



# Antigua Bermuda Race 2017

May 12, 2017

## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. MANAGEMENT

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (“OA”) of the Antigua Bermuda Race 2017 (“the race”) is the Antigua Bermuda Committee (“ABC”) of The Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (“RBYC”), a member of the Bermuda Sailing Association. RBYC will be managing the race in affiliation with Antigua Sailing Week. The Pre-Race Headquarters will be located at Antigua Yacht Club, Falmouth Harbour, Antigua and the Race Headquarters at Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, Hamilton Bermuda.
- 1.2 The OA will have the authority to interpret the conditions governing the event and assign yachts to divisions and classes. The OA reserves the right to accept or reject the entry of any “yacht,” which term shall be interchangeable with “boat.”

### 2. RULES

The race will be governed by the following:

- 2.1 The rules, as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (“RRS”), including the Bermuda Sailing Association prescriptions hereto attached;
- 2.2 The CSA Rating Rule for boats in CSA Classes;
- 2.3 The CSA Multihull Rating Rule for boats in multihull classes;
- 2.4 The CSA Classic Rating Rule for boats in the classic classes;
- 2.5 The IRC Rating Rule for boats in the IRC classes;
- 2.6 The ORCs<sub>y</sub> Rule for boats in the Superyacht Class
- 2.7 The International Super Yacht Rule (“ISYR”) for boats in the Spirit of Tradition Class.
- 2.8 The CAT 1 World Sailing Offshore Safety Requirements;

- 2.9 Boats in Divisions other than IRC may elect to use auxiliary propulsion during the race. They shall keep a log of their usage. This modifies RRS 42.
- 2.10 Power-driven winches and furlers, and mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices will be permitted. This modifies RRS 52.
- 2.11 Rule 55, Trash Disposal, is changed by adding the following sentence: 'However, discarding biodegradable, environmentally friendly bands when setting a sail is permitted.'
- 2.12 The Sailing Instructions may change other rules
- 2.13 Before the start of the race the Official Notice Board will be on the race website [www.antiguabermuda.com](http://www.antiguabermuda.com). After the start the Official Notice Board will be located at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club and notices after the start may be posted on the race website. Failure to post notices on the race website after the start shall not be grounds for redress.
- 2.14 Before the start of the race the official time-zone is Atlantic Standard Time. After the start of the race the official time-zone is Atlantic Daylight Time.

### **3. ADVERTISING**

- 3.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and provided by the OA as permitted by World Sailing Regulation 20.2.3. See RRS 80 and World Sailing Regulation 20.

### **4. ELIGIBILITY**

#### 4.1 Yacht Eligibility

The regatta will be held for yachts with a minimum LOA of 40 feet and a minimum of two (2) crew in the following classes which may be subdivided;

- a) CSA Monohull
  - b) CSA Multihull
  - c) CSA Classic
  - d) IRC
  - e) Superyacht
  - f) Spirit of Tradition
  - g) Boats may enter multiple classes
- 4.2 The OA reserves the right to amalgamate, cancel, divide, sub-divide or rearrange classes at its sole discretion.

### **5. ENTRY, FEES & REGISTRATION**

- 5.1 Boats shall enter online at [www.antiguabermuda.com](http://www.antiguabermuda.com);
- 5.2 Entries will be accepted up to 5 pm on Friday, April 14, 2017. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority and if accepted a 20% late entry penalty may be levied in addition to the entry fee.
- 5.3 All entries are asked to declare their sail rating configuration no later than 1700 on Friday, April 28, 2017.

- 5.4 For all classes the Entry Fee shall be US \$500 per boat and \$50 per crew member payable on or before 1700 on April 15, 2017.
- 5.5 Registration is mandatory for all entrants and will take place at the Committee Desk at Antigua Yacht Club, Falmouth Harbour, on Wednesday, May 10, 2017 from 9 am to 5 pm.
- 5.6 All competitors will be required to complete a waiver provided by the Organizing Authority prior to the start of racing.

