

RORC
CARIBBEAN
600
2025



NOTICE OF RACE



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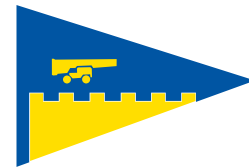


Start: Monday 24 February

First Warning Signal: 1050

(all times are local)

Organised by the
Royal Ocean Racing Club
in association with the
Antigua Yacht Club



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DEFINITIONS

Class

The term *Class* includes IRC, CSA, Class40, Superyacht and MOCRA rating systems.

Closing Date

Is the date after which a late entry fee is charged.

Competitor

A *Competitor* is any sailor competing in the race.

Documents Page

Can be found at: www.sailracehq.com

High Points System

The boats are ranked in order of points scored. Highest points score wins.

Emergency Contact

Is the person to be informed in case of emergency. The nominated *Emergency Contact* must be available to contact for the duration of the race and cannot be a *Competitor* in the race.

Rating Deadline

Is the latest that a Rating or Class Certificate shall be issued to a boat.

TERMINOLOGY

A term used in the sense stated in the definitions is printed in italics (for example *Class*).



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ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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

1 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Event	
Monday 13 May 2024	Entry Opens	www.sailracehq.com
Monday 20 January 2025	<i>Closing Date</i>	
Monday 17 February 2025	IRC & MOCRA Rating deadline	
Friday 21 February 2025	CSA Rating Deadline	
Friday 21 February – 1200	Boats are required to be in attendance in Falmouth/English Harbour	Falmouth/English Harbour
Saturday 22 February – 1800	Skippers Briefing	Lucky Eddie's
Saturday 22 February – 1830	Opening Party	Antigua Yacht Club
Monday 24 February - 1050	First Warning Signal	
Friday 28 February – 1900	Prize-giving	Antigua Yacht Club



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2 RULES AND REGULATIONS

2.1 English Law

This Notice of Race, and the terms of the contract created by the acceptance of a boat's entry in any race or event governed by this Notice of Race, shall be governed by and construed in accordance with English law. Any dispute which cannot be resolved under Part 5 of the Racing Rules of Sailing shall be referred to the exclusive jurisdiction of the English Courts.

2.2 Racing Rules of Sailing

The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). (<https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/racing-rules-of-sailing/>)

2.3 National Authority Prescriptions

The prescriptions of the RYA will apply (<https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules>). No other National Authority prescriptions shall apply.

2.4 Class Rules

The rules and regulations of appropriate One Design and/or restricted class rules, IRC Rules Parts A, B & C, CSA Rules and MOCRA Rules.

2.5 2025 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR)

The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 plus Category 2 Liferaft(s), EPIRB and RORC Prescriptions. When details of Special Regulations cannot be met the Committee may accept an alternative.

2.6 Appendix RV

Appendix RV will apply in reduced visibility and in any case between the times of local sunset and local sunrise.

2.7 Notice of Race

This Notice of Race and any amendments to the Notice of Race.

2.8 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be issued to boats that have met all of the entry requirements.

Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions; the Sailing Instructions shall take precedence (this changes RRS63.7).

2.9 Alternative Starting Penalty

Under World Sailing Test Rule DR21 Start as follows:

Start A boat starts when her hull having been entirely on the prestart side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either:

- (a) at or after her starting signal, or
- (b) during the last 60 seconds before her starting signal.

When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition *Start*, she may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a) of the definition of *Start*, but, if she does not the starting penalty shall be:

120 minutes shall be added to her elapsed time.

3 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.

4 RESPONSIBILITY

4.1 The Person in Charge

Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone" and to Special Regulation 1.02.1 which begins: "The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge..."

4.2 The RORC

The RORC, its sponsors and other organising clubs, accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.



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4.3 Misconduct

The Person in Charge and crew will be held jointly responsible for the conduct of the boat's crew before, during and after a race. Misconduct may result in both the Person in Charge and crew being excluded from future races and renders a boat liable to disqualification.

4.4 Starting and Continuing to Race

The Race Committee will make starting signals unless in their opinion it is manifestly unsafe for any of the boats entered to remain in the vicinity of the starting line. Each boat shall exercise her responsibility under RRS Fundamental Rule 3 and decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.

