



RORC Nelson's Cup Series 2025

Tuesday 18 until Friday 21 February 2025

NOTICE OF RACE



Incorporating 2 days of racing Tuesday 18 & Wednesday 19 February and the Antigua 360 – Round Antigua Race on Friday 21 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) (<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] 2024-2025 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.
- 1.7 For IRC rules 21.1.5 (d) and (e), this event is on consecutive days, yet the sails carried onboard need not remain the same for the duration of the event, but sails need to remain the same from when the boat leaves the marina berth for the first time for each day until the boat returns to the marina berth after racing.
- 1.8 For the Maxi start the IMA Class Rules.
 - 1.8.1 Owner Driver:
 - (a) [DP] IMA Rule C.2.1.(a).2 (OWNER DRIVER) applies to Maxi;
 - (b) [DP] IMA Rules C2.2 to C2.5 (OWNER DRIVER) apply to helmsmen in Maxi.
 - 1.8.2 [DP] For Owner Drivers from the age of 70 the conditions of IMA Rule C.2.2 are relaxed as follows:
 - (a) WL races: Owner Driver or Charterer Helm only from the preparatory signal. Per hour a 10 minute break is permitted. The Owner Driver or Charterer Helm shall drive the first and final mile of the race.
The break(s) shall take place between mark roundings and avoid clearly imminent manoeuvres (tack/gybe).
 - (b) Coastal Races (any non-WL race up to 60 miles): Owner Driver or Charterer Helm only from the preparatory signal. The first hour a 10 minute break is permitted, thereafter a Relief Helm may helm up to a total of 30 minutes per hour and after four hours up to a total of 45 minutes per hour. The Owner Driver or Charterer Helm shall drive the final two miles of the race.

2. 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 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 In case of 4 or more entries a Maxi Class will be given a start. Boats in this start shall have a valid Endorsed IRC Certificate.
- 4.4 The Antigua 360 (Friday 21 February) is open to all categories and classes.
- 4.5 Entries will only be accepted through the RORC Online Entry System available from the www.sailracehq.com
- 4.6 The closing date for RORC Nelson's Cup Series races is Monday 17 February at 1200hrs (AST).
- 4.7 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 is £125 per day or £350 for all three days.
- 5.2 The entry fee for Maxis for all four days is £1200.
- 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.
- 6.2 The rating deadline is Monday 17 February 2025. 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 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 1700hrs (AST) from Monday 17 February until Friday 21 February 2025.

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 18, Wednesday 19 and Thursday 20 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 18 & Wednesday 19 February and for Maxis 6 races including Thursday 20 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 21 February.

10. EVENT SCHEDULE

- 10.1 Proposed schedule for the 2025 RORC Nelson's Cup.

Date	Event	Location
Monday 17 February 2025	Closing Date – RORC Nelson's Cup Series	
Monday 17 February 2025	IRC/ CSA Rating deadline	
Monday 17 February 2025	Skippers Briefing & Welcome Drinks	1700hrs at AYC
Tuesday 18 February 2025	Race Day One (1)	Vicinity of Falmouth/English Harbour
Tuesday 18 February 2025	Daily prizes for Race Day One (1)	AYC Bar after racing
Wednesday 19 February 2025	Race Day Two (2)	Vicinity of Falmouth/English Harbour
Wednesday 19 February 2025	Daily prizes for Race Day Two (2)	AYC Bar after racing
Thursday 20 February 2025	Lay-Day/ Reserve Day/Maxi Race Day Three	Vicinity of Falmouth/English Harbour
Thursday 20 February 2025	RORC Nelson's Cup series prizegiving (Maxis)	AYC Bar after racing
Friday 21 February 2025	Antigua 360 – Round the Island Race	Start off Fort Charlotte
Friday 21 February 2025	Nelson's Cup Prize Giving	AYC Lawn

- 10.2 The event will consist of up to five (5) races, and six (6) for Maxis.
- 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 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 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 The Maxi class will be scored separately and will have Maxi 1 and Maxi 2 sub-class scoring.
- 13.3 Three races are required to constitute a series.
- 13.3.1 The Antigua 360 race will be non-discardable, for the Maxi class, one race will be discardable if all are completed.
- 13.4 The overall prize for the RORC Nelson's Cup Series will be awarded to the yacht with the lowest combined score.

14. 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.

15. 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.

16. INSURANCE

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

17. 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.

18. PRIZE GIVING AND TROPHIES

- 18.1 The daily prize giving will be held immediately after racing on Tuesday 18, Wednesday 19 & Thursday 20 February at the AYC bar.
- 18.2 Prizes be awarded at the discretion of the Organising Authority.
- 18.3 The event prize giving will be held at the AYC at 1900hrs on Friday 21 February 2025, but for Maxis, immediately after racing on Thursday 20 February.

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 17 February until Friday 28 February 2025. Contact +44 7825 007035