## **6. MEASUREMENTS AND RATINGS**

- 6.1 All multihull entries must contact a CSA measurer via [www.caribbean-sailing.com](http://www.caribbean-sailing.com) to arrange for measurement and to obtain a rating certificate.
- 6.2 Classic boats will be given a CSA Classic Rating
- 6.3 CSA boats shall have a valid 2017 digitally-certified CSA Rating certificate.
- 6.4 IRC boats shall have a valid 2017 IRC certificate.
- 6.5 Superyachts shall have a valid ORCs Certificate.
- 6.6 Spirit of Tradition boats shall have a valid ISYR rating.
- 6.7 Boats in the CSA Divisions may elect to use auxiliary propulsion during the race. They shall keep a log of their usage. The aggregate time motoring will be multiplied by a race factor and added to the base time on course which will then be adjusted by their rating. The race factor will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

## **7. IDENTIFICATION**

- 7.1 All boats are required to provide their sail numbers before the close of Registration.
- 7.2 All boats without sail numbers will be required to display bow and/or stern numbers for the purposes of identification.

## **8. START**

The race start line will be set off Fort Charlotte, Antigua. The first signal is scheduled for 1155 AST, Friday, May 12, 2017.

## **9. COURSE**

The course will be from the start to the finish off St. David's Lighthouse, Bermuda, leaving the Islands of Antigua and Bermuda to port, and as defined more specifically in the Sailing Instructions.

## **10. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be distributed at the time of Registration. Draft instructions will be posted on the web site as they become available.

## **11. COMMUNICATIONS**

11.1 The Sailing Instructions will require yachts to do the following:

- a. mount an automatic transponder (supplied by the OA) properly, and make scheduled reports to the race committee upon notice of the transponder's failure;
- b. use their best efforts to monitor AIS for AIS-SART or similar distress signals, and enable the transmitting mode of their AIS at all times;
- c. be capable of receiving voice calls and email via satellite while racing; and
- d. monitor VHF Ch. 16 throughout the race and VHF 72 for 1 hour before and after the start.

11.2 RRS 41, OUTSIDE HELP, which applies while racing, is changed to add (permit): "(e) Help in the form of information freely available to all boats even if that information is only accessible at a cost. However, such 'at a cost' help shall not include private forecast or tactical advice or information customized for a particular boat or group of boats and/or her/their situation. The use of PredictWind's Weather Routing tool is permitted."

## **12. PENALTY SYSTEM.**

12.1 The race committee may protest any yacht that has failed to meet any deadline specified in the Notice of race or the sailing instructions.

12.2 The penalty, if any, for breaches of the RRS other than Parts 1 and 2 will be at the sole discretion of the International Jury. This changes RRS 44.3(c), RRS 64.1 and RRS A4.2.]

12.3 For protests involving a breach of a rule of Part 2 of the Rules, an arbitration hearing may be offered prior to a protest hearing. This changes Part 5, Section B of the RRS. Decisions from Arbitration can be referred to the jury but cannot be reopened or appealed.

## **13. SCORING**

Corrected times will be calculated using the scoring systems and certificates mentioned in NoR 6.

Boats not finishing by 12:00 ADT on Saturday, May 20, 2017 will be scored DNF.

#### **14. PRIZES**

- 14.1 Prizes will be presented to the overall corrected time winner in each class. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.
- 14.2 Prize Giving will be on Saturday, May 20, 2017 at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club. Attendance is by invitation only.

#### **15. INSURANCE**

- 15.1 Boats must provide at Registration, evidence of Third Party Insurance of at least US\$1 million valid for the duration of the Race.

#### **16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY AND RISK STATEMENT**

- 16.1 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 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 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 race and they are fit to participate;
  - (e) the provision of a race management team, support boats, judges and other officials and volunteers by the Organising Authority does not relieve the competitor of their own responsibilities and
  - (f) The Organizing Authority, RBYC, Antigua Sailing Week, their members and officials will not be liable for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Race.

#### **17. FOR MORE INFORMATION**

For more information, see [www.antiguabermuda.com](http://www.antiguabermuda.com) or contact the Antigua Bermuda Organizing Committee at [info@antiguabermuda.com](mailto:info@antiguabermuda.com)



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