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2027



NOTICE OF RACE

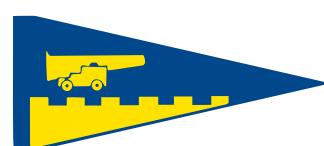
RORC



Start: 22 February 2027



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



Antigua Yacht Club

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DEFINITIONS

Class

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

Closing Date

The date after which a late entry fee is charged.

Competitor

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

Official Notice Board

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 date by which a valid Rating or *Class Certificate* shall be issued to the boat.

TERMINOLOGY

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



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 11 May 2026	Entry Opens	www.sailracehq.com
Monday 18 January 2027	<i>Closing Date</i>	
Monday 15 February 2027	IRC & MOCRA <i>Rating deadline</i>	
Friday 19 February 2027	CSA <i>Rating deadline</i>	
Friday 19 February - 1200	Boats are required to in attendance in Falmouth / English Harbour	Falmouth / English Harbour
Saturday 20 February - 1800	Skipper's Briefing	Location TBC
Saturday 20 February 1830	Opening Party	Antigua Yacht Club
Monday 22 February - 1050	First Warning Signal	
Friday 26 February - 1900	Prizegiving	Antigua Yacht Club



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2 RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 2.1** The rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 2.2** *Competitors* should note that the RORC implements the RYA Racing Charter and that they will be expected to sail in compliance with it. <https://www.rya.org.uk/racing/rules/racing-charter>.
- 2.3** In all rules governing this event;
- 2.3.1** 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 International Jury, be less than disqualification.
- 2.3.2** The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the NoR means that a breach of this rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1.
- 2.3.2** The notation '[SP]' in a rule in the NoR means that for a breach of this rule a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1, 63.2(a) and A5
- 2.4** This NoR, and the terms of the contract created by the acceptance of a boat's entry in any race or event governed by this NoR, 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.
- 2.5** The prescriptions of the RYA will apply (<https://www.sailing.org/inside-world-sailing/rules-regulations/racingrules>). No other National Authority prescriptions shall apply.
- 2.6** [DP] The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 3 with Liferaft, and RORC Prescriptions. When details of Special Regulations cannot be met the Committee may accept an alternative.
- 2.7** The rules and regulations of appropriate One Design and/or *Class* rules, IRC Rules Parts A, B & C and MOCRA Rules will apply.
- 2.8** RRS Appendix WP.
- 2.9** [SP] [DP] RRS Appendix RV will apply between 1800 and 0500 daily and in reduced visibility.
- 2.10** [SP] 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.
- 2.11** Automatic and wind-vane devices for steering are permitted (this changes RRS 52 and amends IRC Rule 15).
- 2.12** Water Ballast;
- 2.12.1** RRS 48.1 does not apply to water used in a water ballast system declared on the IRC Certificate. This changes RRS 48.1.
- 2.12.2** Other than a genuine manual galley or marine toilet pump and the scoop valves or pump(s) that are part of a certified/rated water ballast system a watermaker or engine intake, no other scoop valves or pumps shall be connected in any way or form capable of taking onboard seawater.
- 2.13** A spare mainsail may be on board but shall not be used unless the racing mainsail is damaged beyond repair. The use of the spare mainsail must be declared on the Race Declaration.
- 2.14** 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."



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3 NOTICE OF RACE AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1** This Notice of Race and any amendments to the Notice of Race. Where there is a conflict between any translated Notice of Race and the Notice of Race, the version written in English shall prevail.
- 3.2** Sailing Instructions will be posted on the *Official Notice Board*.
- 3.3** Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions; the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.5 (c).

