

- 3.5 Yachts of any material or underwater configuration built to reflect the beauty of Classic Yachts.

Modern Classics:

3.6 Yachts built of any material or underwater configuration, built to a pre-1988 design may be accepted.

3.7 For all classes, any yacht unknown to the regatta shall, in the first instance, send photographs of the hull (in and out of the water) and rig, drawings and pertinent information to antiguaclassicsregatta@gmail.com.

3.8 Once accepted, yachts will be given login details and must register with Yacht Scoring.

3.9 While trying to be fully inclusive, ACYR reserves the right to decline any entry.

3.10 In accordance with World Sailing policies and following their strong encouragement, the event is not open to Russian and Belarusian athletes. Additionally, no yacht may be identified as Russian or Belarusian in any way.

4 Classification

4.1 The following are classes that may be used: Vintage, Classic, Traditional, Schooner, Classic GRP, Spirit of Tradition, Tall Ships and Modern Classics.

4.2 ACYR, at its sole discretion, will assign yachts to a class according to year of design, build and type, subdivided as necessary on size, rig and performance as much as possible.

5 Fees and Entry

5.1 All yachts entering and paying before 1st January 2025 will only pay the 2024 entry fees. After that date the fees will be as follows:

Length on Deck	Less than 50'	50'-100'	More than 100'
Before 01 Jan 25	US\$9.00/ft	US\$12.00/ft	US\$16.00/ft
01 Jan 25 – 28 Feb 25	US\$12.00/ft	US\$16.00/ft	US\$19.00/ft
After 28 Feb 25	US\$14.00/ft	US\$18.00/ft	US\$21.00/ft

5.2 Cancellation fees:

Before 1 st January 2025	Full refund less any bank charges
1 st January 2025 – 28 th February 2025	50% refund less any bank charges
After 28 th February 2025	50% credit on 2026 entry fee

5.3 Entries will NOT be considered after 11th April 2025 unless authorised by ACYR.

5.4 A yacht will not be considered as having entered the event unless the following have been completed by the end of registration:

- a) Yacht Waiver Form submitted
- b) Crew Waiver Form submitted
- c) Yacht rating established
- d) Entry fee paid.

6 Schedule

Tuesday 15 th April	1300-1600	Early Registration
Wednesday 16 th April	0800-1600	Registration and Inspection at Nelson's Dockyard.
		All captains must register to confirm arrival, confirm sail wardrobe, and receive current regatta documentation.
		Late registrations may not receive any free promotional material.
	1000-1600	Concours d'Elégance judging.
		Those wishing to participate in the Concours d'Elégance should register with antiguaclassicsregatta@gmail.com or in person, before 1600, 15 th April. Only yachts moored in Nelson's Dockyard will be considered for entry.
	1700	Skippers' Briefing on the lawn by the Officers' Quarters
	1800-2000	Welcome party at Boom
Thursday 17 th April	1000	1 st start Race 1
Friday 18 th April	1000	1 st start Race 2
Saturday 19 th April	1000	1 st start Race 3
Sunday 20 th April	1000	1 st start Race 4
	From 1300	Parade of Classics, English Harbour.
Monday 21 st April	0900	Single-Handed-Race Skippers' Briefing.
	1100	1 st start Single-Handed-Race
	1400	Gig Racing, Admiral's Inn
	1400-1730	Cream Teas, Admiral's Inn, in aid of St John's Hospice.
	1830	Final Prize Giving in the Dockyard

Other events, social or otherwise, may be included.

7 Measurement and Ratings.

7.1 To apply for a CRF 2024 rating: <https://www.classicyachts.org/ratings/certificates> ASAP after the 1st March 2025.

7.2 Please note that CRF Class definitions are slightly different to ACYR's.

7.3 A 2025 rating certificate will be issued to each yacht for a fee of US\$50, payable direct to CRF.

7.4 Any yacht struggling to get a valid rating must inform ACYR, who will endeavour to assist, before 24th March 2025.

7.5 All yachts should submit their CRF Rating form to ACYR by Friday 11th April.

8 Communication

8.1 The official notice board will be online at www.yachtscoring.com.

8.2 The Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions (SI's), SI Amendments, Notices to Competitors and Results will all be online.

8.3 As a courtesy to competitors SI Amendments, Notices to Competitors and the Results will also be posted on the unofficial notice board located just outside the Race Office.

8.4 All yachts shall have onboard a VHF capable of communicating on standard 'international' channels.

9 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be issued at Registration and may be posted online earlier.

10 Venue

Racing will take place off the southern coast of Antigua. Shore-side activities will be held at Nelson's Dockyard.

11 Safe Racing

11.1 The primary focus of ACYR is racing utilizing prudent seamanship and sailing in the safest possible manner in all situations.

