



**ANTIGUA
SAILING
WEEK 2026**

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Notice Of Cruising Rally & Regatta

The Antigua Sailing Week Committee, with headquarters located at Nelson's Dockyard, English Harbour, Antigua, invites you to compete in Antigua Sailing Week 2026. For 2026, the emphasis is on FUN through the rally which is a cruise in company. For those teams looking to enjoy the thrill of a start line and some buoy roundings, we will offer Optional Racing opportunities using easy courses every day of the rally. These OPTIONAL races will start in the vicinity of the previous destination and end in the vicinity of the next destination. For rallies, we will set a last start time and a last arrival time for each day so that you can choose when to sail. There will be overnight stops away from English Harbour and boats should have adequate facilities on board or make alternative arrangements for crews.

Everyone will get the option to compete in the Treasure Hunt. Daily challenges & questions will be set and fun prizes awarded at the end of each day. And, if you are not interested in sailing but just want to join in the end of day fun, invitations are open to all – come along and join us. Racing, Rally, Social, Treasure Hunt.

To enter Antigua Sailing Week 2026, go to <https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu/16859> and click on 'On-line Registration form'. For any queries: info@sailingweek.com.

There is a new, separate event for racing sailboats called Antigua Racing Cup with dates April 9 -12, 2026. Teams looking for the full-on racing experience they have come to expect for ASW should click through this link: www.AntiguaRacingCup.com.

Part 1 of this notice addresses general administrative information and Part 2 addresses rules and conditions of the regatta.

Part 1: General Administrative Information

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY (OA)

- 1.1. The Antigua Sailing Week is organized by Caribbean Sailing Events, Inc., a registered Non-Profit

2. CONTACT INFORMATION

- 2.1. Address: Caribbean Sailing Events, Inc.
Dockyard Drive
English Harbour, Antigua
- 2.2. Telephone: 268-725-6651
- 2.3. Email: info@SailingWeek.com
- 2.4. Website: www.SailingWeek.com
- 2.5. The event headquarters will be located at Nelson's Dockyard, English Harbour.

3. SCHEDULE

- 3.1. Onsite registration is mandatory for all entrants.
- 3.2. Unless otherwise announced, registration will take place at the Committee Desk at Nelson's Dockyard in English Harbour on Wednesday, April 22, 2026, from 0900 to 1700
- 3.3. There will be a Competitors' Briefing at Nelson's Dockyard in English Harbour at 1800 on Wednesday, April 22, 2026

4. ENTRY FEES AND PAYMENT INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. The entry fee will be:
- US \$14 per foot of measured overall length if paid in full prior to December 30, 2025;
 - US \$16 per foot of measured overall length if paid in full on or prior to March 6, 2026
 - US \$19 per foot of measured overall length if paid after March 6, 2026.
- 4.2. Entrants are requested to pay entry fees online during registration using the link available in Yacht-Scoring or via <http://www.sailingweek.com/payment>. Alternatively, entry fees can be paid in person by Visa, MasterCard, American Express, cash or EC dollar cheque at the Antigua Sailing Week office located at National Sailing Academy, Dockyard Drive, English Harbour, open from 9 am to 5 pm Monday to Friday year-round (except Bank Holidays), or at Registration. Cheques or payments not honored will be subject to a fee of US \$100 plus any levied bank charges.
- 4.3. Paid entries withdrawing on or before March 6, 2026, will receive a refund of the entry fee. Entries withdrawing after March 6, 2026, will receive a refund of the entry fee less a 20% administration fee, except in exceptional circumstances at the sole discretion of the OA.

5. DOCKAGE FACILITIES

Entrants are responsible for arranging their own dockage or mooring.

6. RISK STATEMENT

- 6.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event.
- 6.2. As a condition of entry, each owner, skipper, and individual participating crew member shall submit an online liability waiver/media release.
- 6.3. The fully executed Liability & Media Waiver Form shall be submitted prior to racing. The waiver form link will be posted on the event website.

