

ANTIGUA CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA (ACYR) MINIMUM SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

These requirements are intended as minimum standards and do not supersede or modify any of the World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), class rules or 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. Subject to Requirement #3, 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. VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on the emergency and Race Committee channels.
14. A compass suitable for navigation.
15. A shut-off valve in working order shall be fitted to each fuel tank.
16. Hatches, companionways and ports shall be capable of being substantially watertight while racing.
17. Subject to Requirement #18, cockpits must be self-bailing and fitted with adequate drains.
18. For any yachts not complying with Requirement #17:
 - 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 under para 18(a) 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.
19. Sufficient drinking water shall be carried on board so that at the finish of the race there remains at least one pint per person.