

# *Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta - Carib Bean Coffee Cup*

20th Annual

## Single-Handed Race

Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April. 2019

### Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

#### 1 Rules

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

#### 2 Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Antigua Yacht Club (AYC).

#### 3 Schedule

**3.1** Registration opens at 0800 and closes at 1800 on Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> April, upstairs at AYC.

**3.2** The entry list with the Class Start Times will be posted by 0900 on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

**3.3** Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0900 on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

**3.4** A Skippers' Briefing will be held upstairs at AYC at 1200, Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

**3.5** The first warning signal is scheduled for 1350 on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> April.

**3.6** Subsequent warning signals will be displayed as the previous class starts.

#### 4 Signals made ashore

Signals made ashore will be displayed on an AYC flag staff.

#### 5 Class Flags

Small Classics Class 20' to 45' LOA – Yellow Flag.

Large Classics Class Over 45' LOA – Green Flag.

Spirit of Tradition/Historic Class/Dragon Class- Pink Flag.

Note: Depending on the number of entries there will either be separate starts for Large Classics and Spirit of Tradition or the two classes will be combined.

#### 6 Racing Area

Racing will take place off the south coast of Antigua. See Appendix - Starts and Race Course.

#### 7 The Course – Large Classics, Small Classics and Spirit of Tradition

The appendix shows the course for Large Classics and Small Classics and Spirit of Tradition/*Historic*, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

**START** North West to South East between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a small orange buoy to the South.

**MARK 1** English Harbour, leave to Starboard.

**MARK 2** Rendezvous Bay, leave to Starboard.

**FINISH** South West to North East between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a small orange buoy to the South.

#### 8 Marks

**8.1** Mark 1 and Mark 2 will be large orange buoys.

**8.2** There will be a small orange buoy as an inner distance mark on the start/finish line. This buoy is to be considered part of the Committee Boat ground tackle. Boats shall not pass between this buoy and the Committee Boat.

**8.3** Any fender or dinghy attached to the Committee Boat shall be considered part of the Committee Boat.

## 9 The Start

9.1 Races will be started as follows:

<b>10 minutes</b>	Warning	Class flag displayed with one sound signal
<b>5 minutes</b>	Preparatory signal.	Blue flag displayed with one sound signal
<b>1 minute</b>		Blue flag lowered with one long sound signal
<b>Start</b>		Class flag lowered with one sound signal

This changes RRS 26.

9.2 A boat whose starting sequence has not started shall keep clear of the starting area.

9.3 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

9.4 Any boat crossing the starting line in the direction of the course less than one minute before her starting signal will be considered as having started and will be penalised 15 minutes on elapsed time, without a hearing. Re-starting is not an option. This changes RRS 29.1 and 63.1.

9.5 In the interest of safety, all boats approaching the starting line after the 1 minute signal shall be on **port tack** when within 100 metres of the line. **A boat breaking this rule will be penalised 15 minutes on elapsed time without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.**

## 10 The Finish

All boats should take their own finish time and note the boats immediately in front and behind when finishing.

## 11 Penalty System

A boat which may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the RRS in an incident whilst racing shall declare it and take a 5 minute penalty on elapsed time for each incident. This changes rule 44.

## 12 Time Limits

The time limit for all classes is 1630.

## 13 Protests and Requests for Redress

**13.1 A boat intending to either protest another boat or make a request for redress will notify the Race Committee by VHF on Channel 77 as soon as possible.**

13.2 Protest forms will be available at the Antigua Yacht Club and any protest shall be lodged with the Protest Committee within 60 minutes of the protesting boat's finish time.

## 14 Safety Regulations

14.1 All boats shall carry one passenger, for emergency assistance only.

14.2 Extra crew may be carried to assist setting sail but must be off the boat before the 10 minute warning signal.

14.3 The Organizing Authority may require or permit one photographer on selected boats.

14.4 A boat that retires from the race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

14.5 The use of self-steering equipment is strongly discouraged, except in an emergency. If used, it shall be declared to the Race Committee. This will result in a 5 minute penalty on elapsed time.

14.6 Antigua Classics Minimum Safety Rules will apply. Requests for dispensation from any of their requirements **must be made in writing to the Race Committee before the Warning Signal of the Race.**

## 15 Radio Communication

The Committee Boat will monitor **VHF Ch 77** and may provide time checks 30 and 15 minutes prior to the first warning signal.

## 16 Prizes

Prizes will be given for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> in the Large Classics, Small Classics. and Spirit of Tradition/Historic Class and Dragons.

## 17 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RSS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race.