



## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANTIGUA SAILING WEEK

### PETERS & MAY ROUND ANTIGUA RACE SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017

#### Sailing Instructions

The Organising Authority is the Antigua Sailing Week Committee affiliated with the Antigua and Barbuda Sailing Association. The Regatta headquarters will be located at Antigua Yacht Club, Falmouth Harbour, Antigua.

*Abbreviations:*

<i>ASW – Antigua Sailing Week</i>	<i>CSA – Caribbean Sailing Association</i>
<i>RRS – Racing Rules of Sailing</i>	<i>OA – Organising Authority</i>
<i>RC – Race Committee</i>	

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 - 2020 ('RRS')*.
- 1.2 The Race will also be governed by:
  - (a) for boats in CSA classes, the *CSA Rating Rule*;
  - (b) for boats in Bareboat Classes, the *ASW Requirements for Bareboat Class*;
  - (c) for multihulls, the *Local Multihull Rating Rule*;
  - (d) for classic boats, the *CSA Classic Rating Rule* or for Spirit of Tradition boats, the *CSA Rating Rule*;
  - (d) for all boats, the *ASW Minimum Safety Rules*.
- 1.3 RRS 55, Trash Disposal, shall be amended by adding the following sentence after the first sentence: 'However, discarding biodegradable, environmentally friendly bands when setting a sail is permitted.'
- 1.4 For Multihull classes only, *ASW Minimum Safety Requirement #2* with respect to lifelines, will not apply.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

All notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located near the Committee Desk at Antigua Yacht Club.

### **3. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1 It is the intention of the RC to communicate regularly with competitors on the designated VHF channel from 7:30 am.
- 3.2 The RC will stand by on VHF channel 12.
- 3.3 Failure of a boat to hear any notification on VHF will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

### **4. SAFETY**

- 4.1 No boat shall race with an anchor overhanging the bow. However, written application may be made to the OA for exemption from this requirement and the associated portion of *ASW Minimum Safety Rule #6* which may, in the OA's sole discretion, grant exemption.
- 4.2 A boat that retires shall attempt to notify the RC as soon as possible on VHF channel 12, and shall use its best efforts to receive an acknowledgement. If a boat is unable to contact the Race Committee by VHF, it shall contact the Committee Desk at +1 268 732 7333.
- 4.3 In case of injury or emergency contact ABSAR on VHF Channel 16 or at +1 268 562 1234.

### **5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at Antigua Yacht Club by 3 pm on Friday, April 28, 2017.

### **6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a flag staff at Fort Charlotte above the Pillars of Hercules, outside English Harbour.

### **7. SCHEDULE**

- 7.1 For all classes, the race will take place on Saturday, April 29, 2017.
- 7.2 The warning signal for the first class will be at 8 am. The order of starts, start times and class flag colours will be provided at Registration and will be posted on the Official Notice Board at Antigua Yacht Club by 3 pm on Friday, April 28, 2017.

### **8. CLASSES**

- 8.1 Classes will be divided by type of boat and/or time correction factor (TCF) at the sole discretion of the OA which may decide that in certain classes boats must sail with their spinnaker rating.
- 8.2 Boats must declare their intended sail configuration at Registration which must not be changed after 3 pm on Friday, April 28. This also applies to boats with alternate headsail ratings.

### **9. IDENTIFICATION**

All boats without sail numbers shall clearly display bow numbers on both sides of the forward hull throughout the race. Bow numbers will be supplied at Registration.

### **10. THE COURSE, MARKS AND OBSTRUCTIONS**

- 10.1 The course will be anti-clockwise around the island of Antigua. Appendix 1 to these Sailing Instructions describes the course, the order that the marks are to be rounded and includes a diagram showing approximate locations of the marks.
- 10.2 The start and finish line will be between the flag staff at Fort Charlotte above the Pillars of Hercules outside English Harbour and an orange mark to the south.

