



RORC Nelson's Cup Series 2024

Tuesday 13th until Friday 23rd February 2024

NOTICE OF RACE



Incorporating 2 days of great racing Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th February, the Antigua 360 – Round the Island Race on Friday 16th February and the classic RORC Caribbean 600 starting Monday 19th February.

The Organising Authority is the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC) in association with the Antigua Yacht Club.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

- 1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024 (<https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/racing-rules-of-sailing/>).
- 1.2 The National Authority (RYA) prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 Competitors should note that the RORC implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. The charter can be found on the RYA website.
- 1.4 [DP] IRC rules 2024 parts A, B and C shall apply. IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by "The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be the number shown on the certificate. There is no weight limit.
- 1.5 [DP] 2023-2024 World Sailing Inshore Regulations; Appendix B inshore racing will apply. All boats are required to have a working VHF.
- 1.6 When RRS rule 20 applies, a boat may indicate her need for room to tack or her response by using VHF radio on channel 16.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be issued to boats that have met all of the entry requirements. Sailing Instructions for the RORC Caribbean 600 will be issued separately prior to the start of the RORC Caribbean 600 start on Monday 19th February. Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions; the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence (this changes RRS 63.7).

3. COMMUNICATIONS

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at <http://www.sailracehq.com>
- 3.2 [DP] All boats are required to have a working VHF.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 3.4 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the sailing instructions.
- 3.5 In addition to the official ONB, a WhatsApp group with voluntary sign up, will be used to assist competitors to stay informed of RC intentions, notices, results, protest details and other information during the event. Sign up details will be available to all competitors at registration.

4. ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY

- 4.1 Entries are welcomed for boats with a valid IRC Certificate with a rating between 0.970 and greater.
- 4.2 Depending on entry numbers a CSA may also be available as a secondary scoring category.
- 4.3 The Antigua 360 (Friday 16th February) is open to all categories and classes.
- 4.4 Entries will only be accepted through the RORC Online Entry System available at www.sailracehq.com

4.5 The closing date for RORC Nelson's Cup Series races is Monday 12th February at 1200hrs (AST). As per RORC Caribbean 600 Notice of Race (1.0) the closing date for the RORC Caribbean 600 is Monday 22nd January 2024.

4.6 When entries or entry fees are received after the closing date, they may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority.

5. ENTRY FEES

5.1 Entry into the RORC Nelson's Cup Series shall be free for all valid entries in the RORC Caribbean 600 Race.

5.2 For boats wishing to compete in any part of the RORC Nelson's Cup Series, including any day of racing or the Antigua 360 entry fees shall be £140 per day.

5.3 Should the Organising Authority reject an entry they shall refund the entry fee in full.

5.4 The Organising Authority may cancel the event and reject or cancel entries in its absolute discretion, subject to RRS 76.

6. RATING CERTIFICATES

6.1 Boats shall have a valid IRC certificate, issued by an IRC Rating Authority, dated no later than Monday 12th February 2024.

6.2 The rating deadline for the RORC Nelson's Cup Series and the RORC Caribbean 600 shall be Monday 12th February 2024. After this date, changes will only be permitted with the permission of the OA and will be posted publicly on the ONB.

6.3 Where applicable, the CSA rating deadline for the RORC Nelson's Cup Series, shall be the same as the IRC rating deadline.

7. REGISTRATION

7.1 All registration details shall be completed online before racing, including providing a nominated shoreside contact details and accepting the declaration statement.

7.2 Registrations for the RORC Nelson's Cup Series and the RORC Caribbean 600 race can be completed in person at the Race Office, Antigua Yacht Club, English Harbour, Antigua.

7.3 The Race Office shall be open daily from 1000hrs to 1800hrs (AST) from Monday 12th February until Friday 23rd February 2024.

8. ADVERTISING

8.1 [DP] Advertising is permitted in accordance with the Class Rule and World Sailing Regulation 20.

8.2 [DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

9. RACE AREA AND COURSES

9.1 Racing conducted on Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th February will be held in vicinity of English Harbour/ Falmouth Harbour (southern Antigua) and adjacent waters.

9.2 It is intended that 4 races (windward / leeward and round the cans races) will be held on Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th February. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

9.3 The Antigua 360 – Round the Island Race, will sail around the island of Antigua in an anti-clockwise direction on Friday 16th February.