4 COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1** The online *Official Notice Board* (ONB) is located at www.sailracehq.com
- 4.2** All boats shall be equipped with a Marine VHF transceiver of at least 25 watts of power capable of operating on VHF channels 09, 16, 69, 71 and 72.
- 4.3** Communication with *competitors* will be via the online ONB. Additionally, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to *competitors* on VHF.
- 4.4** Rule 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 freely available to all boats, which shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is 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 person not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation. By way of an example and interpretation, downloading charts, weather and/or tidal GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted. The use by competitors of publicly available cloudbased weather routing services is permitted. Receiving messages or information which is the result of human interpretation as it applies to the boat is not permitted

5 ELIGIBILITY - THE BOAT

- 5.1** [DP] It will be mandatory for boats to carry an Yellowbrick 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.
- 5.2** 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 shall be two, however, no person may race contrary to the terms of a ban imposed by the RORC, a National Authority or World Sailing.
- 5.3** There is no maximum size for boats in the RORC Caribbean 600 Race. The minimum size for monohulls is determined by their rating. The minimum size for multihulls is 9.15 metres/30ft (LOA) with a minimum MOCRA rating of 1.100.



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5.4 CLASSES

Class	TCC RANGE
IRC	0.970 and greater
Superyacht	IRC boats of 101ft LOA and greater
CSA	0.870 and greater
Class40	Level Rating
MULTIHULL (MOCRA)	1.100 and greater

5.4.1 The *class* splits will be announced after the *Closing Date*.

5.4.2 [NP] The RORC reserves the right to amend the class splits in the light of 2027 data before the start of the race.

5.5 The minimum number of crew aboard a boat is two. A Two-Handed *Class* within IRC may be available in the RORC Caribbean 600. Boats may be eligible for both Two-Handed and IRC rating band *class* trophies.

5.6 Class40's with a valid 2027 *Class* Certificate.

5.7 The Organising Authority has the final say over any interpretation of the criteria for entry.

5.8 Boats shall hold valid 2027 rating/class certificate(s) on 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 2027 rating and/or class certificate for the Class or Classes in which she is racing.

5.9 [DP] [NP] All boats Automatic Identification System (AIS) Transponder shall transmit the name of the boat rather than just the MMSI number. *Competitors* shall use their best endeavours to ensure that their AIS Transponder is switched on (transmitting and receiving) at a minimum of every 5 minutes throughout the race.

5.10 [NP] Any boat carrying satellite communications with the ability for audio calls for the race are requested to lodge the telephone numbers with the RORC.

5.11 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 *competitors* boat at any time.

5.12 Stability and Safety - All monohulls and multihulls shall comply with the stability requirements detailed in World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 3.04.

6 ELIGIBILITY - COMPETITORS

6.1 [NP] [SP] An Offshore Crew list complete with full emergency contact details shall be supplied to the RORC by means of the RORC online entry system (www.sailracehq.com) by the 8th February 2027. The RORC will hold full details of each competitor and emergency contact for the race.

6.2 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.

6.2.1 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 Service Yacht may qualify similarly or submit written authority from her service establishment.

6.2.2 *Competitors* may be required to provide evidence of offshore experience.

6.3 Personal Offshore Training and Medical Training.

6.3.1 Before the start of the race, 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."

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

7 RACE ENTRY

- 7.1** Entry opens on Monday 11 May 2026.
- 7.2** A boat shall enter the race using the SailRaceHQ online entry system. 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.
- 7.3** 50% of the entry fee is due within 10 days of entry confirmation, with the remaining due before the *Closing Date*. Payment shall be made by credit or debit card (through the online entry system or by telephone) or may be made by bank transfer. To pay by bank transfer please contact the RORC for bank details.
- 7.4** Cancellations before 1159hrs 1 December 2026 will be eligible for a full refund.
- 7.5** Cancellations after 1200hrs 1 December 2026 but before the Closing Date, will be eligible for a 50% refund of the race entry fee.
- 7.6** Cancellations after the *Closing Date* will not be eligible for a refund of the race entry fee.
- 7.7** If the Person in Charge fails to notify the RORC of cancellation as described above they shall pay the full fee without refund unless good reason can be shown.
- 7.8** The Organising Authority may cancel the event and reject or cancel entries at its discretion, subject to RRS 76.
- 7.9** Standard Entry Fees – shown in £ Sterling

