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RACE RECORDS:

Multihull record (2019)

Giovanni Soldini, Maserati, Multi 70 (ITA)
30 hours, 49 minutes, 00 seconds
(1 day 6 hrs 49 mins 0 secs)

Monohull record (2018)

George David, Rambler 88, Maxi (USA)
37 hours, 41 minutes, 45 seconds
(1 day 13 hrs 41 mins 45 secs)

RORC CARIBBEAN 600 TROPHY

The RORC Caribbean 600 Trophy is awarded to the monohull with the best corrected time under the IRC rating rule. It is currently held by Tilmar Hansen, Outsider, TP52 (GER) - 2020

RORC CARIBBEAN 600 TROPHY IRC OVERALL WINNERS

2020 - Tilmar Hansen, Outsider, TP52 (GER)
2019 - David & Peter Askew, VO70, Wizard (USA)
2018 - George David, Rambler 88, Maxi (USA)
2017 - Hap Fauth, Bella Mente, JV72 (USA)
2016 - George Sakellaris, Proteus, Maxi 72 (USA)
2015 - Hap Fauth, Bella Mente, JV72 (USA)
2014 - George Sakellaris, Shockwave, RP72 (USA)
2013 - Ron O'Hanley, Privateer, Cookson 50 (USA)
2012 - Niklas Zennström, Rån, JV72 (GBR)
2011 - George David, Rambler 100, JK 100 (USA)
2010 - Karl C L Kwok, Beau Geste, Farr 80 (HKG)
2009 - Adrian Lee, Lee Overlay Partners, Cookson 50 (IRL)

START TIMES:

Monday 21st February:

First start: 1050 - first warning signal
NB: provisional – Local times

IRC One (9 boats) + IRC 2 -(12 boats) & CSA only - 11:00

IRC Zero (19 boats) & Class40 (9 boats) - 11:10

IRC Super Zero (15 boats)- 11:20

MOCRA (10 boats) - 11:30

ABOUT THE RACE:

- The 2022 RORC Caribbean 600 is the 13th edition of the race and 75 boats will be competing with crew from 32 countries
- Yachts will be racing under the IRC Rating Rule, MOCRA and Class40 division
- Start: Monday 21st February 2022, Antigua
- The 600nm course circumnavigates 11 Caribbean Islands starting from Fort Charlotte, English Harbour, Antigua and heads north as far as St Martin and south to Les Saintes, off Guadeloupe, taking in Barbuda, Nevis, St Kitts, Saba and St Barth's
- The Royal Ocean Racing Club's classic 600-miler delivers superb winter racing in the Caribbean, with fast angles, ocean swell and tropical temperatures
- Organised by The Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) in association with Antigua Yacht Club



- Yachts and crews converge on Antigua from all around the world to take part in this classic 600 nautical mile race and an astounding collection of the world's finest offshore racing yachts will be on the start line

- Crews include some of the top sailors in the sport; from Olympians, Volvo Ocean Race, Vendee Globe, America’s Cup and round the world record-breakers, as well as...
- Corinthian sailors, including many RORC members and individuals who want to tick this great race off their bucket list. They are all competing on same race course as some of their sailing heroes
- Maxis, multihulls and a vast array of racing and cruising yachts from 10m to 38m (32-125ft) will be taking on the beautiful, yet challenging race
- Two boats will race Two-Handed (Jangada and Kai)

NATIONS:

Top three countries represented are: (By authority/Sail No:-

1. Great Britain
2. France
3. USA

75 Boats by Sail Number & the following Authority:

Antigua & Barbuda, Austria, Barbados, Canada, Cayman Islands, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Lithuania, Malta, Monaco, Netherlands, Poland, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, USA

Crew from: 32 different countries: Antigua & Barbuda, Austria, Australia, Barbados, Belgium, Bermuda, Bulgaria, Canada, Cyorus, Guadeloupe, Switzerland, Germany, Denmark, Saint Martin, Spain, Finland, Great Britain, France, Ireland, Italy, Lithuania, Netherlands, Norway, New Zealand, Peru, Poland, Portugal, Russia, Sweden, Slovenia, South Africa, USA



LARGEST BOAT:

The largest yacht at 125ft (38.07m)) is Skorpios, Dmitry Rybolovlev’s ClubSwan 125 (MON).

SMALLEST BOAT:

The smallest yacht at 32ft (10m) is Richard Palmer’s JPK 10.10 Jangada (GBR) racing Two Handed with Jeremy Waitt.

