

## FACTS & STATS FOR MEDIA

2020 RORC Caribbean 600

Start Antigua: Monday 24 February



600 Nautical Miles – 73 entries (as at 180220)  
Teams from 37 nations - 11 Caribbean Islands  
12<sup>th</sup> Edition - 1 Amazing Race

### RACE RECORDS:

#### Multihull record (2019)

Giovanni Soldini, Maserati, Multi 70 (ITA)  
30 hours, 49 minutes, 00 seconds

#### Monohull record (2018)

George David, Rambler 88, Maxi (USA)  
37 hours, 41 minutes, 45 seconds

### RORC CARIBBEAN 600 TROPHY IRC OVERALL WINNERS

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, Rán, 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:

First start at 1100.

It will be streamed live on the RORC Facebook.

Provisional only. Not confirmed:-

IRC 2, 3 & CSA only - 11:00  
IRC 1 & Class 40 - 11:10  
IRC Z & superyacht: 11:20  
Multihull - 11:30

### ABOUT THE RACE:

- The 2020 RORC Caribbean 600 is the 12<sup>th</sup> edition of the race and around 74 boats from 20 countries will compete
- Start: Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020, Antigua
- Organised by The Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) in association with Antigua Yacht Club
- 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 RORC Caribbean 600 Trophy is awarded to the monohull with the best corrected time under the IRC rating rule. Currently held by David & Peter Askew's VO70, Wizard (USA) from 2019
- 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 finest sailors in the sport; from Olympians, Volvo Ocean Race, Vendee Globe, America's Cup and round the world record-breakers
- Serious Corinthian sailors, including many RORC members and individuals who want to tick this great race off their bucket list, will be competing on the same race course as some of their heroes from the world of sailing
- Maxis, multihulls and a vast array of racing and cruising yachts from 10m to 29m will be taking on the beautiful, yet challenging race
- Yachts from the USA have won eight out of 11 editions of the race, securing the RORC Caribbean 600 Trophy presented to the overall winner in IRC

### NATIONS:

Top three countries represented are:

1. Great Britain
2. USA
3. France

Over 70 Boats representing 22 countries:

Antigua & Barbuda, Austria, Australia, Barbados, Belgium, Canada, Cayman Islands, France, Germany, Great Britain, Italy, Montenegro, Netherlands, Poland, Puerto Rico, Russia, Spain, St Maarten, St Vincent & Grenadines, Sweden, Switzerland, USA,

+ crew members from 17 others countries:- Bermuda, Bulgaria, Denmark, Finland, Ghana, Greece, Hungary, Ireland, Israel, Latvia, New Zealand, Norway, Papua New Guinea, Peru, Portugal, South Africa, Trinidad & Tobago

**LARGEST BOAT:** The largest yacht at 95ft (28.87m) is Jeroen Van Dooren's Swan 95, Lott99 (NED).

**SMALLEST BOAT:** The smallest yacht at 32ft (10m) is Richard Palmer's JPK 10.10 Jangada (GBR) racing Two Handed

#### BY DESIGN:

Diverse fleet by design, including:-

- 4 x Class40s
- 3x MOD 70s: Maserati Multi 70 (ITA), Argo (USA), Powerplay (CAY)
- 4 x in MOCRA class: Ultim Emotion2, Fujin - Bieker 53, Shockwave - one off 63ft tri and Nigel Irens-designed APC 78 catamaran Allegra
- 3 x Cookson 50s: Triple Lindy, Privateer
- 2 x First 40s: Optimus Prime, Rocket Dog II
- 3 x First 40.7: Escapado, Fireball, Playing Around
- 2 x First 47.7: EH01, Kali
- 2 x Grand Soleil 43: Panther, Jua Kali
- 4 x Nautor Swans: Lee Overlay Partners (Swan 60), Libelula (swan 65), Umiko (Swan 80fd), Lott99 (Swan 95)
- Oyster: Scarlet Oyster (48)
- 1 x VO60: Esprit de Corps III
- 1 x VO65s: Austrian Ocean Race Project
- 4 x Volvo Open 70s: Wizard, Telefonica Black (Kraken), I Love Poland, green Dragon
- Two Handed – Three boats will sail shorthanded with just two crew:- Cabbly Vane, Class40, Avanti, Hanse 430 and Jangada, JPK 10.10
- 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
- 36 boats will be racing under CSA (Caribbean Sailing Association) rule. Most also have a dual rating, under IRC
- Several Caribbean and Antiguan crews will be competing, including Bernie-Evan Wong on TAZ, who is the only skipper to have competed in every edition of the race since 2009. Other Antiguan entries are: Pamala Baldwin's Liquid and Rodney Dodd's Blue Fin. Whistler is a team from Barbados and Addictive Sailing is from St Maarten
- 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 24<sup>th</sup> February is at 1050. The 'P' Flag will be hoisted on Fort Charlotte, high above Antigua's iconic Pillars of Hercules.
- Thousands of spectators will gather at the famous Shirley Heights 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 and the first edition took place in 2009

