



Antigua Bermuda Race

April 27 – May 7, 2026

Before the start of the race and through to the finish the official time-zone is Atlantic Standard Time. After the finish, the official time-zone is Atlantic Daylight Time.

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

Amendment #1 – Oct 27, 2025 (2.5, 2.13, 2.14) Amendment #2 – Nov 29, 2025 (5.1)

Amendment #3 – Dec 16, 2025 (2.3, 2.6, 5.1)

1. MANAGEMENT

- 1.1 The Organizing Authority (OA) of the Antigua Bermuda Race is the Antigua Bermuda Race Organizing Committee (ABC) of The Royal Bermuda Yacht Club (RBYC), a member of the Bermuda Sailing Association. RBYC will manage the race in affiliation with Antigua Sailing Week. The Pre-Race Headquarters will be located at Antigua Yacht Club, Antigua, and the Race Headquarters at Royal Bermuda Yacht Club, Hamilton, Bermuda.
- 1.2 The OA will have the authority to interpret the conditions governing the event and assign boats to divisions and classes. The OA reserves the right to accept or reject the entry of any boat.

2. RULES

- 2.1 The race will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2 The Bermuda Sailing Association prescriptions shall apply and may be found at www.sailing.bm/governance.
- 2.3 The following rules shall apply to boats in the specified classes:
 - a) The CSA Rating Rules for boats in CSA Monohull and Multihull Classes.
 - b) The PCS MORCA Multihull Rule for boats in the MORCA multihull classes.
 - c) The CSA Classic Rating Rule for boats in the classic classes.
 - d) The IRC Rating Rule for boats in the IRC classes.
 - e) The ORCsy Rule for boats in the Superyacht Class.
 - f) The International Super Yacht Rule (ISYR) for boats in the Spirit of Tradition Class.
- 2.4 The CAT 1 World Sailing Offshore Safety Requirements. Section 3.29 Communications shall be amended to include: "All yachts shall have aboard satellite communications capable of sending and receiving both voice and email messages."
- 2.5 Under World Sailing Test Development Rule DR21-01, Version 3, the following will apply and therefore:
 - a) The definition of *Start* is changed to:

- A boat *starts* when, her hull having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line, 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 minute before her starting signal.
- b) When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition *Start*, she shall not return to the pre-start side of the line, and a starting penalty of 15 minutes shall be added to her elapsed time.
 - c) RRS 21.1, RRS 29.1 and RRS 30 are deleted.
- 2.6 Boats in Divisions other than IRC **and MORC classes** may elect to use auxiliary propulsion during the race. They shall keep a log of their usage and report this to the Race Committee upon finishing. This modifies RRS 42.
 - 2.7 Power-driven winches and furlers, and mechanical and electro-mechanical steering devices will be permitted. This modifies RRS 52.
 - 2.8 RRS 47, Trash Disposal, is changed by adding the following sentence: ‘However, discarding biodegradable, environmentally friendly bands when setting a sail is permitted.’
 - 2.9 RRS Appendix T “Arbitration” will apply.
 - 2.10 RRS 41, OUTSIDE HELP, which applies while racing, is changed to add (permit): “(e) Help in the form of information freely available to all boats even if that information is only accessible at a cost. However, such ‘at a cost’ help shall not include private forecast or tactical advice or information customized for a particular boat or group of boats and/or her/their situation. The use of PredictWind’s Weather Routing tool is permitted.”
 - 2.11 ‘[NP]’ notation in a rule of the NoR or Sailing Instructions (SIs) means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1.
 - 2.12 The SIs may change other rules.
 - 2.13 An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b).
 - 2.14 RRS 90.3 (e) will apply

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Before the start of the race the Official Notice Board (ONB) will be on the race website www.antiguabermuda.com. After the start the ONB will be located at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club and notices after the start may be posted on the race website. Failure to post notices on the ONB after the start shall not be grounds for redress.
- 3.2 The SIs will require yachts to do the following:
 - a) mount an automatic transponder (supplied by the OA) properly, and make scheduled reports to the race committee upon notice of the transponder’s failure;
 - b) use their best efforts to monitor AIS for AIS-SART or similar distress signals, and enable the transmitting mode of their AIS at all times;
 - c) be capable of receiving voice calls and email via satellite while racing; and
 - d) monitor VHF Ch. 16 throughout the race and VHF 72 for 1 hour before and after the start.

4. ADVERTISING

- 4.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and provided by the OA as permitted by World Sailing Advertising Code.

