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PEARNS POINT ROUND ANTIGUA RACE SATURDAY, APRIL 25, 2015

Sailing Instructions

The Organising Authority is the Antigua Sailing Week Committee affiliated with the Antigua Sailing Association. The Regatta headquarters will be located at Antigua Yacht Club, Falmouth Harbour, Antigua. Times are Antigua Standard Time (UTC minus 4 hours).

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by the Rules as defined in the *ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (2013 - 2016)*.
- 1.2 The Race will also be governed by:
 - (a) for boats in CSA classes, the *CSA Rating Rule*;
 - (b) for bareboats, the *Requirements for Bareboat Class*;
 - (c) for multihulls, the *CSA Multihull Rating Rule*;
 - (d) for classic boats, the *CSA Classic Rating Rule*; and
 - (d) for all boats, the *ASW Minimum Safety Rules*.
- 1.3 Rule 55, Trash Disposal, shall be amended by adding at the end: 'However, discarding biodegradable, environmentally friendly bands when setting a sail is permitted.'
- 1.4 For Multihulls, *ASW Minimum Safety Requirement #2* with respect to lifelines will not apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 24.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be from a flag staff at Fort Charlotte above the Pillars of Hercules, outside English Harbour.
- 4.2 Should the Race Committee decide to shorten the course retrospectively at the gate mark referred to in SI 9.4, flags S over H and the applicable class flags will be displayed on the flag staff at Fort Charlotte.

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 For all classes, the race will take place on Saturday, April 25, 2015.
- 5.2 The first start will not be before 8:00 am. The order of starts will be provided at Registration and will be posted on the Official Notice Board by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 24.

6. CLASSES

- 6.1 Classes will be divided by type of boat and/or time correction factor (TCF) at the sole discretion of the Race Committee which may decide that in certain classes boats must sail with their spinnaker rating.
- 6.2 Boats must declare their intended sail configuration at Registration which must not be changed after 5:00 pm on Friday, April 24. This also applies to boats with alternate headsail ratings.

7. IDENTIFICATION

- 7.1 All boats without sail numbers will be required to carry bow numbers for the purpose of identification which must be clearly displayed on both sides of the forward and aft lifelines throughout the race. These will be supplied at Registration and a refundable cash deposit of US \$50 will be charged to all boats requiring bow numbers. The deposit will be refunded upon return of the bow numbers to the Committee Desk by noon on Sunday, April 26, 2015 unless the boat is taking part in Antigua Sailing Week, in which case it will be refunded upon return of the bow numbers to the Committee Desk by noon on Saturday, May 2, 2015.

8. THE COURSE

- 8.1 The course will be anti-clockwise around the island of Antigua. Appendix 1 to these Sailing Instructions describes the marks of the course and their order. The diagram in Appendix 1 shows the names and approximate locations of the marks and is provided as an aid only.
- 8.2 While racing no boat shall sail to the north of any part of Cades Reef. Boats entering this prohibited zone may be subject to protest and disqualification.

9. MARKS

- 9.1 The starting and finishing mark will be an orange buoy to the south of the Pillars of Hercules.
- 9.2 All other marks of the course will be orange or yellow inflatable buoys.

- 9.3 A mark boat flying flag 'M' may replace any of the course marks.
- 9.4 If a Committee Boat displaying the 2nd Substitute (change of 'race signal') is positioned close to a mark on the course side, both the Committee boat and the mark constitute a gate where an official time shall be registered. This changes RRS 'Race Signals'. Boats shall pass between the Committee Boat and the nearby mark leaving the mark on the required side. The Race Committee may subsequently decide to shorten the course at the gate at which an official time was established. In this event, boats already through the gate will have their finishing time amended to the time that they passed through the gate and the Race Committee will hoist flags "S" over "H" with two sound signals at the finish line and, if necessary, the flags of the classes affected. The Race Committee will make every effort to confirm this by VHF. Should the course be shortened, 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 or Rule 69.
- 9.5 Mark locations, approximate GPS coordinates and designated identifying letters are as described in Appendix 2 to these Sailing Instructions.

10. THE START

- 10.1 Races will be started in accordance with Rule 26 with the warning signal being made ten (10) minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The starting line will be southeast of English Harbour between a red flag on a flag staff at Fort Charlotte above the Pillars of Hercules and an orange mark to its south.
- 10.3 A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes Rule A5.