7. MEDIA RIGHTS

By participating in this event, competitors grant the OA and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio, and video recordings, and other production of them and/or their boat made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue until their final departure, without compensation.

8. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with adequate valid third-party liability insurance for the duration of the event.

9. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and provided by the OA. Display advertising of any other event or event sponsor shall be removed prior to the first day of racing.

Part 2: Racing Rules and Conditions

1. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 1.1. The event is open to all all boats. Please note that some of the planned anchorages are not suitable for boats with draft over 10'
- 1.2. Optional Racing is open to the following classes, which may be combined and/or subdivided:
 - CSA Simplified Monohull
 - CSA Simplified Multihull
- 1.3. Additional classes may be accepted at the discretion of the OA and may be subject to additional eligibility requirements.
- 1.4. Boats may enter the event online at www.SailingWeek.com
- 1.5. Entries will be accepted up to 1800hrs on Wednesday, April 22, 2026.
- 1.6. The OA reserves the right to amalgamate, cancel, divide, sub-divide or rearrange classes at its sole discretion.
- 1.7. All boats shall have a minimum of two persons on board at all times while participating.
- 1.8. All Optional Racing participants must declare their sail configuration at registration but in any event, by no later than 1800hrs on Wednesday, April 22, 2026.
- 1.9. In accord with World Sailing policies, the event is not open to Russian or Belarusian athletes. Additionally, no boat may be identified as Russian or Belarusian in any way.

2. RULES

- 2.1. For boats NOT participating in the OPTIONAL buoy races, Part 2 of the RRS is replaced by the right-of-way rules of by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea 1972 (the IRLCAS), also known as Collision Regulations (COLREGs).
- 2.2. For boats participating in the OPTIONAL buoy races: the event will be governed by the rules as defined in the *Racing Rules of Sailing*
- 2.3. The event will also be governed by:
 - 2.3.1. for Monohulls, the CSA Simplified Rating Rule
 - 2.3.2. for Multihulls, the CSA Simplified Multihull Rating Rule

- 2.3.3. for all boats, the ASW Minimum Safety Rules (See Appendix A)

3. MEASUREMENT AND RATINGS

- 3.1. All boats entered in the Optional Racing shall have:
 - In the Monohull classes: a valid 2026 digitally certified CSA Simplified rating certificate
 - In the Multihull classes: a valid 2026 digitally certified CSA Simplified Multihull rating certificate
- 3.2. Boats requiring measurement for a CSA rating prior to racing should follow this link: www.caribbean-sailing.com/apply-for-rating

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available online at www.SailingWeek.com prior to Registration.

5. COMMUNICATION

All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on standard 'International' channels.

6. RACING SCHEDULE

- 6.1. Rally Cruising and Racing will be scheduled on each of the following days:
 - Thursday, April 23, 2026
 - Friday, April 24, 2026
 - Saturday, April 25, 2026
 - Sunday, April 26, 2026
- 6.2. There will be no Warning Signal after 1300hrs on Sunday, April 26, 2026
- 6.3. The Prize Giving Ceremony will be at around 1900hrs on Sunday, April 26, 2026

7. Number of Races

There will be one Optional Race per day.

8. IDENTIFICATION

- 8.1. For boats participating in the Optional Races, national letters and sail numbers shall be in capital letters and Arabic numerals of a highly contrasting color to the body of the sail. In addition, the letters and numbers identifying the boats shall be clearly legible when the sail is set.
- 8.2. All boats shall demonstrate the legibility of their sail numbers to the OA before the close of registration. Legibility may be demonstrated by digital image or any other convenient form.
- 8.3. Any boat without sail numbers or that cannot comply with 8.2 will be provided with identification bow and stern numbers and charged a deposit fee. They shall be applied to the forward and aft sections of the hull on each side of the boat following the application instructions included with the numbers.
- 8.4. Any boat whose identification is missing, unreadable or obscured may not be protested by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.

9. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

Boats may be inspected at any time during the regatta.

10. COURSES

- 10.1. Optional Racing will be in the waters surrounding the coast of Antigua.
- 10.2. Courses will be specified in the Sailing Instructions which will be available shortly before the close of registration
- 10.3. Courses for the OPTIONAL Races will offer a variety of medium distance buoy courses which may include a mix of windward, reaching and downwind legs.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

The penalty, if any, for breaches of the RRS other than Parts 1 and 2 will be at the sole discretion of the Jury.

12. PRIZES

- 12.1. Winners' pennants will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers daily
- 12.2. Trophies will be awarded at the end of the event to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place overall.
- 12.3. All other trophies and prizes to be awarded will be listed on www.SailingWeek.com.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

The governing documents referred to in Section 1, Rules, can be found as follows:

- Racing Rules of Sailing (2025 - 2028) - www.sailing.org
- Information about the CSA, the CSA Rule, and CSA Measurers - www.caribbean-sailing.com.
- The most up to date racing related documents: www.SailingWeek.com
- To enter Race Antigua 2026, go to www.SailingWeek.com and click on 'Enter'
- For racing issues, contact the race manager: Jaime Torres at jaime@SailingWeek.com

Appendix A – ASW Minimum Safety Rules

The following is a list of Antigua Sailing Week's MINIMUM Safety Rules. These rules are intended as minimum standards and shall not supersede or modify any of the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing, class rules or other requirements as set forth in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions. It is further recommended that participants utilize either World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations or US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements.

Boats must meet the RA Minimum Safety Rules at all times during racing in the Antigua Sailing Week. All equipment specified in these rules must be in date, in workable condition and suitable for the purpose for which it is to be used. Boats may not protest under this rule. This changes RRS 60.1.

Required equipment includes:

1. Softwood plugs or other suitable materials, tapered and in sufficient quantity to fit all thru hull fittings and apertures.
2. Lifelines and bow and stern pulpits, or lifelines secured in such a way as to form a stern pulpit of not less than 18" in height, except lifelines may be split at the bow to facilitate sheeting. Lifelines shall be taut with not more than seven feet between supports, taut being defined as no apparent sag between supports. Lifelines shall be attached securely and in such a way that no part of the system is elastic in nature.
3. With regard to hiking and positioning of crew on the rail: your attention is drawn to the requirements of RRS 49.2.
4. The following boats are not required to comply with Rule #2,
 - a. boats under 8 meters in length designed without lifelines.
 - b. boats designed without lifelines but having sufficient bulwarks or other structures to help prevent a man overboard.
 - c. boats applying for and receiving in writing an exemption from the requirements of Rule #2 from the Race Committee prior to racing.
5. For boats with onboard electrics or flammable fuels, a fire extinguisher charged and in date and readily accessible.
6. Two buckets of not less than two gallons' capacity each, fitted with lanyards of suitable strength and length.
7. One anchor with chain of suitable size for the boat's length and displacement with suitable anchor and rode. No part of an anchor shall overhang any part of the boat while racing unless an exemption is requested in writing from the OA and granted.
8. A first aid kit suitable for rendering first aid treatment in minor emergencies.
9. Paper or electronic charts covering the area to be raced
10. Lifejackets meeting the requirements of a recognized maritime authority for each person on board, with a whistle attached. Lifejackets shall be of suitable size for the intended wearer and be readily accessible.
11. One life ring or Lifesling capable of supporting the largest member of the crew in the water and positioned above deck such that it is immediately available for use in an emergency.
12. VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on the emergency and Race Committee channels.
13. A compass suitable for navigation.
14. A shut off valve in working order shall be fitted to each fuel tank.
15. Hatches, companionways, and ports shall be capable of being substantially watertight while racing.
16. Cockpits must be self-bailing and fitted with adequate drains.
17. Sufficient drinking water shall be carried on board so that at the finish of the race there remains at least one pint per person.