5. ELIGIBILITY

- 5.1 The regatta will be held for yachts with a minimum LOA of 35 feet and a minimum of two (2) crew in the following classes which may be subdivided;
- CSA Monohull
 - PCS CSA Multihull
 - MORCA Multihull
 - CSA Classic
 - IRC
 - Superyachts with a minimum length of $\geq 24\text{m}$ and a DLR of ≥ 90
- 5.2 Boats may enter multiple classes.
- 5.3 The OA reserves the right to amalgamate, cancel, divide, sub-divide or rearrange classes at its sole discretion.

6. ENTRY, FEES & REGISTRATION

- 6.1 Boats shall enter online at www.antiguabermuda.com.
- 6.2 The entry portal will open on Nov 15th, 2025.
- 6.3 Entries will be accepted up to 1700 on Monday, March 30, 2026. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the OA and if accepted a 20% late entry penalty may be levied in addition to the entry fee.
- 6.4 All entries shall declare their sail rating configuration no later than 1700 on Tuesday, April 21, 2026.
- 6.5 For all classes the Entry Fee shall be US \$500 per boat and \$50 per crew member payable on or before 1700 on Monday, March 30, 2026.
- 6.6 Registration is mandatory for all entrants and will take place at the Committee Desk at Antigua Yacht Club, Falmouth, Monday, April 27, and Tuesday, April 28, between 0930 and 1230 each day.
- 6.7 All competitors will be required to complete a waiver provided by the OA prior to the start of racing.
- 6.8 A representative of each competitor shall attend the Skippers' Meeting at Race Headquarters Tuesday, April 28, at 1700.

7. MEASUREMENTS AND RATINGS

- 7.1 All multihull entries must contact a PCS measurer via www.caribbean-sailing.com to arrange for measurement and to obtain a rating certificate.
- 7.2 Classic boats will be given a CSA Classic Rating.
- 7.3 CSA boats shall have a valid 2026 digitally-certified CSA Rating certificate.
- 7.4 IRC boats shall have a valid 2026 IRC certificate.
- 7.5 Superyachts shall have a valid ORCsyr Certificate.
- 7.6 Spirit of Tradition boats shall have a valid ISYR rating.
- 7.7 Boats in all but the IRC Divisions may elect to use auxiliary propulsion during the race. They shall keep a log of their usage. The aggregate time motoring will be multiplied by a Race Factor and added to the base time on course which will then be adjusted by their rating. The race factor will be provided in the SIs.

8. IDENTIFICATION

- 8.1 All boats are required to provide their sail numbers before the close of Registration.
- 8.2 All boats without sail numbers will be required to display bow and/or stern numbers for the purposes of identification.

9. START

- 9.1 The race start line will be set off Fort Charlotte, Antigua. The first signal is scheduled for 1155 AST, Wednesday, April 29, 2026.

10. COURSE

- 10.1 The course will be from the start to the finish off St. David's Lighthouse, Bermuda, leaving the Islands of Antigua and Bermuda to port, and as defined more specifically in the SIs.

11. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 11.1 SIs will be distributed at the time of Registration.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 12.1 The OA may protest any yacht that has failed to meet any deadline specified in the NoR or the SIs.
- 12.2 The penalty, if any, for breaches of the RRS other than Parts 1 and 2 will be at the sole discretion of the International Jury. This changes RRS 44.3(c).

13. SCORING

- 13.1 Corrected times will be calculated using the scoring systems and certificates mentioned in NoR 7. Boats not finishing by 1200 ADT on Thursday, May 7, 2026, will be scored DNF.

14. PRIZES

- 14.1 Prizes will be presented to the overall corrected time winner in each class. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA.
- 14.2 Prize Giving will be on **Thursday, May 7, 2026**, at the Royal Bermuda Yacht Club or earlier by announcement if a substantial portion of the fleet has finished. Attendance is by invitation only.

15. RISK STATEMENT

- 15.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

16. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 16.1 Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors in this event are participating entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (OA, race committee, protest committee, host club, sponsors, or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent permitted by law.

17. INSURANCE

- 17.1 Boats shall provide at Registration, evidence of Third Party Insurance of at least US \$1 million valid for the duration of the Race.

18. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 18.1 By participating in this event, competitors grant the OA, Host Club, event sponsors, media outlets, and competitors national class associations the perpetual right to use and publish their names, likeness, voice, and image in any photography, audio, or video recordings, or other reproductions made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue until their final departure, without compensation.

19. PRIVACY STATEMENT

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

20. CODE OF CONDUCT

- 20.1 [DP] Competitors and Support Persons shall comply with any reasonable request from a race official. Failure to comply may be misconduct.

END OF NOTICE OF RACE

MORE INFORMATION

For more information, see www.antiguabermuda.com or contact the Antigua Bermuda Organizing Committee at info@antiguabermuda.com.

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