- 10.3 All other marks of the course will be orange or yellow inflatable buoys.
- 10.4 If a Committee Boat displaying the 2<sup>nd</sup> Substitute is positioned in the vicinity of a mark of the course, both the Committee Boat and the mark constitute a gate where an official time shall be recorded. Boats shall pass between the Committee Boat and the mark.
- 10.5 While racing no boat shall sail to the north of any part of Cades Reef.

## **11. THE START**

- 11.1 Race starts will be in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal being made 10 minutes before the starting signal (10 – 4 – 1 – Start).
- 11.2 The starting line will be between the flag staff displaying a red flag at Fort Charlotte and an orange outer distance mark to the south.
- 11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall keep clear of the starting area.
- 11.4 Individual recalls will be broadcast on VHF. Delay or failure to broadcast or receive a recalled bow or sail number will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 11.3 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

## **12. THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The finishing line will be between the flag staff displaying a red flag at Fort Charlotte and an orange outer distance mark to the south.
- 12.2 The RC may decide to retrospectively shorten the course at a gate (SI 10.4). In this event, boats already through the gate will have their finishing time amended to the time that they passed through the gate, whilst the following boats will be finished at the gate by the Committee Boat displaying the 2<sup>nd</sup> Substitute and flag "S" and, if necessary, the flags of the classes affected. The RC will also display flags "S" over "H" at the finish line at Fort Charlotte and, if necessary, the flags of the classes affected. This changes RRS 32 and RRS 'Race Signals'. The RC will make every effort to confirm this by VHF. Should the course be shortened in accordance with this SI 12.2, any event which might give cause for a protest after the gate in applicable classes shall not be taken into consideration and no boat shall be penalised except for a breach of a Fundamental Rule, RRS 14 if the incident resulted in injury or serious damage, RRS 24.1 or RRS 69.

## **13. PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 13.1 The penalty, if any, for breaches of the RRS other than Part 2 will be at the sole discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 64.1.
- 13.2 A boat that does not take a penalty in accordance with RRS 44.1 may accept a 30% scoring penalty before the protest hearing at the discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 44.3(c).

## **14. TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 The time limit for all classes will be 6 pm.
- 14.2 Boats failing to finish by the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and RRS A5.

## **15. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 15.1 Protest forms will be available at the Protest Desk upstairs at Antigua Yacht Club. The protest time limit is one hour after a boat's finishing time or 6:30 pm, whichever is earlier.

- 15.2 The time limit for filing a written request for a hearing under RRS N1.4(b) is 30 minutes after a party has been notified of the panel's decision.
- 15.3 Notices informing competitors of the place and approximate time of each protest will be posted on the Protest Board adjacent to the Protest Desk within 15 minutes of being filed. Hearings will commence as soon as possible after protests or requests for redress have been filed.
- 15.4 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of RRS Part 2, a short arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. This changes RRS Part 5, Section B. A boat accepting a penalty at arbitration will be assessed a 40% scoring penalty calculated per RRS 44.3(c). Decisions from arbitration can be referred to an International Jury but cannot be reopened or appealed.

**16. RESULTS AND PRIZES**

- 16.1 Results will be posted on the results board at Antigua Yacht Club and at [www.sailingweek.com](http://www.sailingweek.com) as soon as possible. Results may also be posted on large screen TVs in bars and restaurants throughout the English and Falmouth Harbour areas.
- 16.2 The Peters & May Trophy will be presented to the overall corrected time winner. A trophy will also be presented to the monohull elapsed time winner.
- 16.3 Prizes will be awarded to 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> place in each class. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 16.4 The prize giving will be held in Nelson's Dockyard at approximately 7 pm on Saturday, April 29, 2017 or as soon thereafter as possible.

**17. OUTSIDE COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency or when responding to contact from the OA's radio broadcaster, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications not available to all boats.

**18. MEDIA RIGHTS**

By participating in this event, competitors grant to the OA and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio, and video recordings, and other production of them and/or their boat made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue until their final departure, without compensation.

**19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RISK STATEMENT**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**20. INSURANCE**

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