



# Antigua Yacht Club

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## **NOTICE OF RACE**

### **Round The Island Race 2012 –**

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This will take place on Saturday Jan 21<sup>st</sup> 2012 and will consist of a yacht race right around the island of Antigua in one leg in an anti-clockwise direction.

The event is open to all-comers and AYC will welcome visiting yachts.

The Organizing Authority is the ANTIGUA YACHT CLUB (AYC)

The race will be run to the ISAF RRS 2009 – 2012.

Entry Fee – will be \$US 1.50 /ft. length.

The COURSE - will consist of circumnavigating the island of Antigua and all its outlying reefs. There will be no laid marks of the course but yachts must pass –

To the north and east of Three Fathom bank (GPS N17-11.60, W61- 44.00), to the north of Horseshoe reef (GPS N17 -12.20, W61- 47.80) and to the north and west of Diamond Bank (GPS N17-12.20, W61- 53.50 ), to the west of Sandy Island, Weymouth Reef and Five Islands, and to the south of Cades reef.

Note – these GPS positions given above constitute marks of the course and the minimum turning points on the course and must be passed as stated above but AYC take no responsibility for the accuracy of these points vis-a-vis safe navigation which is a decision left entirely to each skipper. ie a wider berth may be given if desired. Nearby yachts will monitor each other to ensure turning points are properly passed. Yachts proved not to have passed the turning points correctly will be given a time penalty.

Start times will be –

Course A

Yachts rating below 0.880                      8.00 a.m.    START    for all classes

Yachts rating between 0.880 and 0.970    9:00 a.m.    START    for all classes

Yachts rating above 0.970                    9.30 a.m.    START    for all classes

Starting Line will be inside Falmouth Harbour between Bishops Reef mark and a Committee boat laid to its west. Finish line will be the same as Starting Line.

Classes – There will be three classes:

Racing Class

Racer Cruiser

Cruising

Ratings – Will be CSA. The latest rating certificate as shown in the 2011 database will be used and checked. Boats without ratings may enter and will be given a “best guess” rating.

Sail Wardrobe – the sail wardrobe / rating combination must be declared at the skippers briefing.  
ie. headsail size, Jib, Pole, Twin, Spinnaker, etc.

Committee Boat will be on station from 7:45 am until 9:30 am and again from approx. 2:15 pm until approx. 4:30 pm. Yachts are asked to radio their expected finish time when they are approx. 30 mins. from the finish. Yachts finishing outside the above times are asked to record their own finish time. There is presently a record for the race of 4 hr. 53 min. 52 secs. held by “Virago” in 2011.

Radio – VHF channel 06 will be used as the race channel. Any yacht retiring is asked to radio in this fact. A dual watch on Ch. 16 will also be kept by the race officer for any yacht transmitting safety issues.

Safety – All skippers are wholly responsible for the safety of their vessel and crew at all times, their decision to race and/or to continue and their own navigation - and AYC have absolutely no legal liability for any accident – to persons or property - which may occur.

Insurance - is not a requirement of the race and all competitors must accept full responsibility for their actions to themselves, their yacht or any third party.

Skippers Briefing – will take place at AYC upper deck on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> January at 6.00 p.m.

Docking – is limited at AYC but will be made available on a “first come first served basis” for yachts taking part in the race and non-competing yachts will be asked to vacate their place for that week-end.

Social - It is hoped all yachts will be finished by approx. 4.30 pm. AYC upper deck bar will be open from that time.

The prize-giving will take place at AYC as soon as reasonably practical. There will be trophies for the first in each class and also a special trophy for a winning boat which beats the existing record. (see above)

The overall winner will receive the Skipper or Owner’s weight in rum.

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