4.5 Race Declaration(s)

No boat will be accepted as an entry unless the Person in Charge has, before the start of the race, signed a declaration in the terms set out in NoR 16 below. The RORC reserves the right to require a signed declaration, in the terms set out in NoR 16 below, from each crew member.

4.6 Safety and Lifesaving Equipment

Crew members' attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 Life-Saving Equipment: "Each *competitor* is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions."

A combined Lifejacket and Harness shall be worn when on deck:

- Between the hours of sunset and sunrise
- When alone on deck
- When reefed
- When the true wind speed is 25 knots or above
- When the visibility is less than 1 nautical mile

See also Special Regulation 5.02.

5 ELIGIBILITY - The Boat

5.1 Suitability

The race is open to seaworthy boats which comply with the rules and regulations described in the Notice of Race and which are manned by an adequate number of experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather. The minimum crew on any monohull shall be three apart from as allowed under NoR 5.3.1.3 Two-Handed Class. However, no person may race contrary to the terms of a ban imposed by the RORC, a National Authority or World Sailing.

5.2 Boat Size

There is no maximum size for boats in the RORC Caribbean 600.

The minimum size for monohulls is determined by their rating and their SSS/STIX & AVS numbers. The minimum size for multihulls is 9.15 metres/30ft (LOA) with a minimum MOCRA rating of 1.200.

The committee may make exceptions on application.

5.3 Divisions

5.3.1 IRC – Boats rating 0.970 and greater

IRC Rules Parts A, B and C shall apply, except as varied below or in the Sailing Instructions.

5.3.1.1 IRC Rule 22.4.2 – Crew Numbers

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."

NOTE: The above provision overrides IRC Rule 22.4.1 in respect of One-Design classes. However a *class* may wish for its own purposes to apply its own crew limits of less than the IRC Certificate number. It is recommended that the Person in Charge consult their Class Association and the RORC.

5.3.1.2 IRC Rule 15

Automatic and wind-vane devices for steering are permitted. This amends IRC Rule 15 and RRS 52.



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5.3.1.3 Two-Handed Class

A Two-Handed Class within IRC will be available in the RORC Caribbean 600 Race. Boats will be eligible for both Two-Handed and IRC rating band *class* trophies. Entries must satisfy the committee that they have suitable and adequate experience and that their boat is appropriately prepared for two-handed sailing.

5.3.2 CSA - Boats rating 0.870 and greater

The RORC Caribbean 600 Race will be open to boats with a Caribbean Sailing Association rating. Boats with a valid IRC Certificate and a valid CSA Certificate will be dual scored.

5.3.3 Multihulls – Boats rating 1.100 and greater

Offshore multihulls with endorsed MOCRA (Multihull Offshore Cruising and Racing Association) rating certificates may enter a multihull division of the race. For more information on MOCRA and to apply for a rating visit the MOCRA website (<http://www.mocra-sailing.org.uk>). The minimum crew for multihulls is two.

5.3.4 Level Racing

When at least six boats from a *class*, which in itself races “level” and is recognised by the RORC, take part in the race, a *class* result may be provided. With prior permission from the RORC, certain classes may be allowed to race under *class* rules within RORC racing (e.g. Class40).

5.4 Classes

Class	TCC Range
IRC Super Zero	1.550 and greater
IRC Zero	1.175 – 1.549
IRC One	1.097 – 1.174
IRC Two	0.970 – 1.096
Superyacht	IRC boats of 101ft LOA and greater
CSA	Boats rating 0.870 and greater
MOCRA Multihulls	1.100 and greater
Class40	n/a

The RORC reserves the right to amend the class splits in the light of 2025 data before the start of the race.

5.5 Ratings, Rating and Class Certificates Deadline

Boats shall hold valid rating/class certificate(s) by the Rating Deadline. Boats racing under IRC are not required to submit a copy of their certificate to the RORC. Boats holding other rating/class certificates shall submit a copy of their certificate(s) to the RORC by the Rating Deadline. Changes to ratings and class certificates will only be accepted after the Rating Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion of the RORC. Every boat racing shall have on board a current valid signed copy of the rating and/or class certificate for the class or classes in which she is racing. For boats dual-scoring in IRC and CSA, the boat configuration must be identical to that on the IRC Certificate used.

