

Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta

Carib Bean Coffee Cup

Single-Handed Race

27th Edition

Wednesday 15th April 2026

Organizing Authority (OA): Antigua Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

1 Rules

1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The CRF Classic Rating Rule will apply for all yachts.

1.3 Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta (ACYR) Minimum Safety Requirements apply (see below).

1.4 Under World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01 change the definition of *Start* 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 to the course 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 other changes to the RRS will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.

2 Advertising

Yachts may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3 Eligibility

All yachts must to be registered in the Antigua Classics Yacht Regatta.

4 Classes

Small Classics Class, less than 45' LOD

Large Classics Class, 45' and over LOD

Modern Classics

5 Schedule

Tuesday 14 th April	1000-1600 Registration and Inspection at Nelson's Dockyard
Wednesday 15 th April	0800-1100 Registration and Inspection at Nelson's Dockyard.
Wednesday 15 th April	1100 Skippers' Briefing 1355 1 st Warning Signal
Monday 20 th April	Prize Giving

6 Communications

6.1 The Official Notice Board will be outside the door of the Race Office.

6.2 All yachts shall have onboard an operable VHF available to the helm at all times.

7 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be issued at Registration and may be posted on the website earlier.

8 Venue

The race will take place off the South coast of Antigua.

9 Course

9.1 Start and finish will be immediately outside the entrance to Falmouth Harbour.

9.2 The course will be triangular with long reaching legs.

9.3 Detailed course information will be provided at registration.

10 Safety Requirements

10.1 All yachts shall carry one passenger, for emergency assistance only.

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

11 Prizes

1st, 2nd and 3rd for Large and Small Classics

1st, 2nd and 3rd for Modern Classics

Other prizes may be awarded at the Race Committee's sole discretion.

12 Photographer

ACYR may require or permit one photographer on selected yachts.

13 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk per 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 race.

14 Insurance

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

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 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 recognized 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 shall have watertight compartments or be fitted with fixed buoyancy
 - b. The crew shall 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 shall 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.