10. EVENT SCHEDULE

10.1 Proposed schedule for the 2024 RORC Nelson's Cup.

Date	Event	Location
Monday 22 nd January 2024	Closing Date - Caribbean 600 Race	http://caribbean600.rorc.org/
Monday 12 th February 2024	Closing Date – RORC Nelson's Cup Series	
Monday 12 th February 2024	IRC/ CSA Rating deadline	
Monday 12 th February 2024	Skippers Briefing & Welcome Drinks	1700hrs at AYC
Tuesday 13 th February 2024	Race Day One (1)	Vicinity of Falmouth/English Harbour
Tuesday 13 th February 2024	Daily prizes for Race Day One (1)	AYC Bar after racing
Wednesday 14 th February 2024	Race Day Two (2)	Vicinity of Falmouth/English Harbour
Wednesday 14 th February 2024	Daily prizes for Race Day Two (2)	AYC Bar after racing
Thursday 15 th February 2024	Lay-Day/ Reserve Day	
Friday 16 th February 2024	Antigua 360 – Round the Island Race	Start off Fort Charlotte
Saturday 17 th February 2024	C600 Welcome Party & Antigua 360 Prize Giving	AYC Lawn
Monday 19 th February 2024	Start of the RORC Caribbean 600	Start off Fort Charlotte
Friday 23 rd February 2024	Prizegiving	1900hrs AYC

10.2 The event will consist of up to six (6) races.

10.3 Should conditions require the Organising Authority may elect to alter the schedule of events to allow for the continuation or uninterrupted programme of racing.

11. INSPECTIONS & MEASUREMENT CHECKS

11.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the rules and Sailing Instructions.

11.2 When instructed by the Race Committee a boat will make itself available for the inspection and or measurement.

12. PENALTIES

12.1 In races conducted from Tuesday 14th until Friday 17th RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty (one tack and one gybe).

12.2 Penalties arising from the RORC Caribbean 600 Race starting Monday 19th February 2024, will be published in the separate NOR and Sailing Instructions.

12.3 Penalties arising from protests will be at the discretion of the protest committee and may be less than disqualification. This changes RRS 64.2.

13. SCORING

13.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply, including the following changes.

13.2 Three races are required to constitute a series.

13.3 The overall prize for the RORC Nelson's Cup Series will be awarded to the yacht with the lowest combined score after completion of the RORC Caribbean 600 race.

- 13.4 The Round Antigua will have a scoring factor of 1.5.
13.5 The C600 race will have a scoring factor of 2 and is non-discardable.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

[DP] Boats shall not be hauled out during the event except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

15. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

[DP] Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats whilst they are in the water.

16. RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

Competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority, without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use and show any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped, or filmed television of or relating to the event.

17. PRIVACY STATEMENT

The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority will be used to facilitate your participation in the event. If you have agreed to be bound by the Racing Rules of Sailing and other rules that govern the event (the rules), the legal basis of processing that personal information is contract. If you are not bound by the rules, the legal basis for processing that information is legitimate interest. Your personal information will be stored and used in accordance with the Organising Authority's privacy policy. When required by the rules, personal information may be shared with the RYA, your national authority and/or World Sailing. The results of the event and the outcome of any hearing or appeal may be published.

18. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall ensure that their boat is adequately insured, against all third-party claims.

19. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing 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 inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, 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 whilst taking part in the event;
- 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 event and they are fit to participate;
- e) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats if any and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f) The provision of patrol boat cover if any is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;

- g) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event.

20. PRIZE GIVING AND TROPHIES

- 20.1 The daily prize giving will be held immediately after racing on Tuesday 13th & Wednesday 14th February at the AYC bar.
- 20.2 A prizegiving will also be held for the Antigua 360 at the Welcome Party on Saturday 17th February.
- 20.3 Prizes be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 20.4 The event prize giving will be held at the AYC at 1900hrs on Friday 23rd February 2024.

FURTHER INFORMATION

All Competitors will be welcome at AYC during the event. Further information about berthing and accommodation options can be found on the event website at <http://caribbean600.rorc.org/>

Additional social arrangement details will be communicated and published to competitors using the event WhatsApp group or event noticeboard.

The RORC Race team can be contacted Royal Ocean Racing Club, The Disrespect, 82 High Street, Cowes, Isle of Wight. PO31 7AJ. Tel: +44 1983 295144 Email: racing@rorc.org. The Race Team will also be present onsite in Antigua at the AYC Race Office from Monday 12th February until Friday 23rd February 2024.