5.6 OSR Compliance

Responsibility for compliance rests with the Person in Charge of the boat. However, the RORC will endeavour to help Competitors to understand the OSR and reserves the right to conduct an OSR inspection on any competitor’s boat at any time. The Person in Charge shall, before the race, complete an OSR Checklist (available on the *Documents Page*).

5.7 Automatic Identification System (AIS)

Boats shall carry an AIS Transponder capable of transmitting and receiving throughout the race.

Competitors shall use their best endeavours to ensure that their AIS Transponder is switched on (i.e. transmitting and receiving) throughout the race.

Competitors shall ensure that the name of the boat is transmitted rather than just the MMSI number.

6 STABILITY AND SAFETY INDICES

In accordance with OSR 3.04.2 the RORC uses minimum stability/buoyancy indices. For boats competing under IRC either SSS or STIX and AVS indices are used depending on the series date of the boat and the category of the race. Monohull boats not racing under IRC shall satisfy the RORC that they meet the requirements of other stability indices for the category of the race.

In exceptional circumstances the RORC may accept other indicators as to the suitability of the boat for the race.

6.1 SSS or STIX and AVS

Boats with series date of 2000 and later will be categorised under STIX and AVS only.

Boats with series date before 2000 may be categorised under either STIX and AVS or SSS.

6.2 Minimum Permitted Values

OSR Category	Category 3
STIX minimum	23
AVS minimum	130-0.005*m
But always greater than	95°
SSS minimum	15

* More information about Safety and Stability Indices can be found at <http://www.ircrating.org/>



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7 ELIGIBILITY - Competitors

7.1 Offshore Crewlist

An Offshore Crewlist complete with full Emergency Contact details and Immigration Information shall be supplied to the RORC by means of the entry system. The RORC will hold full details of each crew member and Emergency Contact for the race.

7.2 Minimum Experience Requirement

The RORC Caribbean 600 Race is not a race for novices. Every crew member must have experience of sailing a boat offshore and be prepared to encounter heavy weather. The minimum experience requirements are 300 nautical miles of offshore racing or equivalent passage(s). The experience requirement shall be completed by a minimum of 30% of the crew (but no fewer than two) including the Person in Charge, and within 18 months of the start of the race.

A proposal to meet the experience qualification shall be lodged for agreement by the RORC as soon as possible after entry. In exceptional circumstances, an alternative method for qualification may be agreed by the RORC.

7.3 Training

Before the start of the race, it is recommended that crews should practice safety routines at reasonable intervals including the drill for man-overboard. See OSR Section 6 – Training. In accordance with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulation 6.01.3 "When there are only two crew members, at least one shall have undertaken training as in OSR 6.02 Training Topics."

7.4 First Aid Requirement

At least two crewmembers shall be familiar with First Aid procedures, hypothermia, drowning, cardio-pulmonary resuscitation, and relevant communications systems.

8 RACE ENTRY

8.1 Entering the Race

Entry opens on Monday 13 May 2024.

A boat shall enter the race using the RORC online entry system www.sailracehq.com and pay the appropriate entry fee before the Closing Date. In exceptional circumstances the RORC may accept an entry over the telephone. Submission of an Entry and payment of the fee will not guarantee a place in the race; all other entry requirements must be completed to the satisfaction of the RORC.

8.2 Payment

Before the *Closing Date*, Monday 20 January 2025, payment shall be made by credit card (through the online entry system or by telephone) or may, when the entry fee is greater than £1,000, be made by BACS (bank) transfer. To pay by BACS please contact the RORC for bank details. In exceptional circumstances the RORC may accept other payment methods.

8.3 Cancellations and Refunds

Cancellations before the *Closing Date* will be eligible for a refund of the race entry fee.

Cancellations after the *Closing Date* will be eligible for a refund of 50% of the race entry fee. This will be refunded to the credit card used for payment. For payments made by other means, refunds will be made against a written claim received no later than 1st March 2025.

If the Person in Charge fails to notify the RORC of cancellation as described above he/she shall pay the full fee without refund unless good reason can be shown.