11. THE FINISH

- 11.1 The finishing line shall be southeast of English Harbour between a red flag on a flag staff at Fort Charlotte above the Pillars of Hercules and an orange mark to its south.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 Except for breaches of Parts 1 and 2 of the Rules, the International Jury may apply any penalty that it deems equitable. This changes rule 64.1.
- 12.2 A boat that does not take a penalty in accordance with rules 44.1 and 44.2 may accept a forty per cent (40%) scoring penalty before the protest hearing at the discretion of the International Jury. This changes rules 44.3(c) and A4.2.

13. TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 The time limit for all classes will be 6:00 pm.
- 13.2 Boats failing to finish by the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 A boat that intends to protest is requested to notify the Race Committee after finishing on VHF channel 12.
- 14.2 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.
- 14.3 The time limit for filing a written request for a hearing under rule N1.4(b) is thirty (30) minutes after a party has been notified of the panel's decision.
- 14.4 Notices informing competitors of the place and approximate time of each protest will be posted on the Protest Board adjacent to the Protest Desk and hearings will commence as soon as possible after these notices have been displayed.
- 14.5 For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, a short arbitration hearing may be held prior to a protest hearing. After arbitration and prior to a Jury hearing, any party to arbitration may accept a forty per cent (40%) scoring penalty. Rules for arbitration will be posted at the Protest Desk.

15. SAFETY

- 15.1 No boat shall race with an anchor overhanging the bow. However, written application may be made to the Race Committee for exemption from this requirement and the associated portion of *ASW Minimum Safety Rule #6* which may, in its sole discretion, grant exemption.
- 15.2 A boat that retires shall attempt to notify the Race Committee 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 then it is requested to contact the Race Officer at +1 268 732 0182 or the Committee Desk at +1 268 776 6838.
- 15.3 In case of injury or emergency contact ABSAR on VHF Channel 16 or at +1 268 562 1234.

16. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 16.1 The Race Committee will stand by on VHF channel 12.
- 16.2 The Race Committee may broadcast the following: time checks at thirty (30) and fifteen (15) minutes before the first start; notification of amendments to the Sailing Instructions; the abandonment or postponement of the race.
- 16.3 Failure of a boat to hear any notification on the VHF radio will not be grounds for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

17. RESULTS AND PRIZES

- 17.1 Provisional results will be posted on the results board at Antigua Yacht Club and at www.sailingweek.com as soon as possible after the race. Results may also be posted on large screen TVs in bars and restaurants throughout the English and Falmouth Harbour areas.
- 17.2 The Pearn's Point Trophy will be presented to the overall corrected time winner.

- 17.3 The Yachting World Trophy will be presented to the monohull elapsed time winner.
- 17.4 A trophy will be presented to the multihull elapsed time winner.
- 17.5 Prizes will be awarded to second and third place overall and first, second and third place in each class. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
- 17.6 The prize giving will be held in Nelson's Dockyard at 7:00 pm on Saturday, April 26, 2014 or as soon thereafter as possible.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