#### PROGRAMME, ANTIGUA:

Friday 21 February -1200 Boats are in required to be in Antigua

Saturday 22 February - 1800 Skipper's Briefing, Antigua YC, Events Centre

Saturday 22 February – 1830 – Opening Party (by invitation)

Monday 24 February - Start of the 12th edition - 1050 First warning signal

Friday 29 February - 1900 RORC Caribbean 600 Prize Giving, Antigua YC (by invitation)

#### HOW TO FOLLOW THE RACE:

##### ONLINE: RACE WEBSITE:

Follow the race website: <http://caribbean600.rorc.org>

There will be news stories, blogs from the race course, images, video and daily race reports. Follow all the action as it unfolds on the RORC Caribbean 600 website

**RACE WEBSITE:** Follow the RORC Caribbean 600 on the dedicated minisite: <http://caribbean600.rorc.org>

##### LIVE BLOG:

Follow the race online. We will be updating a Live Blog on the race website. Photos from the race, video, updates on the race and as they finish along with links to reports and news

##### WATCH THE START LIVE ON FACEBOOK:

Live streaming of the build-up and all the starts on RORC Facebook, with commentary:-  
<https://www.facebook.com/RoyalOceanRacingClub>

**RORC SOCIAL MEDIA:** Twitter: Follow @rorcracing  
Hashtag: #Caribbean600

Instagram: <https://www.instagram.com/rorcracing/>  
Facebook:

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

YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/user/RORCRacing/videos>

##### 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 2020 RORC Caribbean 600 on the race minisite. Over 16,000 entered the last race online. Be prepared to not have much sleep after the start if you sign up!

**START:** The start takes place on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> 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.

## BOATS BY COUNTRY:

### Antigua & Barbuda:

TAZ, Liquid, Blue Fin (GBR flag)

### Austria

Austrian Ocean Race Project  
Green Dragon

### Australia

Grace O'Malley (ex-Riff Raff)

### Barbados

Whistler

### Belgium

Black Soul II

### Canada

Esprit de Corps III  
Hermes – Ocean Racers  
Emily of Cowes with a team mostly from Vancouver  
Escapado is chartered by BC/ONT team

### Cayman Islands

Powerplay  
Shockwave

### France

Albator  
Aminata  
Bhb  
Lady First 3  
Purple Rain  
Sensation Class40  
Sensei  
Teasing Machine  
The Kid  
UP Sailing – Unis pour la planete

### Great Britain

Blue Fin  
EH01  
Escapado  
Fireball  
Grace O'Malley (GBR flag)  
Jangada  
Jua Kali  
Laura  
Lee Overlay Partners 2  
Maiden  
Optimus Prime  
Panther  
Pata Negra  
Phan  
Playing Around  
Rocket Dog II  
Sam  
Scarlet Oyster  
Sleeper X  
Spirit Of Juno  
Telefonica Black (now Kraken, run as race charter)

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Umiko

### Germany

Iskareen  
Outsider

### Italy

Maserati

### Montenegro

Cristoforo

### Netherlands

Nyima  
Cabbyl Vane  
Lot 99

### Poland

I Love Poland  
Sailing Poland VO65

### Puerto Rico

Tostao

### Russia

Anna  
Jellyfish chartered by  
Seventus - Russian Offshore Racing Club

### Sint Maarten/St Maarten

Addictive Sailing

### Spain

Libelula  
Telefonica Black (ESP flag)

### Switzerland

Allegra  
Kali

### Sweden

Emily of Cowes  
Matador

### USA

Argo  
Avanti  
Fujin  
In Theory  
Kinship  
Privateer  
Prospector  
Quintessence III  
Summer Storm  
Triple Lindy  
True  
Wizard

**ORGANISERS: The Royal Ocean Racing Club:**

- 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, has been 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 next edition starts on 9 January 2021
- The Club is based in St James' Place, London, but after a merger with The Royal Corinthian Yacht Club in Cowes, Isle of Wight, now 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 Lynton, 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](http://www.rorcrating.com) and for IRC rating globally [www.ircrating.org](http://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;  
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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:**

**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](http://www.rolex.com)

**SEVENSTAR RACING YACHT LOGISTICS:** 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. <http://www.sevenstar-yacht-transport.com/racing-logistics.aspx>

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**ENGLISH HARBOUR RUM:**  
<http://www.antiguadistillery.com>

**CARIB BEER:**  
<http://www.caribbrewery.com/>

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