

Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta 2019

17th – 23rd April 2019

Organizing Authority: Antigua Yacht Club

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 – RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The CSA Classic Rating Rule will apply for all boats except Spirit of Tradition and Historic.
- 1.3 For Spirit of Tradition and, the CSA Rating Rule will apply.
- 1.4 Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta (ACYR) Minimum Safety Rules will apply.
- 1.5 The table below shows the RRS that have been changed and the SI to which they refer:

RRS		SI Number
63.1	Areas of obstruction	11.3
29 and 63.1	The Start	11.3, 11.4, 11.5
44.3	Penalties	13.1
64.1	Penalties	13.2
35, A4, A5	Time Limit and Abandonment	14.1, 14.2
60.1(a)	Protests	15.3 and 15.4
62.1	Communication	19
62.1(a)	Prizes	20.3

2 ADVERTISING

Boats 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 AYC.

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 the AYC. Race Signals will be displayed at Fort Charlotte

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

Race 1 “Old Road” - Friday 19th April

Race 2 “Butterfly” - Saturday 20th April

Race 3 “The Kenny Coombs Memorial Cannon” - Sunday 21st April

Race 4 “Windward” - Monday 22nd 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 START GROUP FLAGS

7.1 The fleet will be divided into the following Classes (subdivided as necessary): Vintage, Classic, Traditional, Classic GRP, Spirit of Tradition, Tall Ships, and Historic Class.

7.2 Flags and times of Warning Signals are shown in Appendix 2.

7.3 A coloured flag will be provided to each boat to indicate which start it is in. See Appendix 2 for start flag colours. This flag shall be displayed on a backstay or other conspicuous place.

7.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to amalgamate, cancel, subdivide or re-arrange classes, dependent on the actual 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

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

10 MARKS

10.1 All Rounding and passing marks will be orange inflatable buoys.

10.2 The Pin End Starting Mark will be an orange cylinder.

10.3 There will be an inner distance mark at the start. This will be an orange inflatable. Boats shall not pass between the inner distance mark and the shore.

10.4 The Pin End Finishing Mark will be the orange inflatable used as start line inner distance mark.

10.5 Failure of any mark to be in a position described on the Course Chart will not be grounds for requests for redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started as follows (see Appendix 2):

10 minutes - Warning signal displayed with one sound signal

5 minutes - Preparatory signal displayed with one sound signal

1 minute - Preparatory signal lowered & one long sound signal

Start - Warning signal lowered with one sound signal

11.2 The starting line will be between the flag pole displaying an Orange flag at Fort Charlotte and an orange cylinder outer distance mark. There will be a Yellow inner distance mark.

11.3 Any boat passing between the shore and the orange inner distance mark after her warning signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS 29.

11.4 Any boat 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.

11.5 Any boat recorded as OCS at their start will receive a 15 minute time penalty added to their elapsed time. This changes RRS 29.1 and 30

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between the Flag Pole at Fort Charlotte displaying an orange flag and the orange inflatable buoy to the west. An inner distance mark will be left to port.

12.2 A boat about to finish shall advise the Race Committee of her name, by VHF channel 77 prior to crossing the finishing line.

12.3 All boats should record their finishing time and identify the boat finishing immediately ahead and astern.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 RRS 44.2: One turn penalty will apply.

13.2 Except for breaches of Parts 1 and 2 of the RRS and SI's 11 and 12, the protest committee may apply any penalty that it deems equitable. This changes RRS 64.1.

14 TIME LIMIT

14.1 The Time Limit will be 1800 on Friday 19th and Saturday 20th April, 1500 on Sunday 22nd April and Monday 23rd April. Any boat not finishing within the time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14.2 Under Rule 32.1 the Race Committee may abandon a race because of a major wind shift, irregular winds or when the wind speed drops below 5 knots, as measured by the Race

Committee. Any action or no action taken by the Race Committee will not be grounds for a request for redress under RRS 62.1(a)

15 PROTESTS

15.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Event Centre Race Office upstairs and returned there within 90 minutes of the protesting boat's finish time, except on Sunday 22nd when a protest must be returned by 1700 at the latest.

15.2 Time of protest hearings will be posted on the Official Notice Board within ten minutes of a protest being filed.

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

15.4 Competitors may not may not request redress for scores or penalties awarded under SI 1.3, 11.4 or 11.5. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

16 SCORING

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

16.2 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 When the RC is satisfied that there is an error in a boat's measurements at any time during 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 according to the new handicap.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

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 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

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

19 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).

20 RESULTS AND PRIZES

20.1 Results will be posted on the AYC notice board and on line as soon as available

20.2 The prize structure will be published on the Official Notice Board before the Warning Signal of the first Race.

20.3 Prizes awarded at the Prize Giving ceremony are final and not subject to redress. His changes RRS 62.1(a). If mistakes are found they must be presented to the committee before 6 pm on Monday 22nd of April, 2019.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing 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.

22 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid adequate third party insurance for the duration of the Regatta.