



ANTIGUA SAILING WEEK

ROUND ANTIGUA RACE
SATURDAY, APRIL 23, 2016

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.

Abbreviations: ASW – Antigua Sailing Week CSA – Caribbean Sailing Association
RRS – Racing Rules of Sailing

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Race will be governed by the rules as defined in the *World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (2013 - 2016)* ('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 *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 RRS 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. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 It is the intention of the Race Committee to communicate regularly with competitors on the designated VHF channel. Initial communications will commence approximately 30 minutes before the first warning signal.
- 3.2 The Race Committee will stand by on VHF channel 12.

- 3.3 Failure of a boat to hear any notification on the VHF radio 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 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.
- 4.2 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 +1 268 725 4361 or the Committee Desk at +1 268 764 1072.
- 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

- 5.1 Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board at Antigua Yacht Club by 5:00 pm on Friday, April 22, 2016.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be from a flag staff at Fort Charlotte above the Pillars of Hercules, outside English Harbour.
- 6.2 In addition to RRS 32, should the Race Committee decide to shorten the course retrospectively at the gate mark referred to in SI 11.3, flags S over H and the applicable class flags will be displayed on the flag staff at Fort Charlotte. This amends RRS Race Signals.

7. SCHEDULE

- 7.1 For all classes, the race will take place on Saturday, April 23, 2016.
- 7.2 The first start will not be before 8:00 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 5:00 pm on Friday, April 22.

8. CLASSES

- 8.1 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.
- 8.2 Boats must declare their intended sail configuration at Registration which must not be changed after 5:00 pm on Friday, April 22. This also applies to boats with alternate headsail ratings.

9. IDENTIFICATION

- 9.1 All boats without sail numbers will be required to carry bow and stern 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 and stern numbers. The deposit will be refunded upon return of the numbers to the Committee Desk by 12:00 pm on Sunday, April 24, 2016 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 12:00 pm on Saturday, April 30, 2016.

10. THE COURSE

- 10.1 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.
- 10.2 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.

11. MARKS AND OBSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 The outer distance starting and finishing mark will be an orange buoy to the south of the Pillars of Hercules.
- 11.2 All other marks of the course will be orange or yellow inflatable buoys.
- 11.3 If a Committee Boat displaying the 2nd Substitute 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. Boats shall pass between the Committee Boat and the nearby mark leaving the mark on the required side.
- 11.4 Mark locations, approximate GPS coordinates and designated identifying digits are as described in Appendix 2 to these Sailing Instructions.

12. THE START

- 12.1 Race starts shall be in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal being made ten (10) minutes before the starting signal (10 – 4 – 1 – Start).
- 12.2 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 outer distance mark to its south.
- 12.3 A boat starting later than ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

13. THE FINISH

- 13.1 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 outer distance mark to its south.
- 13.2 The Race Committee may decide to shorten the course at the gate (SI 11.3) 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 (2) sound signals at the finish line and, if necessary, the flags of the classes affected. This adds to RRS 32 and amends RRS 'Race Signals'. The Race Committee will make every effort to confirm this by VHF. Should the course be shortened in accordance with this SI 11.3, 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 RRS 69.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 The penalty, if any, for breaches of the RRS other than Parts 1 and 2 shall be at the sole discretion of the Protest Committee. This changes RRS 44.3(c), RRS 64.1 and RRS A4.2.

- 14.2 A boat that does not take a penalty in accordance with RRS 44.1 and RRS 44.2 may accept a forty per cent (40%) scoring penalty before the protest hearing at the discretion of the Protest Committee. However, RRS 4.1(a) and (b) apply. This changes RRS 44.3(c) and RRS A4.2.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 The time limit for all classes will be 6:00 pm.
15.2 Boats failing to finish by the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing.
15.3 SI 15.1 and SI 15.2 change RRS 35 and RRS A5.

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 A boat that intends to protest is requested to notify the Race Committee after finishing on VHF channel 12.
16.2 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.
16.3 The time limit for filing a written request for a hearing under RRS N1.4(b) is thirty (30) minutes after a party has been notified of the panel's decision.
16.4 Notices informing competitors of the place and approximate time of each protest will be posted on the Protest Board at Antigua Yacht Club and hearings will commence as soon as possible after these notices have been displayed.
16.5 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. Rules for arbitration will be posted at the Protest Desk.

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 Trophies may be presented to the overall corrected time winner, the monohull elapsed time winner and the multihull elapsed time winner.
17.3 Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Committee.
17.4 The prize giving will be held in Nelson's Dockyard at approximately 7:00 pm on Saturday, April 23, 2016 or as soon thereafter as possible.