LOA in Metre	Entry Fee Member	Entry Fee Non-Member
0 - 8.99	485	692
9.00 - 9.99	551	786
10.00 - 10.99	619	884
11.00 - 11.99	723	1033
13.00 - 13.99	1024	1461
14.00 - 14.99	1261	1698
15.00 - 15.99	1786	2223
16.00 - 16.99	2453	2890
17.00 - 17.99	3277	3714
18.00 - 18.99	3994	4431
19.00 - 19.99	4387	4824
20.00 - 20.99	4793	5230
21.00 - 21.99	5183	5620
22.00 - 22.99	5513	5950
23.00 - 23.99	5758	6195
24.00 - 24.99	6003	6440
25.00 - 25.99	6283	6720
26.00 - 26.99	6531	6968
27.00 - 27.99	6768	7205
28.00 - 28.99	7003	7440
29.00 - 29.99	7291	7728
Greater than 30	30% discount	275 per meter

*Note: A discount is available for the RORC members. The discount is capped at the value of a RORC Ordinary UK Member subscription (£437).

- 7.10** Entries after the *Closing Date* may be accepted on payment of an additional sum of half the standard entry fee.

13 [DP] [NP] COMPETITOR DRONES

- 13.1** *Competitors'* support team or their representatives shall not fly drones over the shore base/marina or over the race area during race days without complying with local legislation and without prior written approval by the Organising Authority. The approval granted at the sole discretion of the Organising Authority may impose limitations on where and when drones may fly.
- 13.2** At any time, the risk and responsibility for flying any drone is with the person flying the Drones and images made shall be shared with the Organising Authority, Race Committee, Jury, or *Competitors* at reasonable request.

14 RIGHTS TO USE NAMES & LIKENESSES

- 14.1** *Competitors* automatically grant the Organising Authority and event sponsors, 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

- 15.1** The personal information you provide to the Organising Authority and event sponsors 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 for processing that personal information is a contract. If the rules do not bind you, the legal basis for processing that information is a legitimate interest. Your personal data 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

- 16.1** Boats shall be adequately and suitably insured before racing

17 RISK STATEMENT

- 17.1** 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 nature, an unpredictable sport and, therefore, inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each *Competitor* agrees and acknowledges that:
- 17.1.1** 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;
 - 17.1.2** They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat, and their other property, whether afloat or ashore;
 - 17.1.3** They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
 - 17.1.4** Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event, and they are fit to participate;
 - 17.1.5** 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;
 - 17.1.6** 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;
 - 17.1.7** 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.
 - 17.1.8** They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed, in date and familiar to the crew.

- 17.2** 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.
- 17.3** 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.

18 RACE TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 18.1** Presentation may be made for the following:

IRC Overall, Line Honours Monohull, Line Honours Multihull, Superyacht, Mariella Classic, Bella Mente & CSA Overall, IRC *Classes*, IRC Two-Handed *Class*, CSA *Classes*, Multihull (MOCRA) *Class* & Sponsored Prizes.

- 18.2** The RORC Caribbean Series Trophy may be presented to the IRC rated boat with the best combined score in the 2027 Transatlantic Race and 2027 RORC Caribbean 600. The trophy will be presented at the prizegiving for the 2027 RORC Caribbean 600.
- 18.3** 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.
- 18.4** 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.

19 PRIZE GIVING

- 19.1** The main prize giving will take place on Friday 26 February at 1900. Further details will be available in the sailing instructions and notices on the ONB. Individual presentations and photographs may take place for line honours when the eligible boats have finished the race.



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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 in-formation 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 www.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
www.aycmarinaresort.com

Catamaran Club

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www.catamaranmarina.com/

Antigua Slipway Ltd.

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MOCRA Ratings

Website: www.mocra-sailing.org
and
<https://sites.google.com/site/mocrarating/>

Class40

Website: <https://www.class40.com/>

CSA Ratings

Website: www.caribbean-sailing.com

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)



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