BY DESIGN:

Diverse fleet by design (52 approx.), including:-
 A13, Botin Irc 52, Class 40, Class 40 Mach 2, ClubSwan 125, Cookson 50, Elliott 44 CR, Farr 100, Farr 65, First 40, First 40.7, First 47.7, Harmony 52, Ice Yacht 52, J/121, J/122e, Jp 54, Jpk 1010, JPK 1180, Ker 46, Lombard 46, Mach 2, Maxi Multihull, MC 60, Milon 41, Mills 68, MOD 70, Multi 70, Mylius 60, Neel 47, NMYD 54, Ocean Explorer 72, One Off, Open 60, Orc50, Oyster 48, Pac52, Pogo 12.50, Reichel Pugh 37, Reichel Pugh 50 Ior, Salona 45, Sigma 38, Swan 115, Swan 48, Swan 60, Swan 82, Sydney 47, Ts42, Ts5, VO65, Volvo 70, Volvo Open 70, Vor 70, Vplp Design, Vplp/verdier 100 Super Maxi

- The international fleet is split into IRC rating bands who will be battling for class honours and the overall prize, the RORC Caribbean 600 Trophy
- The majority of boats will be racing under IRC, but many have a dual rating and will also compete under CSA (Caribbean Sailing Association) rule.



- Several Caribbean and Antiguan crews will be competing, including Bernie-Evan Wong on TAZ, who is the only skipper to have taken part in every race since it started in 2009. America’s Cup Antiguan sailor Shannon Falcone is racing on Comanche and his 22-year-old brother Rocco is on his father Carlo Falcone’s classic yacht classic Caccia Alla Volpe, along with Shirley Falcone. Other Antiguan entries are: Pamala Baldwin’s Liquid, and there are Antiguan crew members on Leopard (Giles de Jager – 20 years old), Warrior Won (Tristan Louwrens Ondeck Sailing’s Kay Anthony will be on board their Farr 65 Spirit of Juno, and a team from Barbados will be competing on Peter Lewis’ J/121 Whistler
- Antigua Yacht Club will host the race and supporters include: Antigua and Barbuda Tourism, Sevenstar Yacht Transport, Rolex SA and Musto
- The first warning signal for the start on Monday 21st February is at 1050. The 'P' Flag will be hoisted on Fort Charlotte, high above Antigua's iconic landmark, the Pillars of Hercules. Thousands of spectators will gather at the famous Shirley Heights, up at Fort Charlotte, and on the water to watch the magnificent fleet set off. RORC members, John Burnie and Stan Pearson (Antigua Rigging) are co-founders of the race (2009)

PROGRAMME:

Strict restriction on numbers and protocols are in place due to Covid rules.

Friday 18 February -All boats are in required to be in Antigua
 Saturday 19 February - 1800 Skipper's Briefing
 Sunday 20 February – Commodore's Cocktail
 Monday 21 February - Start of the 13th edition - 1050 First warning signal
 Friday 25 February - 1900 RORC Caribbean 600 Prize Giving, Antigua YC Lawn (invitation only)

HOW TO FOLLOW THE RACE:

RACE WEBSITE: <http://caribbean600.rorc.org>

There will be news stories, live blog to keep up to date, images, video and daily race reports. Follow all the action as it unfolds.

LIVE BLOG:

Will go live at 1000 (local) on Thursday 17th February. Follow the race online. We will be updating a Live Blog on the race website. Photos from the race, video, updates on the race, along with links to reports and news - <https://caribbean600.rorc.org/Live/2020-rorc-caribbean-600-race-live.html> (NB: link will be updated)

RORC SOCIAL MEDIA:

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 LinkedIn: <https://www.linkedin.com/company/royaloceanracingclub>

FLEET TRACKER:

All yachts will be fitted with a race tracker for the duration of the race and their progress can be followed at: <http://caribbean600.rorc.org/Race-Information/Tracking/>

VIRTUAL RACE:

Armchair racers can join the popular 'Virtual Regatta' for the 2022 RORC Caribbean 600 on the race website. Be prepared for very little sleep if you sign up!
<https://www.virtualregatta.com/fr/offshore-jeu/>