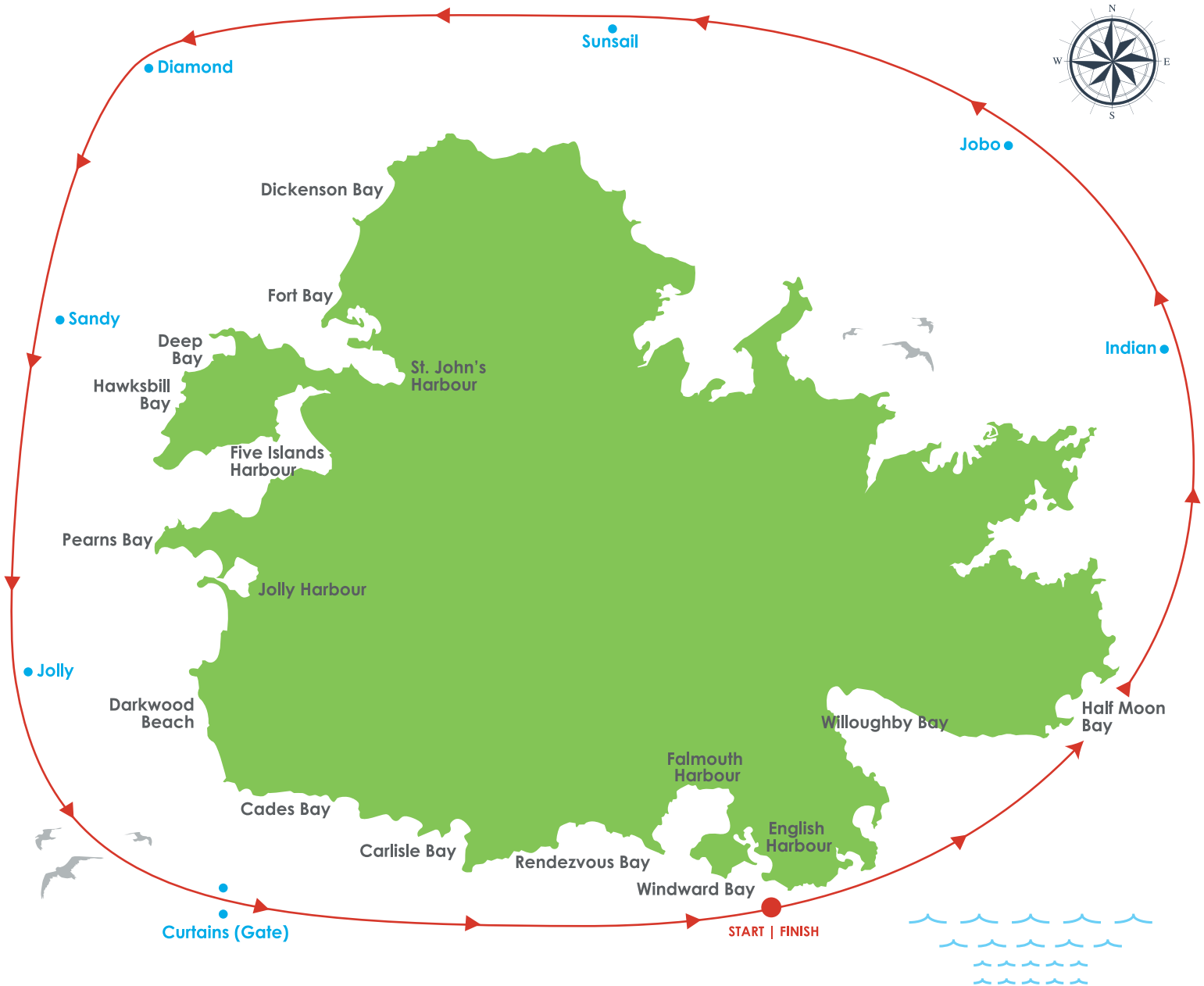
- 18.1 The *ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 – 2016* are available at www.sailing.org.
- 18.2 The *CSA Rating Rule* is available at <http://caribbean-sailing.com/wp-content/uploads/2013/12/CSA-Rule-2015.pdf>.
- 18.3 The *Requirements for Bareboat Class* are available at <http://www.sailingweek.com/v4/wp-content/uploads/2014/02/Bareboat-Class-Requirements.pdf>.
- 18.4 The *CSA Multihull Rating Rule* is available at <http://www.csamultihull.com/rule-details.php>.
- 18.5 The *ASW Minimum Safety Rules* are available at <http://www.sailingweek.com/v4/wp-content/uploads/2014/12/ASW-Minimum-Safety-Rules.pdf>.
- 18.6 For further information see: www.sailingweek.com or contact roc@sailingweek.com.



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START - Between a red flag on the hill above the Pillars of Hercules and an orange mark to its south.

I	Indian	Leave to Port
G	Jobo	Leave to Port
Z	Sunsail	Leave to Port
D	Diamond	Leave to Port
Y	Sandy	Leave to Port
J	Jolly	Leave to Port
R	Curtains (Gate)	Must sail through Gate

FINISH - Between a red flag on the hill above the Pillars of Hercules and an orange mark to its south.

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MARK LOCATIONS

LETTER	NAME	APPROXIMATE POSITION	GPS COORDINATES
I	Indian	057°M 1.5 NM from Indian Town Point	17° 07.26' N 61° 39.60' W
G	Jobo	045°M 3.2 NM from North Point of Great Bird Island	17° 11.70' N 61° 41.78' W
Z	Sunsail	029°M 2.7 NM from Prickly Pear Island	17° 13.20' N 61° 47.25' W
D	Diamond	328°M 4.5 NM from Weatheralls Point	17° 13.05' N 61° 54.33' W
Y	Sandy	285°M 0.75 NM from Sandy Island Lighthouse	17° 08.10' N 61° 56.30' W
J	Jolly	269°M 2.0 NM from Ffryes Point	17° 02.60' N 61° 55.95' W
R	Curtains (Gate)	212°M 1.5 NM from Johnsons Point	17° 00.20' N 61° 53.80' W



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