

ANTIGUA CLASSIC YACHT REGATTA

April 15th – 20th 2026

Operating Authority (OA) Antigua Yacht Club.

NOTICE OF RACE

1. Rules

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- 1.2. The Classic Rating Formula (CRF) will apply for all yachts.
- 1.3. The Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta (ACYR) Minimum Safety Requirements will apply and are attached.
- 1.4. Under World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01 the definition of Start is changed as follows:

Start: A boat starts when her hull having been entirely on the pre-start 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.

- 1.5. Any further changes to the RRS will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

2. Advertising

- 2.1. Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA.
- 2.2. Yachts may not display advertising, including yacht names, without the prior written permission of ACYR.

3. Eligibility

- 3.1. Yachts in the Traditional, Vintage and Schooner Classes shall either:
 - a) Have a full keel, be of moderate to heavy displacement, built of wood or steel and be of traditional rig appearance.
 - b) Be an older craft using modern materials, e.g. epoxy or fibreglass sheathing or be a newer craft built along an old design.

- c) Yachts with a gaff or traditional schooner rig whose hulls are not wood may be eligible at the discretion of the ACYR selection committee.
- 3.2. Yachts with a fibreglass hull, a long keel, a keel hung rudder and a design descended from a pre 1970, wooden boat design are eligible for the Classic GRP Class.
 - 3.3. Yachts that reflect the beauty of classic yachts and constructed using any material or underwater configuration are eligible for the Spirit of Tradition Class.
 - 3.4. Yachts may be accepted for the in the Modern Classics Class if they are built to a pre-1988 design. Modern Classics may be built of any material or underwater configuration.
 - 3.5. Traditionally rigged sailing vessels that reflect the spirit and character of historic seafaring ships are eligible for the Tall Ships Class. Eligible vessels typically include square-rigged ships, barques, brigantines, brigs, and large schooners. Replicas and vessels built in traditional style with other rig configurations may be acceptable.
 - 3.6. To determine eligibility yachts that do not have information on file with the ACYR shall provide photographs of the hull out of the water showing the keel and rudder and of the yacht in the water showing the rig, plus any drawings or other pertinent information to admin@antiguaclassics.com.
 - 3.7. Once accepted, yachts will be given login details and must register for the 2026 ACYR on Yacht Scoring at www.yachtscoring.com.
 - 3.8. While trying to be fully inclusive, the ACYR reserves the right to decline any entry.
 - 3.9. Per World Sailing policies, no yacht may be identified as Russian or Belarusian in any way. Russian and Belarusian athletes may participate in the ACYR only if they meet the World Sailing neutrality criteria.

4. Classification

The following classes may be used: Vintage, Classic, Traditional, Schooner, Classic GRP, Spirit of Tradition, Tall Ships and Modern Classics. Other classes may be added by the ACYR at its discretion.

- 4.1. The ACYR, at its sole discretion, will assign yachts to a class based on year of design, build and type, subdivided to the extent necessary based on size, rig and performance.

5. Fees and Entry

5.1. Entry Fees for the 2026 ACYR are as follows:

Length on Deck	Less than 50 ft	50 to 100 ft	More than 100 ft
Pre March 1 st , 2026	US\$12.00/ft	US\$16.00/ft	US\$19.00/ft
From March 1 st , 2026	US\$14.00/ft	US\$18.00/ft	US\$21.00/ft

5.2. The deadline for entering is April 10th, 2026. Late entries may be considered at the discretion of the ACYR.

5.3. A yacht will not be considered as having entered the event unless the following have been completed by the end of registration:

- a) Yacht Waiver Form submitted
- b) Crew Waiver Form submitted
- c) 2026 CRF rating certificate submitted
- d) Entry fee paid.

6. Schedule

Tuesday April 14 th	1300-1600	Early Registration
Wednesday April 15 th	0800-1600	Registration and Inspection at Nelson's Dockyard. All captains must register to confirm arrival, confirm sail wardrobe, and receive current regatta documentation. Late registrations may not receive any free promotional material.
	0900-1400	Concours d'Elégance judging.
	1100	Single Handed Race Skippers' Briefing
	1400	1 st start Single Handed Race
	1700	Skippers' Briefing on the lawn by the Officers' Quarters
	1800-2000	Welcome party at Boom

Thursday 16 th April	1000	1 st start Race 1
Friday 17 th April	1000	1 st start Race 2
Saturday 18 th April	1000	1 st start Race 3
Sunday 19 th April	1000	1 st start Race 4
	From 1300	Parade of Classics, English Harbour.
Monday 20 st April	1400	Cream Tea and Gig Racing at Admiral's Inn
	1830	Prize Giving in the Dockyard

Other events, social or otherwise, may be included.