8.4 Standard Entry Fees – shown in £ Sterling

RORC Caribbean 600		
LOA (m)	Member	Non-Member
Below 9.00	431	616
9.00 - 9.99	490	700
10.00 - 10.99	550	787
11.00 - 11.99	643	919



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RORC Caribbean 600		
LOA (m)	Member	Non-Member
12.00 - 12.99	724	1035
13.00 - 13.99	910	1300
14.00 - 14.99	1115	1511
15.00 - 15.99	1583	1979
16.00 - 16.99	2176	2572
17.00 - 17.99	2910	3306
18.00 - 18.99	3548	3944
19.00 - 19.99	3897	4293
20.00 - 20.99	4259	4655
21.00 - 21.99	4606	5002
22.00 - 22.99	4900	5296
23.00 - 23.99	5118	5514
24.00 - 24.99	5336	5732
25.00 - 25.99	5585	5981
26.00 - 26.99	5806	6202
27.00 - 27.99	6017	6413
28.00 - 28.99	6226	6622
29.00 - 29.99	6482	6878
Boats 30m LOA and above:	£225 per metre less £396 (members discount)	£225 per metre

8.4 Late Entry Fees

Entries after the *Closing Date*, and at least 48 hours before the start, may be accepted upon payment of an additional sum of half the standard entry fee.

9 ATTENDANCE AND BERTHING

All boats are required to be berthed in English or Falmouth Harbours from 1200 on Friday 21 February 2025. Any boat that anticipates a problem being able to comply with this instruction will need to contact the Race Committee and request dispensation. Berthing is not included in the entry fee and should be organised by the *competitor*.

10 COURSE

Approximately 600 miles.

Please see "Figure 1 - The Course" (right) for an overview of the course. Detailed instructions will be available in the Sailing Instructions and on the RORC Caribbean 600 Minisite (caribbean600.rorc.org)

11 TRACKING

It will be mandatory for boats to carry an Offshore Tracker unit for the RORC Caribbean 600 Race. The units are standalone and will be supplied by the RORC. The entry fee includes tracking. Once issued to the boat the Tracker becomes the responsibility of the skipper/owner and loss of or failure to return the tracker will be charged at £800.



Figure 1 - The Course



12 PENALTIES

12.1 Taking a Penalty (RRS 44)

When the Appendix RV rules apply (between the hours of local sunset and sunrise) a scoring penalty applies.

Except when a scoring penalty applies, a boat may take a Two Turns Penalty as permitted and described in RRS 44.2 for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2.

12.2 Penalties for Infringements of Other Rules

Penalties for infringements of other rules will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

13 COMMUNICATION

A boat may, without infringing RRS 41, request and receive repetition of information broadcast by the Race Committee or be told whether or not a broadcast has been made.

13.1 Weather and Tidal Information

41(c) is replaced by: A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except (c) help in the form of information which is available on a public domain, free or by paid subscription. This shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is readily available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any direct human input not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.

By way of an example and interpretation, any publicly-offered Internet weather data, forecasts, or cloud routing service available to all competitors, whether on a subscription or free basis, is permitted. Permissible Internet-sourced weather data, forecasts, or cloud routing services accessed by a yacht while racing must be computer-generated and free from any direct human input from off the boat.

14 SCORING

14.1 RORC High Point Scoring

The scoring system will be the High Points System as detailed in the 2025 RORC Notice of Race: <http://www.rorc.org/racing/notice-of-race>

RRS Appendix A is changed; paragraph A4 will not apply.

Bonus points of 20 are available for this race. A boat that is penalised under RRS 30.2 or that takes a penalty under RRS 44.3(a) shall be scored points as provided in RRS 44.3(c).

15 RACE TROPHIES AND PRIZES

The interpretation of the terms of award for all trophies and prizes will be made by the RORC Committee, whose decision is final. When no boat qualifies to win a particular trophy the Race Committee may, at its discretion, award it otherwise.

15.1 Trophies

IRC Overall, Line Honours Monohull, Line Honours Multihull, Superyacht, Mariella Classic, Bella Mente & CSA Overall.

15.2 Prizes

IRC Classes, IRC Two-Handed Class, CSA Classes, Multihull (MOCRA) Division & FKG Sponsored Prizes.