18. MEDIA RIGHTS

- 18.1 By participating in this event, competitors grant to the Organising Authority 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

- 19.1 RRS 4 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an

element of risk. By taking part in the Round Antigua Race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- (a) they are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk while taking part in the Round Antigua Race;
- (b) they are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- (c) they accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- (d) their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the Round Antigua Race and they are fit to participate; and
- (e) the provision of a race management team, support boats, judges and other officials and volunteers by the Organising Authority does not relieve them of their own responsibilities.

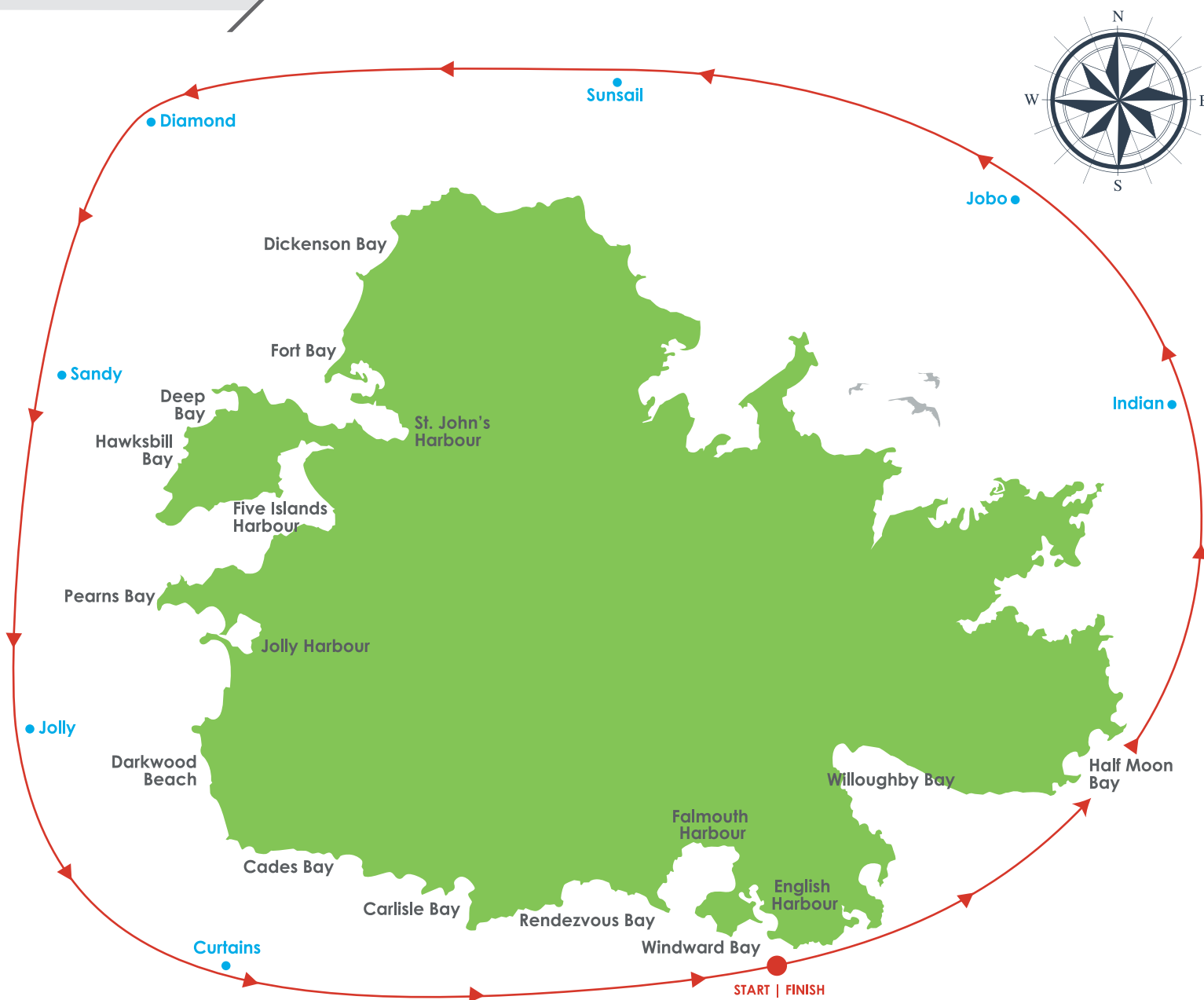
20. INSURANCE

20.1 Boats are strongly advised to hold Third Party Liability Insurance valid for the duration of the Round Antigua Race.



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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	Leave to Port

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	212°M 1.5 NM from Johnsons Point	17° 00.20' N 61° 53.80' W



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