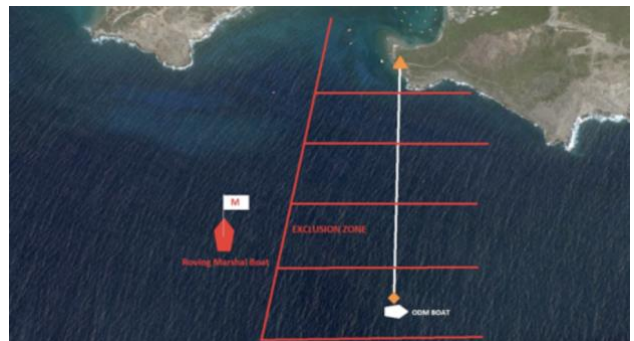
THE START:

The start takes place on Monday 21st February off Fort Charlotte and spectators will witness boats from around the world as they gather on the start line ready for their 600 nautical mile non-stop race. Spectators can get a great view from Fort Charlotte or from Shirley Heights. There's also a chance to catch a glimpse of the boats leaving Falmouth Harbour or from English Harbour and Galleon Beach as they make their way to the start line.

ON THE WATER SPECTATOR RESTRICTION ZONE:

Please note there will be a restriction zone in place, with marshalls on the water as a safety precaution.

For those wishing to watch the race from the water, please note that there will be an Exclusion Zone around the starting area effective from 1030 to 1200 on Monday 21st February 2022. The safety of spectator vessels and competitors is paramount and therefore Marshal Boats displaying a white flag with the word Marshall on it will be policing the exclusion zone as per the diagram:-



RACE ORGANISERS: RORC

- Established in 1925, The Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) became famous for the biennial Fastnet Race and the international team event, the Admiral's Cup. It organises an annual series of domestic offshore races from its base in Cowes, as well as inshore regattas in the Solent, UK. The RORC works with other yacht clubs to promote their offshore races and provides marketing and organisational support
- The RORC Caribbean 600, based in Antigua and the first offshore race in the Caribbean, was an instant success. The RORC extended its organisational expertise by creating

the RORC Transatlantic Race from Lanzarote to Grenada, the first of which was in 2014

- The Club is based in St James' Place, London, but after a merger with The Royal Corinthian Yacht Club in Cowes, Isle of Wight, boasts a superb clubhouse facility at the entrance to Cowes Harbour and a membership of over 4,000
- The RORC has also been a leader in yacht handicap systems and in co-operation with the French offshore racing club, UNCL, created IRC – the principal yacht measurement system for the rating of racing yachts worldwide
- The Spinlock IRC rating rule is administered jointly by the RORC Rating Office in Lymington, UK and UNCL Centre de Calcul in Paris, France
- The RORC Rating Office is the technical hub of the Royal Ocean Racing Club and recognized globally as a centre of excellence for measurement

For Spinlock IRC rating information in the UK please

see: www.rorcrating.com

and for IRC rating globally www.ircrating.org

<https://www.facebook.com/rorcrating>

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HOSTED BY ANTIGUA YACHT CLUB:

The support of the members of the Antigua Yacht Club plays a vital part in the success of the RORC Caribbean 600. The fact that we see so many familiar faces helping us each year, with their vast experience of the local area and conditions, allows the RORC to organise this demanding offshore race with a small RORC team from the UK.

A.B.S.A.R.

ABSAR, the Antigua Barbuda Search and Rescue team will be on hand to help with the many aspects of safety and fleet management required to run an offshore race. ABSAR's highly trained team and safety network throughout the islands on the Caribbean 600 course is vital to the safe running of the race. ABSAR will also be on hand to help identify any boats finishing in the hours of darkness.

AYC VOLUNTEERS:

Many of the volunteers have helped the race since the beginning and their contribution is very important. Each yacht is met at the dock with a case of beer and a smile; it's part of the character of the race and this wonderful welcome couldn't be achieved without the help of the volunteers.



RACE PARTNERS & SPONSORS:

MUSTO: RORC has teamed up with Musto to provide a range of technical race gear, polo and rugby shirts as the official merchandise for the RORC Caribbean 600.

ROLEX SA: The Royal Ocean Racing Club has partnered with Rolex SA, adding the RORC Caribbean 600 to the leading Swiss watchmaker's prestigious roster of yachting events around the world. www.rolex.com

SEVENSTAR YACHT TRANSPORT: Sevenstar Yacht Transport – Official Logistics Partner to the RORC Caribbean 600. Sevenstar Yacht Transport is the world's leading provider of yacht shipping services. They offer a unique package to the RC600 teams which includes all logistics of boat and spares.

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<http://www.brydensantigua.com>

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