

# *31<sup>st</sup> Annual*

# *Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta*

## *18<sup>th</sup> – 24<sup>th</sup> April 2018*

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Organizing Authority: Antigua Yacht Club (AYC)

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020*(RRS).

1.2 The CSA Classic Rating Rule will apply for all boats except Spirit of Tradition.

1.3 For Spirit of Tradition boats, the CSA Rating Rule will apply.

1.4 The Antigua Classic Yacht Regatta (ACYR) Minimum Safety Rules will apply.

### **2 ADVERTISING**

Boats 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 Antigua Yacht Club Event Centre.

### **4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 hours on the day it will take effect, except that a change to the schedule of races will be posted no later than 2000 hours on the day before it takes effect.

### **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff at AYC.

### **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

Race 1 "Old Road" - Friday 20<sup>th</sup> April

Race 2 "Butterfly" - Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> April

Race 3 "The Kenny Coombs Memorial Cannon" - Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April

Race 4 "Windward" - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> April

6.2 One race per day per class will be scheduled.

6.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first start each day is 0950 hrs.

### **7 CLASSES AND START GROUP FLAGS**

7.1 The fleet will be divided into the following Classes (subdivided as necessary): Vintage, Classic, Traditional, Classic GRP, Spirit of Tradition, Tall Ships.

7.2 Flags and times of Warning Signals are shown in Appendix 2.

7.3 A coloured flag will be provided to each boat to indicate which start it is in. See Appendix 2 for start flag colours. This flag shall be displayed on a backstay or other conspicuous place.

7.4 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.

### **8 RACING AREA**

Racing will take place off the South coast of Antigua as described in Appendix 1.

## **9 COURSES**

The course charts in Appendix 1 show the courses and their approximate length, the order in which the marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Appendix 1 gives details of the optional "Shortened Course" for each day.

## **10 MARKS**

10.1 Rounding and passing marks will be orange cylinders.

10.2 The Pin End Starting Mark will be an orange cylinder.

10.3 There will be an inner distance mark at the start. This will be a yellow cylinder.

10.4 The Pin End Finishing Mark will be the yellow cylinder used as start line inner distance mark.

10.5 The bearing, distance to and position of the first mark will be broadcast on VHF Channel 77. Failure to hear the broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **11 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

11.1 The following area is designated as an obstruction:

The area east of a line between the Committee Boat and Blacks Point to its north will be considered an obstruction within 5 minutes of a boat's starting time until she has started. Boats that enter this area while it is considered an obstruction will be penalized 15 minutes on elapsed time without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

11.2 Boats that sail between the yellow inner distance mark and the Race Committee boat will be penalized 15 minutes in elapsed time without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

## **12 THE START**

12.1 Races will be started as follows (see Appendix 2):

- 10 minutes - Warning signal displayed with one sound signal
- 5 minutes - Preparatory signal displayed with one sound signal
- 1 minute - Preparatory signal lowered & one long sound signal
- Start - Warning signal lowered with one sound signal

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

12.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel and an orange cylinder mark to its west.

12.3 Any boat 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.

12.4 Any boat 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. Restarting is not an option. This changes RRS 29.1 and 63.1.

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

## **13 THE FINISH**

13.1 The finishing line will be between an orange flag on the Race Committee vessel and a yellow cylinder buoy to its west.

13.2 A boat about to finish shall advise the Race Committee of her name, by hail or VHF channel 77 prior to crossing the finishing line.

13.3 In the event the Race Committee vessel is not on station at the finish, a boat shall take its own finishing time.

13.4 All boats should record their finishing time and identify the boat finishing immediately ahead and astern.

## **14 PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3 will apply as follows:

- a) The penalty for breaking one or more rules of part 2 while racing will be 40 percent of the number of boats starting in her class.

b) The penalty for breaking rule 31 will be 20 percent of the number of boats in her class. This changes RRS 44.3 (c).

14.2 Except for breaches of Parts 1 and 2 of the RRS and SI's 11 and 12, the protest committee may apply any penalty that it deems equitable. This changes RRS 64.1.

### **15 TIME LIMIT**

The Time Limit will be 1800 hours for all races and classes. Any boat not finishing within the time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

### **16 PROTESTS**

16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the AYC Event Centre and returned there within 30 minutes of the Committee Boat's docking 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 1800 hours on the first day of racing. 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).

### **17 SCORING**

17.1 A boat's score will be the total of all races scored. This changes RRS A2.

17.2 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.

17.3 Boats electing to sail the shortened course as mentioned in Appendix 1 will be scored CZT for that day's race results.

17.4 When the RC is satisfied that there is an error in a boat's measurements at any time of the Regatta, it will change the handicap according to the new corrected measurement and the score for all races in the Regatta will be adjusted according to the new handicap.

### **18 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

Exemptions to the ACYR Minimum Safety Rules requirements (see SI 1.4) may be granted upon a written application, prior to any racing, at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority.

### **19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

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

### **20 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

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).

### **21 RESULTS AND PRIZES**

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

21.2 The prize structure will be as detailed in Appendix 3.

21.3 Prizes awarded at the Prize Giving ceremony are final and not subject to redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a). If mistakes are found they must be presented to the committee before 6 pm on Monday 23rd of April, 2018.

21.4 A list of prizes and past winners can be found in the ACYR programme.

### **22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk, See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing 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.

### **23 INSURANCE**

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