

**2009 ANTIGUA CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA  
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**Rules**

**1.1 The regatta will be governed by:**

- a) The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012,
- b) The current CSA Minimum Safety Requirements except as modified in SI 17,
- c) The CSA rating Rule,
- d) The Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions.

**1.2** The Organizing Authority is the Antigua Sailing Association.

**1.3** The Regatta is designated Category 'A'.

**1.4** Exceptions may be made to 1.1(b) upon written application from a boat.

**1.5** RRS 29 will be changed as per 13.2.

**2 Notices to Competitors**

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

**3 Changes in Sailing Instructions**

**3.1** Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on the day it will take effect.

**3.2** **Any change of schedule will be posted at 20:00 hrs on the day before it takes effect.**

**4 Signals Made Ashore**

**4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flagstaff at the Antigua Yacht Club.

**5 Schedule of Races**

**5.1** Races are scheduled as follows:

Race 1:	"Old Road"	Friday	17th April
Race 2:	"Butterfly"	Saturday	18th April
Race 3:	"The Canon"	Sunday	19th April
Race 4:	"Windward"	Monday	20th April

**5.2** One race per day per class.

**5.3** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 09:50.

**6 Classes**

**6.2** Flags, times of Warning Signals and starting times are given in Appendix Two.

**6.3** A colored flag will be provided to each boat 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.

**6.4** The Race Committee reserves the right to amalgamate, cancel, subdivide or rearrange classes, dependent on the actual number of entries received for each class.

**7 Racing Areas**

**7.1** Racing will take place off the South coast of Antigua. See Appendix One.

**8 The Courses**

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**8.1** The course charts in Appendix One show the courses, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side which the mark is to be left, and the length of the course. In the event of a conflict the written word takes precedence.

**9 Marks**

**9.1** The Course marks are orange cylinders.

**9.2** The inner distance mark at the start will be a yellow tetrahedron.

**9.3** The bearing, distance, and position to the first mark will be broadcast by VHF.

**9.4** In the event that a mark should drift off station, competitors should try and round the designated position as close as possible.

**10 Areas that are obstructions**

**10.1** The area east of a line between the Committee Boat and Blacks point to its north will be considered an obstruction within 5 minutes of a yachts starting time.

**11 The Start**

**11.1** Races will be started as follows (see Appendix Two)

10 minutes - Warning Signal raised & one sound

5 minutes – Preparatory Signal raised & one sound

1 minute – Preparatory Signal lowered & one sound

Start – Warning Signal lowered & one Sound

a.) This Changes RRS 26

**11.2** The starting line for each race will be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and an orange cylinder mark to its west.

**11.3** Boats that sail between the inner distance mark and the Committee boat will be penalized. . The area between the inner distance mark and the committee boat is not considered to be an obstruction. The inner distance mark is not a mark of the course during the start.

**11.4** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.

**11.5** A boat starting later than 4 minutes after her starting signal, must keep clear of other boats starting in the next starting sequence.

**12 The Finish**

**12.1** The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a yellow tetrahedron buoy to its west.

**12.2** A boat about to finish shall advise the Committee Boat of her name, by hail or VHF prior to crossing the finish line.

**12.3** In the event the Committee Boat is not on station at the finish, a boat shall take its own finishing time.

**12.4** All boats should record their finish time and the identification the boat finishing immediately ahead and astern.

**13 Penalty System**

**13.1** The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply. The penalty will be 40 percent of the number of boats starting in her class. This changes RRS 44.3(c).

**13.2** Except for breaches of Parts 1 and 2 of the RRS, the jury may apply any penalty that they deem equitable. This changes RRS 64.1.

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**13.3** Any boat that is OCS less than one minute from the start will be considered as having started and will be penalized 5 minutes on corrected time. Any boat sailing through the start line between the 5 minute signal and the 1 minute signal shall be scored DSQ. Restarting is not an option, this changes RRS 29.

**13.4** The Penalty for infringing SI 10.1 & 11.3 will be 5 minutes on corrected time.

**13.5** Any boat infringing 11.4 may incur a 5 minute corrected time penalty or DSQ.

**14 Time Limit**

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

**15 Protests**

**15.1** Protests shall be written on forms available at the Antigua Yacht Club and delivered there within 60 minutes of the protesting boats finish time on the day of the race.

**15.2** Time of protest hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

**15.3** When the RC is satisfied that there is an error in a boat's measurements at any time of the regatta the RC shall notify the Jury which will call a hearing. If the Jury is satisfied that the measurement is in error the RC will change the handicap according to the new corrected measurement and the score for all races in the regatta will be adjusted according to the new handicap.

**15.4** Other than allowed in 15.3 above, no measurement or rating protest may be lodged after the first day of racing. This protest should be in writing. This changes RRS rule 60.1 (a).

**15.5** Infringements of SI 10.1, 11.3 & 11.4 cannot be protested by boats. The RC may impose a penalty for infringement of these SI's without a hearing.

**16 Scoring**

**16.1** The Low Point scoring system, RRS Appendix A41, will apply except that a boat's score will be the total of all her races. This changes RRS A2.

**16.2** One race shall be completed to constitute the series.

**16.3** Boats electing to sail the shortened course as mentioned in Appendix 1 will be scored DNF in that days race results.

**17 Safety Regulations**

**17.1** CSA Safety regulations shall apply except as modified.

a.) Lifelines not required.

b.) Self Draining cockpits not required.

**18 Equipment and Measurement checks**

**18.1** A boats equipment or measurements may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Rules and these Sailing Instructions.

