

*Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta
Carib Bean Coffee Cup
Single-Handed Race
25th Edition*

Organising Authority (OA): Antigua Yacht Club

Wednesday 15th April 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1 The race 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 (see NoR).
- 1.3 World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01 will apply. See SI 9.4.

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

- 4.1 Any change to these sailing instructions will be posted by 1100 hours on Wednesday 15th April.
- 4.2 The course chart will be available in Race Headquarters by 1100 on Wednesday 15th April.

5. Schedule

Wednesday 15 th April	0800-1100 Registration at Nelson's Dockyard.
Wednesday 15 th April	1100 Single Handed Race Skippers' Briefing
	1355 1 st Warning signal
Monday 20 th April	1830 Prize Giving

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 (RC) reserves the right to amalgamate, cancel, subdivide or rearrange 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 and Marks

- 8.1 The course chart in Appendix 1 shows the course, its length, the order in which the marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 Cupples and Rendezvous will be large orange cylindrical marks.

9. The Start

- 9.1 Races will be started as follows, with the appropriate sound signals:

10 minutes	Class flag displayed.
5 minutes	Preparatory signal displayed.
1 minute	Preparatory signal lowered.
Start	Class flag lowered and class flag for next start displayed.

This changes RRS 26.

- 9.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Committee Vessel and a large orange cylindrical mark.
- 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 Under World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01 change the definition of Start as follows: Start: A yacht starts when her hull having been entirely on the prestart side of the starting line, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side either;
 - a) At or after her starting signal, or
 - b) During the last minute before her starting signal.

When a yacht starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition she shall not return to the pre-start side of the line, and 5 minutes will be added to her elapsed time. Restarting is not an option. This changes RRS 29.1.

- 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 29.1.
- 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 A5.1.

10. The Finish

The finishing line will be the start line i.e. between a blue flag on the Committee Vessel and a large orange cylindrical mark.

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.

12. Time Limit

The Time Limit will be 1530. Any yacht not finishing within the time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13. Protests

- 13.1 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' finishing time.
- 13.2 Notices will be posted on the Official Notice Board no later than 10 minutes after a protest or request for redress is filed, to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 13.3 Competitors may not protest under SI 9.3, 9.4, 9.5 and 9.6. This changes RRS 60.1.

14. Safety Requirements

- 14.1 All yachts shall 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 RC 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 RC. This will result in a 5 minute penalty on elapsed time. This changes RRS A5.1.
- 14.6 Exemptions to the ACYR Minimum Safety Requirements (see SI 1.2) may be granted upon a written application, prior to racing, at the sole discretion of the OA.

15. Equipment and Measurement Checks

A yacht's equipment and measurements may be inspected at any time up to the end of protest time.

16. Radio Communications

The RC 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 61.4(b)(1).

17. Results and Prizes

17.1 Results will be posted on the official notice board as soon as available. They can also be viewed on the ACYR website: www.antiguaclassics.com

17.2 Prizes will be given for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd in the Large and Small Classics Classes and 1st for Spirit of Tradition.

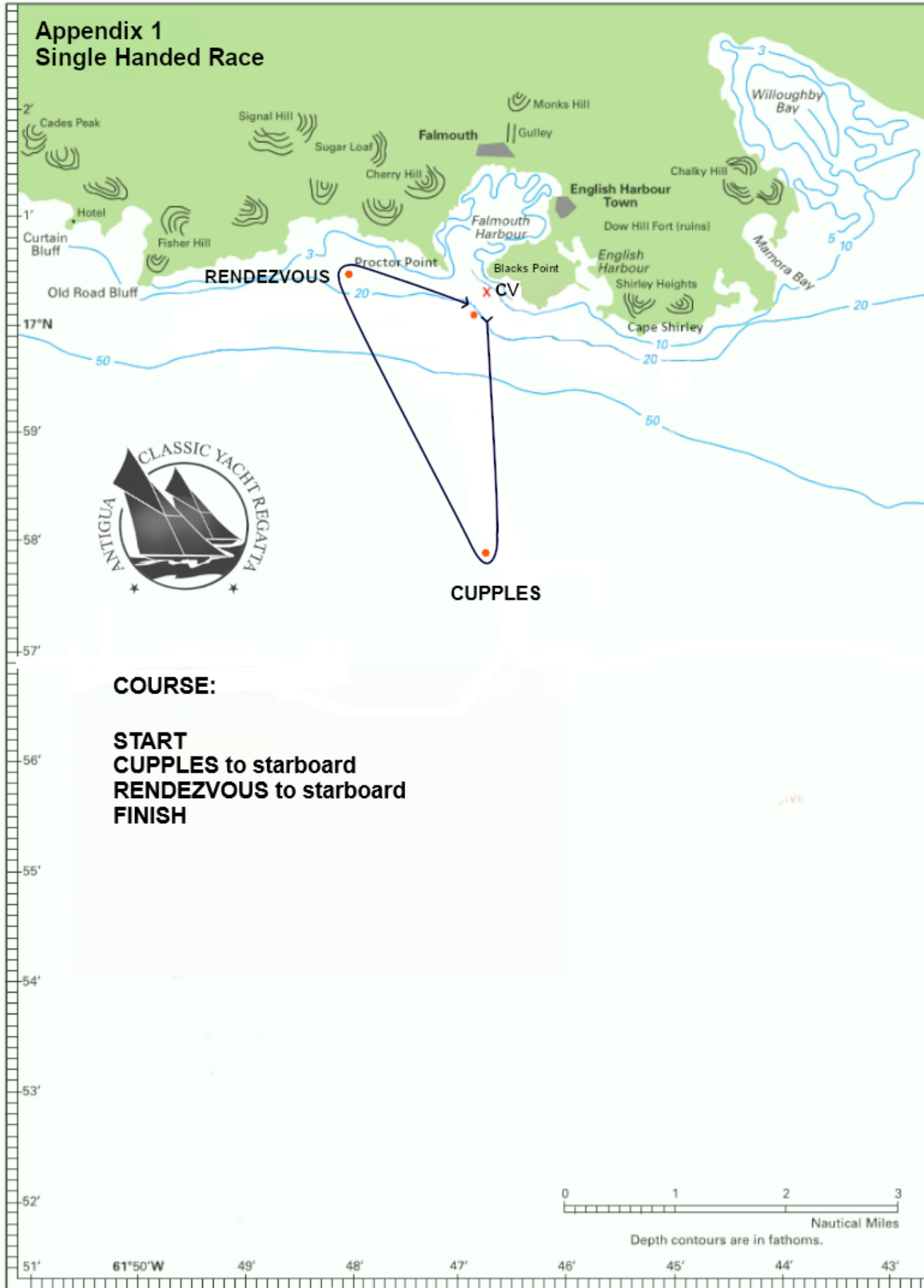
18. Disclaimer of liability

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk, see RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA 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 adequate third party insurance for the duration of the regatta.

Appendix 1 Single Handed Race



COURSE:

START
CUPPLES to starboard
RENDEZVOUS to starboard
FINISH