7. **Concours d'Elégance** – Yachts in the Traditional, Vintage and Schooner Classes wishing to participate in the Concours d'Elégance should register by emailing admin@antiguaclassics.com or at registration, before 1600, April 14th. Only yachts moored in Nelson's Dockyard will be considered for entry.

8. Measurement and Ratings.

- 8.1. All Yachts must have a 2026 CRF Rating Certificate.
- 8.2. All Yachts must apply for a 2026 CRF rating at: <https://www.classicyachts.org/ratings/certificates> as soon as possible after 2026 CRF rating registration opens. Please note that CRF class definitions are slightly different than ACYR's.
- 8.3. The ACYR will endeavor to assist any yacht that requires assistance in obtaining a CRF Rating Certificate. Notify the ACYR at admin@antiguaclassics.com as soon as possible if assistance is required.
- 8.4. All yachts should submit their 2026 CRF Rating Certificate to the ACYR by Friday, April 10th.

9. Communication

- 9.1. The official notice board will be online at yachtscoring.com.
- 9.2. The Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions (SI), SI Amendments, Notices to Competitors and Results will all be online.

- 9.3. As a courtesy to competitors SI Amendments, Notices to Competitors and Results will also be posted on the unofficial notice board located just outside the Race Office.
- 9.4. All yachts shall have onboard a VHF radio capable of communicating on standard 'international' channels.

10. **Sailing Instructions** – The Sailing Instructions will be will be posted online and available at Registration.

11. **Venue** – Racing will take place off the southern coast of Antigua. Shore-side activities will be held at Nelson's Dockyard.

12. **Safe Racing**

- 12.1. The primary focus of ACYR is racing utilizing prudent seamanship and sailing in the safest possible manner in all situations.
- 12.2. If the ACYR receives corroborative or substantial reports of a yacht being handled in an overly aggressive, un-seamanlike or unsafe manner, they may excuse the yacht from the regatta.
- 12.3. The fleet comprises yachts of greatly different size and performance. It is imperative that this is taken into account when maneuvering.

13. **Courses**

- 13.1. The emphasis on all courses will be reaching.
- 13.2. Examples of courses can be found at <https://antiguaclassics.com/>.
- 13.3. Detailed course charts will be issued at Registration.
- 13.4. Each course will be approximately 20 to 24 miles unless shortened by the Race Committee due to weather conditions.
- 13.5. There is an option to sail a shorter course, known as the Comfort Zone Course, which will be scored separately.

14. **Scoring**

- 14.1. All completed races will count.
- 14.2. One race is required to complete a series.

15. **Dockage and Additional Costs**

- 15.1. From April 15th through 20th, long keeled, wooden hulled yachts constructed prior to 1970 and all Carriacou Sloops have sponsored dockage at Nelson's Dockyard Marina.
- 15.2. All other yachts entered in the ACYR receive a 50% discounted dockage for a six day stay from April 15th through 20th.
- 15.3. Yachts must reserve a berth by contacting the marina directly at info@nelsonsdockyardmarina.com. Reserve early as space is limited.
- 15.4. Anyone joining the yachts for the regatta will be charged a National Park entry fee of US\$15.00 per person for the ACYR.

16. **Prizes**

- 16.1. A full list of trophies and prizes to be awarded will be published in the Sailing Instructions.
- 16.2. Additional prizes may be awarded at the ACYR's discretion.

17. **Disclaimer of Liability** – Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, see RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA and ACYR will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

18. **Insurance** – Each participating yacht shall have adequate third-party insurance for the duration of the regatta.

19. **Further Information**

For further information please contact:

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ACYR MINIMUM SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

These requirements are intended as minimum standards and do not supersede or modify any 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.

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 of suitable size for the yacht's length and displacement with suitable rode of at 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. Life jackets, with a whistle attached, meeting the requirements of marine authorities recognised by ACYR for each person on board. Life jackets 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. A compass suitable for navigation.
14. A shut-off valve in working order shall be fitted to each fuel tank.
15. Hatches, companionways and ports shall be capable of being substantially watertight while racing.
16. Subject to Requirement #17, cockpits must be self-bailing and fitted with adequate drains.
17. For any yacht not complying with Requirement #16:
 - a. The yacht must have watertight compartments or be fitted with fixed buoyancy
 - b. The crew must wear life jackets (not buoyancy aids) at all times while racing
 - c. If more than 4 yachts under para 17(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.
18. Sufficient drinking water shall be carried on board so that at the finish of the race there remains at least one pint per person.