



49TH ANTIGUA SAILING WEEK

GUADELOUPE TO ANTIGUA RACE FRIDAY, APRIL 22, 2016

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Antigua Yacht Club, the Antigua Sailing Week Committee and the Triskell Association of Guadeloupe invite you to compete in the Guadeloupe to Antigua Race. The Organising Authority is the Antigua Sailing Week Committee affiliated with the Antigua Sailing Association. The Race Headquarters will be located at Antigua Yacht Club, Falmouth Harbour, Antigua. Times are Antigua Standard Time.

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*;
 - (e) for all boats, the *ASW Minimum Safety Rules*.
- 1.3 For Multihull classes only, *ASW Minimum Safety Rule #2* with respect to lifelines will not apply.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any change to these Sailing Instructions will be posted at Registration in Deshaies, Guadeloupe by 7:00 pm on Thursday, April 21, 2016.

3. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 3.1 The scheduled time of the warning signal is 8:50 am on Friday, April 22, 2016.

4. CLASSES

- 4.1 Classes will be divided by type of boat and may include racing, cruising, bareboat, multihull and classic, all of which may be subdivided.
- 4.2 Boats must declare their intended sail configuration at the skippers' briefing to be held at the tent adjacent to the fishing harbour in Deshaies by no later than 7:30 pm on Thursday, April 21. The declared sail configuration must not change after that time. This also applies to boats with alternate headsail ratings.

5. IDENTIFICATION

- 5.1 All boats are requested to provide their sail numbers at Registration and to display them while racing.

- 5.2 Boats may be requested to fly a flag for the purpose of identification as a participant in the Guadeloupe to Antigua Race which if issued must be flown from the backstay or, if that is not possible, from another prominent position on the boat at all times while racing. Flags, if used, will be provided to all boats at Registration.

6. THE COURSE

- 6.1 The course will be from north of Deshaies, Guadeloupe to south of English Harbour, Antigua.

7. THE START

- 7.1 The Race will start in accordance with RRS 26 with the warning signal being made ten (10) minutes before the starting signal (10 – 4 – 1 – Start).
- 7.2 The starting line shall be located at approximately 16.21°N, 61.47°W and will be from south to north between a staff on the Committee Boat displaying an Antigua Yacht Club burgee and a mark to its west.

8. THE FINISH

- 8.1 The finish line shall be just east of the entrance to English Harbour, between a red flag on the hill located at 17°00.038N - 61°45.641W and an orange mark to its west. Boats shall cross the finish line from south to north.
- 8.2 All boats are requested to monitor VHF Channel 12 and shall call the Race Committee when they are approximately ¼ mile or closer to the finish line giving the boat's name, rating, sail number if applicable, and if it is possible to identify them, the names of the boats immediately ahead and behind. The Race Committee can also be contacted on +1 268 783 8815. Boats that fail to contact the Race Committee prior to finishing may not be scored.
- 8.3 The time limit for all classes will be 5:00 pm. Boats not finishing by the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes rules 35, A4 and A5.

9. PROTESTS

- 9.1 A boat that intends to protest is requested to notify the Race Committee after finishing on VHF channel 12.
- 9.2 Protest forms will be available at the Protest Desk at Antigua Yacht Club. The protest time limit is one hour after a boat's finishing time or 5:00 pm, whichever is earlier.

10. SAFETY

- 10.1 A boat that retires is requested to notify the Race Committee on VHF channel 12 as soon as it is within radio range or by calling +1 268 783 8815 and shall use its best efforts to receive an acknowledgement.

11. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 11.1 The Race Committee will stand by on VHF channel 12.

12. RESULTS AND PRIZES

- 12.1 Results will be posted at the Committee Desk at Antigua Yacht Club and at www.sailingweek.com as soon as possible after the race.
- 12.2 The prize-giving will be held at Antigua Yacht Club at approximately 5:30 pm on Friday, April 22.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

- 13.1 The governing documents referred to in Section 1, Rules, can be found as follows:
- (a) *World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016* - www.sailing.org;
 - (b) *CSA Rating Rule* – www.caribbean-sailing.com;
 - (c) *Requirements for Bareboat Class* – www.sailingweek.com;
 - (d) *CSA Multihull Rating Rule* – www.caribbean-sailing.com;
 - (e) *ASW Minimum Safety Rules* – www.sailingweek.com.
- 13.2 Information about the Caribbean Sailing Association, the CSA Rating Rule and CSA Measurers is available at: www.caribbean-sailing.com.
- 13.3 For further information see www.sailingweek.com or contact roc@sailingweek.com.