11.2 If ACYR receives corroborative or substantial reports of a yacht being handled in an overly aggressive, un-seamanlike or unsafe manner, they may excuse the yacht from the regatta.

11.3 The fleet comprises yachts of greatly different size and performance. It is imperative that this is taken into account when maneuvering.

12 Courses

12.1 The emphasis on all courses will be reaching.

12.2 Examples of courses can be found on the ACYR website.

13.3 Detailed course cards will be issued at Registration.

13.4 Each course will be approximately 20 to 24 miles

13.5 There is an option to sail a shorter course, known as the Comfort Zone Course which will be scored separately.

13 Scoring

13.1 All completed races will count.

13.2 One race is required to complete a series.

14 Dockage and Additional Costs

14.1 All Vintage , Classic and Traditional Yachts have 6 days free sponsored dockage at Nelson's Dockyard Marina. All Modern and Spirit of Tradition Yachts have a 50% discounted dockage rate for the 6 days sponsored by the NPA at Nelson's Dockyard Marina (discounts apply only to yachts staying the 6 days). To reserve a berth, contact the marina direct at info@nelsonsdockyardmarina.com to make a reservation as space is limited.

14.2 For those people joining yachts for the regatta please be reminded that there is a National Park entry fee of US\$15.00 per person for the Regatta.

15 Prizes

15.1 A full list of trophies and prizes to be awarded will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

15.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the ACYR's discretion.

16 Disclaimer of Liability

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

17 Insurance

Each participating yacht shall have adequate third-party insurance for the duration of the regatta.

18 Further Information

For further information please contact:

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ACYR MINIMUM SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

These requirements are intended as minimum standards and do not supersede or modify any other requirements set forth in the Notice of Race (NOR) or Sailing Instructions (SI). It is further

recommended that participants utilise either WS Offshore Special Regulations for Inshore Racing or US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements.

Yachts must meet the ACYR Minimum Safety Requirements at all times during racing. All equipment specified in these requirements must be in-date, in workable condition and suitable for the purpose for which it is to be used.

These requirements will not be grounds for protest except by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

Required equipment includes:

1. Softwood plugs or other suitable materials, tapered and in sufficient quantity to fit all through hull fittings and apertures.
2. Lifelines, push pits and pulpits, or lifelines secured in such a way as to form a push pit, of not less than 18" in height, except lifelines may be split to allow access to a bow sprit or to facilitate sheeting. Lifelines shall be taut with not more than seven feet between stanchions, taut being defined as no apparent sag between stanchions. Lifelines shall be attached securely and in such a way that no part of the system is elastic in nature.
3. The following yachts are not required to comply with Requirement #2:
 - a. Yachts under 8m (26 feet), length on deck, designed without lifelines.
 - b. Yachts designed without lifelines but having sufficient bulwarks or other structures to help prevent a man overboard.
 - c. Yachts applying for and receiving an exemption from the requirements of #2 from the Race Committee prior to racing.
4. For yachts with onboard electrics or flammable fuels, a fire extinguisher charged and in-date and readily accessible
5. One bucket of not less than two gallons capacity, fitted with a lanyard of suitable strength and length.
6. One anchor with chain of suitable size for the yacht's length and displacement with suitable anchor and rode of a least 150 feet in length. No part of an anchor shall protrude from any part the yacht while racing. Any yacht unable to comply with this requirement must apply for and receive exemption from the Race Committee, who will consider the safety ramifications, prior to racing
7. A first aid kit suitable for rendering first aid treatment in minor emergencies.
8. Charts covering the area to be raced.
9. Lifejackets, with a whistle attached, meeting the requirements of marine authorities recognised by ACYR for each person on board. Lifejackets shall be of suitable size for the intended wearer and be readily accessible
10. One life-ring or life-sling capable of supporting the largest member of the crew in the water and positioned above deck such that it is immediately available for use in an emergency.
11. A heaving line at least 50 feet in length, capable of floating and positioned above deck such that it is immediately available for use in an emergency.
12. Three red hand flares and two orange smoke flares.

13. A compass suitable for navigation.

14. A shut-off valve in working order shall be fitted to each fuel tank.

15. Hatches, companionways and ports shall be capable of being substantially watertight while racing.

16. Cockpits must be self-bailing and fitted with adequate drains.

17. For any yachts not complying with Requirement #16:

- a. The yacht must have watertight compartments or be fitted with fixed buoyancy
- b. The crew must wear lifejackets (not buoyancy aids) at all times while racing
- c. If more than 4 yachts not complying with requirement #16 are entered into the regatta, there must be a nominated chase boat on the course for the duration of racing. While the OA will endeavour to assist, this requirement and its associated costs are the responsibility of the competitors.

18. Sufficient drinking water shall be carried on board so that at the finish of the race there remains at least one pint per person.