

*Antigua Yacht Club's*  
***Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta***  
***Carib Bean Coffee Cup***  
***Single-Handed Race***  
***22<sup>nd</sup> Edition***

***Organising Authority (OA) is Antigua Yacht Club (AYC)***  
***20<sup>th</sup> April 2023***

## ***SAILING INSTRUCTIONS***

### **1. Rules**

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

1.2 The Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta (ACYR) Minimum Safety Requirements will apply.

### **2. Advertising**

Yachts 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 The Officers' Quarters in Nelson's Dockyard.

### **4. Changes to the Sailing Instructions**

Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 hours on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> April.

### **5. Schedule**

Wednesday 19 <sup>th</sup> April	0800-1800 Registration at Nelson's Dockyard.
Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	1200 Single Handed Race Skippers' Briefing
	1350 1 <sup>st</sup> Warning signal
	1800 SHR Prize Giving, Dark and Stormys.

### **6. Classes and Class Flags**

6.1 Small Classics Class 20' – 45' LOD – Yellow Flag

Large Classics Class over 45' LOD – Green Flag

6.2 Spirit of Tradition yachts will start with other yachts of comparable size, but will be scored separately.

6.3 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.

## **7. Racing Area**

Racing will take place off the South coast of Antigua.

## **8. Courses**

8.1 The course chart in Appendix 1 shows the course, it's length, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

8.2 Start: Between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a yellow cylindrical mark to the south.

Mark 1 English Harbour, round to starboard, orange cylindrical mark.

Mark 2 Rendezvous Bay, round to starboard, yellow cylindrical mark.

Finish: Same as the start.

## **9. The Start**

9.1 Races will be started as follows:

10 minutes Class flag displayed.

5 minutes Preparatory signal BLUE Flag displayed.

1 minute Preparatory signal lowered.

Start Warning signal lowered and class flag for next start displayed.

The preparatory flag will be a blue flag. This changes RRS 26.

9.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a yellow cylindrical mark to its south.

9.3 Any yacht 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.

9.4. Any yacht crossing the starting line in the direction of the course less than 1 minute before her starting signal will be considered as having started and will be penalized 5 minutes on elapsed time, without a hearing. Restarting is not an option. See NoR 1.4. This

changes RRS 29.1,63.1 and A5.1.

9.5 Any yacht sailing through the starting line from the course side 5 minutes or less from any start will be scored DSQ. This changes RRS 29.

9.6 In the interests of safety, all yachts approaching the starting line after the 1 minute signal shall be on port tack when within 100m of the line. A yacht breaking this rule will be penalized 5 minutes on elapsed time without a hearing, This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.

## **10. The Finish**

The finishing line will be the start line i.e. between an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel and a yellow cylindrical buoy to its south.

## **11. Penalty System**

A yacht 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 RRS 44.2.

## **12. Time Limit**

The Time Limit will be 1630 hours for all classes. Any yacht not finishing within the time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **13. Protests**

16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Event Centre upstairs at The Officers' Quarters in Nelson's Dockyard and returned there within 60 minutes of the protesting yachts' finish time.

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

16.3 No measurement or rating protest may be lodged after 1700 hours. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

16.4 Competitors may not protest under SI 11.1, 11.2, 12.3, 12.4 and 12.5. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

## **14. Safety Requirements**

14.1 All yachts must carry one passenger, for emergency assistance only

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

14.3 The OA may require or permit one photographer on selected yachts.

14.4 A yacht 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. This changes RRS A5.1.

14.6 Exemptions to the ACYR Minimum Safety Rules requirements (see SI 1.5) may be granted upon a written application, prior to racing, at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

## **15. Equipment and measurement checks**

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

## **16. Radio Communications**

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).

## **17. Results and prizes**

20.1 Results will be posted on the official notice board as soon as available. They can also be viewed on Yachtscoring and the ACYR website [www.antiguaclassics.com](http://www.antiguaclassics.com).

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

## **18. Disclaimer of liability**

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk, see RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organising 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.

## **19. Insurance**

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