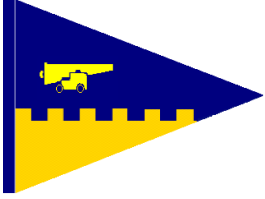


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NOTICE OF RACE & Sailing Instructions

Round the Island Race 2018

The Race will be known as “The Antigua Yacht Club Round the Island Race” and will consist of one race, anti-clockwise, right around the island of Antigua - approx.. 50 miles in total

The Organising Authority will be the Antigua Yacht Club.

The Rules – will be the ISAF RRS version 2017 - 2020

The Race Schedule will be -

Saturday 20 th . January 2018	- First start will be at 8.00 am	for boats rating below 0.900) starts to
	Second start will be at 9.15 am	for boats rating 0.900 – 1.020)synchronize
	Third start will be at 10.15am	for boats rating above 1.020)to GPS time

The committee boat, CB, will be AYC Whisper and will be on station, for starting, from 7.45 am onwards and for finishing, from approx. 2.30 pm – 4.30 pm. or as needed. Boats are asked to call in approx. 30 minutes before their anticipated finish time to alert the CB – see below for contact details.

Time Limit - The time limit will be 5.30 pm (dusk) – boats not finishing by this time will be scored DNF and are asked to radio in to the RC

Classes – There will be TWO classes – class A (racers and high performance boats) and class B (cruisers, smaller boats and lesser performance boats). Should the entry be only 6 boats or less then there will only be one combined class A. If sufficient entries a third class may be used for pure cruisers.

Classes will be allocated by the Organizers – and skippers will be informed of their class at the Skippers Briefing and/or no later than the first warning signal for the event.

Entry Fees - \$US 1.00/ft. LOA

Note: Entries must be paid in advance, or at very latest, by 5pm on Friday 19th January. Entries not paid by this time will be considered as DNS and will be discounted in the scoring.

Scoring - Will be based on the total corrected time and scored to RRS – Appendix A -Scoring
i.e. - the lowest Corrected Time will be the winner

Prizes – There will be an annual Perpetual Trophy – “The Sizzling Bacon Trophy” awarded to the Monohull yacht with the lowest elapsed Time

The winning yacht will be the yacht in any class with the lowest corrected time and will receive The Skipper’s Weight in Rum.

The present record (monohull) is held by “True North” and is 4 hrs. 19 mins. 51 secs.

The present record (multihull) is held by “Paradox” and is 3 hrs. 56 mins. 53 secs.

RATINGS: For both classes A and B current 2017 CSA ratings will be used. If a boat has an outdated rating – 2016, 2014, it may be accepted after updating by the organizers. Ratings prior to 2014 are unlikely to be accepted – these boats may then race on a fun basis and will be given a finish time and place in the fleet but may not qualify for any prizes.

The Course – will be completely around the island of Antigua – in a counter clockwise direction – and including all above water reefs and islets en route. There will be four virtual GPS marks A, B, C and D, coordinates below, which must be left to PORT. These virtual GPS marks will delineate the outer edge of the off lying reefs. Note – these marks will be in deep water but it remains each skipper’s responsibility for the safe navigation of his vessel regardless of the given GPS positions.

Each vessel must carry a working GPS which must have some facility to prove the track of their route if any doubt should arise as to a fair and correct rounding.

Start to	Man of War Pt. (Green Island)	to PORT
to	Mark A 17 -11.20 N / 61 -42.70 W (Three Fathom Bank)	to PORT
to	Mark B 17- 12.50 N / 61 - 47.50 W (Horse Shoe Reef)	to PORT
to	Mark C 17- 13.00 N / 61- 53.00 W (Diamond Bank)	to PORT
to	Mark D 17- 08.10 N / 61 – 56.30 W (Sandy Island)	to PORT
to	outside – south of – Cades Reef	to PORT
to	Finish	

Starting Procedure - Will be in accordance with RRS 26 (5: 4: 1: Go)

The WARNING (5 mins.) signal will be at 5 mins. Prior to the advertised time of each START

An ATTENTION sound signal (three long horn blasts) ‘may’ be given 1 minute beforehand (ie.at 6 mins. before each start)

The Class (Warning Signal) Flag for the First start will be a RED flag

The Class (Warning Signal) Flag for the Second start will be a YELLOW flag

The Class (Warning Signal) Flag for the Third start will be a GREEN Flag

The PREPARATORY (4 mins.) signal for each class will be indicated by the raising of flag P which is dropped at 1 minute prior to the start. The Class Warning is lowered at the start.

A sound signal ‘may’ also be given to draw attention to the flags.

Starting / Finishing Line – will be in the mouth of Falmouth Harbour between the committee boat and a mark to the West.

Skippers’ Briefing will be at AYC on Friday 19th Jan at 6.00 pm.

For those unable to attend all information will be available by email to captrarcher@gmail.com and on the water on VHF 12 up to the warning signal for their start.

Radio – will use channel 12 which all yachts will be expected to monitor. Failure to hear any verbal instructions, properly put out, will not be grounds for protest or redress.

Boats are asked to check in at intervals with the RC approx. 30 mins. Prior to their arrival at the finish line. Or if they elect to retire from the race.

Note – The race officer, will monitor Channel 12.

Safety – It is each Skipper’s obligation to be wholly responsible for the safety of their vessel and crew.

Yachts are asked to notify the RC of their intention to retire from the race.

In event of serious danger any yacht / yachts are to call in to RC immediately and to contact ABSAR / Jonathan by telephone (464-1234) if necessary.

All other close-by yachts are then obligated to stand-by and /or offer assistance in such a situation. Failure to do so may result in disqualification and possibly more serious sanctions by ABSA

Liability – Antigua Yacht Club have no legal liability whatsoever for any incident or damage arising to boats or persons or for the conduct of this race and all yachts take part on that understanding.

Insurance – Is not a requirement and all yachts must be prepared to meet any costs arising as a result of their actions.

Sail Wardrobe – must be PUBLICALLY declared at time of entry or at latest before the warning signal for their start. The rating will then reflect the sail wardrobe selected. Yachts failing to PUBLICALLY declare their sail wardrobe / rating will be given their highest rating number available in the CSA database.

Note – A VHF announcement to both RC and other competitors will be accepted as PUBLIC.

No changes (upwards) in sail wardrobe may then be made.

Protests - Protest procedure must comply with World Sailing / RRS part 5 section A - and must be submitted in writing to the Race Officer within 60 minutes of the protesting boat’s finish.

Protests will be heard at the AYC as soon as possible.

A protest jury will be convened from IJ’s NJ’s or knowledgeable local yachtsmen not involved in the race or at a minimum not involved in the incident.

NOTE: This is a friendly club regatta – aggressive sailing and protests are discouraged.

Social -

There will be a party at the AYC with the prize giving on Saturday pm.

Prize giving will be at AYC starting between 5.00 pm and 6.00 pm on Saturday 20th Jan

The “Skipper’s Weight in Rum” weigh-in will take place on the AYC lawn.

Signed

Richard Archer

AYC Fleet Captain