15.3 RORC Caribbean Series Trophy (Transatlantic Race & RORC Caribbean 600)

The RORC Caribbean Series Trophy will be presented to the IRC rated boat with the best combined score in the 2025 RORC Transatlantic Race and 2025 RORC Caribbean 600. The trophy will be presented at the prizegiving for the 2025 RORC Caribbean 600.

15.4 Trophies

The Club holds the winners of trophies responsible for all damage or loss and strongly recommends that winners take out adequate insurance. Winners are responsible to get the trophy suitably engraved and are also liable for all return carriage costs. If a trophy is returned not engraved the RORC reserves the right to charge the cost of the engraving to the winner. Trophies will be returned to the Club when requested by the Race Office.

15.5 Medallions

RORC medallions will also be presented as prizes for each *class* and division.

16 RACE ENTRY DECLARATION

The Person in Charge for each race shall agree to the terms of the declaration below using the RORC online entry system, the online entry system. In exceptional circumstances the RORC may accept a signed printed declaration.

Race Entry Form Declaration to be signed by every Person in Charge.

To the best of my knowledge the information I have given is accurate. I understand that yacht racing can be dangerous. I agree that the RORC, organising clubs, other sponsors and their agents, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property. I have paid particular attention to and agree to be bound by Special Regulation 1.02 and I have read and understand and where appropriate agree to be bound by RORC NoR 1.4 Responsibility. Before racing I will affect adequate and suitable insurance.

Before racing I will ensure that my crew is aware of:

- the undertaking in this Declaration
- the importance of effecting appropriate personal insurance
- their responsibility in rules observance, and in particular RRS 1.2 (wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions). See also RORC Prescription to the Special Regulations 5.01.5

I agree to be bound by RRS, RYA Prescriptions, this Notice of Race, World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations and other applicable rules. The boat will be available for inspection. If any alteration likely to affect the handicap or rating is made, e.g. to sails, rig, mast, ballast, trim, engine or propeller, I will notify the Rating Authority and Race Committee immediately. I will ensure that no crew member races on my boat contrary to the terms of any ban imposed by World Sailing, or a National Authority or the RORC.

I understand and agree that the information given in this race entry and also the race entry lists and results will be maintained on the Club's computer to be used for all aspects of race organisation.



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17 INSURANCE

Boats shall be adequately and suitably insured before racing.

NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

(Notices are for information only and do not rank as part of this Notice of Race).

Immigration

Competitors arriving by boat are responsible for clearing Immigration and Customs upon arrival in Antigua.

For the duration of the race itself, the RORC has an agreement with Antiguan Authorities to allow competitors to leave and come back to Antigua without the need to clear Customs and Immigration again. Before the start, immigration information must be completed online using the entry system. Antiguan Customs and Immigration will hold this information for the duration of the race.

Travel, Accommodation and Berthing

For travel, accommodation and berthing information, please see the Race Information pack on the RORC Caribbean 600 Minisite caribbean600.rorc.org.

Charter Opportunities

If you are interested in chartering a boat for the race, you can find information of available boats on the Race Website.

Berthing in Antigua

Antigua Yacht Club Marina

Telephone: +1268 460 1544
Email: aycmarina@candw.ag
<https://aycmarinaresort.com/>

Falmouth Harbour

Telephone: +1268 460 6054
Email: antiguafalmar@gmail.com
<http://antigua-marina.com/>

Catamaran Club

Telephone: +1268 460 1503/1505
Email: catamaranmarina@candw.ag
<https://catamaranmarina.com/>

Nelson's Dockyard Marina

Telephone: +1 268 481 5033/5035
Email: info@nelsonsdockyardmarina.com
<https://www.nationalparksantigua.com/dockyard-marina/>

Antigua Slipway Ltd.

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MOCRA Ratings

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Rating Secretary – Simon Forbes (simonforbes3@gmail.com)

CSA Ratings

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Race Records

Multihull – 29 hours, 48 minutes, 44 seconds
Holder – Jason Carrolls's, MOD 70, *Argo* (2022)
Monohull – 37 hours, 41 minutes, 45 seconds.
Holder – George David's, *Rambler 88* (2018)
Class40 – 61 hours, 0 minutes, 15 seconds.
Holder – Catherine Pourre's *Eärendil* (2018)

Future Events – Draft Dates

2026 – Start Monday 23rd February 2026

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