**19 Radio Communication**

**19.1** The Race Committee may transmit and receive race information and time checks on VHF Ch 77.

**20 Prizes**

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- 20.1** Provisional results will be posted on the AYC notice board as soon as available. They can also be viewed on the ACYR website. [www.antiguaclassics.com](http://www.antiguaclassics.com).
- 20.2** The Prize Structure is as follows:  
a) Prizes will be awarded for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, and 3<sup>rd</sup> in each of the following class divisions, based on points as per RRS Appendix A,  
**Traditional A, B, C**  
**Vintage A, B, C**  
**Classic A, B, C**  
**Classic GRP A, B,**  
**Spirit of Tradition A, B**  
b) Overall Trophy's will be awarded on Fleet Results in the following Class's,  
**Traditional**  
**Vintage**  
**Classic**  
**Classic GRP**  
**Spirit of Tradition**
- 20.3** The WATERMAKER SERVICES TROPHY will be awarded to the winner of the **Traditional Class** with the lowest number of points in **Fleet Results**.
- 20.4** The STORMY WEATHER TROPHY will be awarded to the winner of the **Classic Class** with the lowest number of points in the Fleet Results.
- 20.5** The ASCHANTI OF SABA TROPHY will be awarded to the winner of the **Vintage Class** with the lowest number of points in the Fleet Results.
- 20.6** The basis for awarding the WAYFARER TROPHY is as follows:  
a) Only the winners of the STORMY WEATHER TROPHY and the ASCHANTI OF SABA TROPHY are eligible and it will go to the boat with the lowest corrected time for all races completed.
- 20.7** The TICONDEROGA TROPHY will be awarded to the boat with the lowest number of points in the **Spirit of Tradition Class** in **Fleet Results**.
- 20.8** The NICHOLSON CARIBBEAN YACHT SALES TROPHY will be awarded to the Schooner with the lowest total corrected time.
- 20.9** The A & F SAILS TROPHY will be awarded to a boat with the lowest total corrected time, which has been based permanently in Antigua for more than 2 years.
- 20.10** The ABOARD REFRIGERATION TROPHY will be awarded to the boat with the lowest corrected time with a length on deck of less than 40 ft. Second and Third place prizes will also be given.
- 20.11** The DUNLIN TROPHY will be given to the boat with the lowest corrected time, which has gaff rig.
- 20.12** Boats racing in the Single handed race for the CARIB BEAN COFFEE CUP will receive prizes for 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in a large and small division.
- 20.13** The HINCKLEY TROPHY will be given to the boat with the lowest points in the **Classic GRP Class** in **Fleet Results**.
- 20.14** PANERAI PRIZES will be awarded to the winners of the **Ashanti of Saba Trophy**, The **Stormy weather Trophy**, The **Hinckley Trophy**, The **Watermaker Services Trophy**, and the **Ticonderoga Trophy**.
- 20.15** The MOUNT GAY RUM TROPHY will be awarded to the boat in the most competitive class which has at least 7 entrants. The most competitive class is the class with the lowest

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corrected time difference between 1<sup>st</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> place added together for each of the races. This boat will have the lowest total points, As per RRS Appendix A.

- 20.16** The PANERAI TROPHY will be awarded to the boat from the **Traditional Class, Vintage Class, Classic Class, and Classic GRP Class** with the least total corrected time.
- 20.17** Best Elapsed Time Trophies will be awarded to the boats with the best total elapsed times as follows:
- a) YACHTING WORLD TROPHY for the best total elapsed time overall
  - b) BEKEN OF COWES TROPHY for the best elapsed time of a schooner
  - c) ARCHIBALD REID TROPHY for the best total elapsed time in **Vintage Class**
  - d) ANTIGUA SLIPWAY TROPHY for the best total elapsed time in **Classic Class**
  - e) ANTIGUA SAILS TROPHY for the best total elapsed time in the **Spirit of Tradition Class**
  - f) WINDY RIDGE MARINE SERVICES TROPHY for the best total elapsed time in the **Traditional Class**
  - g) **SUNSHINE TROPHY for the best elapsed time in the Classic GRP Class**
- 20.18** The COMFORT ZONE TROPHY is for boats that sail the shortened course, (as described in Appendix One) and will be awarded to the boat with the most shortened races sailed and the lowest total corrected time.
- (a) Boats that sail the shortened course will be scored DNF in the full course result.
- 20.19** The NICHOLSON YACHT CHARTERS TROPHY is awarded to a registered commercial charter boat with a charter onboard and the best total corrected time
- 20.20** Fun Prizes will given in the following Categories:
- a) ANN WALLIS WHITE TROPHYS for length on deck for the smallest and largest Classic
  - b) MARINE POWER SERVICES TROPHY for the boat with the oldest launch date
  - c) SEAHORSE STUDIOS TROPHY for the person, or boat that exhibits the best “Spirit of the Regatta” judged by the committee
  - d) TROPICAL STUDIOS/TIM WRIGHT TROPHY goes to the most photogenic boat judged by Tropical Studios and Tim Wright.
  - e) WOODSTOCK TROPHY for the most restored boat, judged by Woodstock Boatbuilders
  - f) TREE HOUSE BODY SHOP TROPHY goes to the boat with the best dressed crew and is judged by Tree House Body Shop staff.
- 20.21** Prizes awarded at the Prize giving ceremony are final and not subject to redress. If mistakes are found they must be presented to the committee before 6 pm on Tuesday April 22nd 2008
- 20.22** A list of prizes and past winners can be found in the ACYR program.
- 21 Disclaimer of Liability**
- 21.1** Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, See Rule 4, Decision to Race.
- 21.2** The Organizing Authority, the Antigua Yacht Club 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.