



RORC NELSON'S CUP SERIES 2023

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

ORGANISED BY THE ROYAL OCEAN RACING CLUB (RORC)
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE ANTIGUA YACHT CLUB (AYC)

TUESDAY 14TH UNTIL FRIDAY 24TH FEBRUARY 2023

CONTACT DETAILS

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THE ATTENTION OF EVERY COMPETITOR IS DRAWN TO SPECIAL REGULATION 1.02 AND TO THE IMPORTANCE OF HAVING SUITABLE AND ADEQUATE PERSONAL INSURANCE

**The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.
(RRS Fundamental Rule 3)**

All times are local (AST/UTC-4)



The notation '[NP]' in a rule in the SI means that a breach of this rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat.
This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 [DP] 2022-2023 World Sailing Inshore Regulations; Appendix B inshore racing will apply. All boats are required to have a working VHF.
- 1.4 [DP] IRC Rules 2023 A, B and C, MOCRA Rules, CSA Rating System Rules and other class rules as appropriate. IRC rules 2023 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 The Notice of Race (NoR)
- 1.6 The Sailing Instructions (SI). The SI shall take precedence over the NoR. This changes RRS 63.7.

2 [DP] EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 2.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Rules.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS & CHANGES TO THE SI

- 3.1 All notices to competitors will be posted on the Virtual Official Notice Board (ONB) on the event website at <http://caribbean600.rorc.org>.
- 3.2 The Sailing Instructions for the RORC Caribbean 600 Race (RC600) will be issued separately. Only topics pertaining to the scoring of the RC600 within the Nelson's Cup Series will be covered by these SI.
- 3.3 Except for changes to the Sailing Instructions on the water (SI 3.4), changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 hrs on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.4 Sailing Instructions may be changed on the water, provided the Race Committee begins an announcement at least 5 minutes before a Warning Signal to a class, and receives a read-back from one of the official boats. These changes will mainly pertain to the announcement of the course to be sailed for each inshore/coastal race. See also SI 6.1.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 There are no signals designated as Signal ashore.

5 [DP] [NP] COMMUNICATIONS

- 5.1 **VHF Ch.06** - The Race Committee (Callsign "Ocean One") may broadcast information on VHF Ch.06 at the start. Boats are strongly recommended to **listen** to the Race Committee until well clear of the start. Start information such as sail numbers and/or boat names of boats remaining OCS may be announced approximately one minute after each start.
- 5.2 A boat may, without infringing RRS41 (Outside Help), request and receive repetition of information broadcast by the Race Committee or enquire whether or not a broadcast has been made.
- 5.3 Inter-boat communication calls should when possible be on DSC or VHF Ch.16 as a calling Channel and VHF Ch.06 as a working Channel.
- 5.4 Competitors are reminded of the restrictions on Outside Assistance as per the NoR 3.3.
- 5.5 When RRS rule 20 applies, a boat may indicate her need for room to tack or her response by using VHF channel 06.
- 5.6 As an additional aid to competitors, a WhatsApp group with voluntary sign up will be used to assist competitors to stay informed of RC intentions, courses, notices, results, protest details and other information during the event. Sign up details will be available to all competitors at registration.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 **Inshore Races:** Windward/Leeward (WL) or Coastal Races are scheduled for Tuesday 14th and Wednesday 15th February. The first Warning Signal of the day will be given at 0955 hrs. Two races are scheduled per day. In the event of a forecast of unstable and poor weather, one additional race may be sailed beyond the schedule that day, provided that the Race Committee displays IC Flag "L" on or before the warning signal of the last scheduled race of the day.
- 6.2 **Reserve/Lay Day:** Thursday 15th February is designated a Reserve/Lay Day. If fewer than three races have been completed, it is the Race Committee's intention to amend the schedule to facilitate up to two races that day.
- 6.3 **Antigua 360:** The Antigua 360 – Round the Island Race is scheduled for Friday, 17th February. The first Warning Signal will be given at 0755 hrs.

6.4 **RORC Caribbean 600 Race (RC600):** For the schedule and other details please see the RC600 Sailing Instructions.

7 [DP] [NP] STARTING GROUPS/CLASS FLAGS

7.1 No later than the Skipper's Briefing, competing boats will be assigned to starting groups. The list of starting groups and the associated racing pennant/class flag will be published on the Official Notice Board. The racing pennants shall be displayed on the backstay, or on boats with twin backstays, on the PORT backstay or shroud.

8 STARTING TIMES AND SIGNALS

8.1 The race will be started by using RRS 26.

8.2 The first warning signal will be displayed according to the schedule. The warning signal for each succeeding class will be made with or after the starting signal of the preceding class.

8.3 A time check will be provided 10 minutes before the first warning signal.

9 STARTING LINE

9.1 The Starting Line is detailed in Appendix A.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 No area is designated an obstruction.

11 THE COURSES

11.1 The courses are detailed in Appendix A.

12 TIME LIMIT

12.1 **For Inshore Races (SI 6.1) only:** Boats failing to finish within 90 minutes after the first boat in the starting group sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

12.2 **For the Antigua 360 (SI 6.3) only:** Boats failing to finish by 1700 hrs will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

13 THE FINISH

13.1 The Finish is detailed in Appendix A.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

14.1 For Inshore Races (SI 6.1) and the Antigua 360 (SI 6.3), RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two Turns Penalty is replaced by the One Turn Penalty. Penalties for the RC600 are detailed in the RC600 SI.

14.2 For Rules marked [DP], or for breaches of the rules other than RRS Part 1 & 2, the penalty shall be at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

14.3 Breaches of SI marked [NP] shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1a.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest Forms are available at the Race Office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in the corresponding starting group finishes.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit for the last boat to finish the race.

15.4 The notification of a Protest by the Race or Technical or by the Protest Committee against a boat as required under RRS 61.1(b) or (c) shall consist of a notice on the Official Notice Board.

15.5 The hearing location will be specified on the protest notice.

16 SCORING

16.1 Three races are required to constitute a series.

16.2 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will apply.

16.3 The race score for the RC600 will be obtained by ordering entrants in their respective classes in the Nelson's Cup by their final score in the RC600. Competitors in only the RC600 will be excluded, and the number of entries will be calculated from entrants in the Nelson's Cup only.

16.4 When fewer than six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When six races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score, but the RC600 score shall not be excluded.

- 16.5 The overall winner of the Nelson's Cup will be the boat with the lowest resultant score if the following formula is applied:

$$\text{Overall Score} = \frac{\text{Series Score}}{\frac{(\text{Number of Races scored} - 1)}{(\text{Entries in starting group} + 2)}}$$

17 SUPPORT BOATS

- 17.1 No later than the preparatory signal, Support Boats shall proceed to and thereafter remain at least 100 m away from any competitor until the boat(s) it is supporting has/have finished or retired or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

18 TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- 18.1 Trophies and Prizes are detailed in the Notice of Race.

19 PRIZEGIVING

- 19.1 For Inshore Races (SI 6.1), there will be a daily prizegiving at the AYC Bar after racing.
- 19.2 For the Antigua 360 (SI 6.3), the prizegiving will be held during the RC600 Welcome party at approximately 1830 hrs on the AYC lawn.

APPENDIX A THE COURSE

NOTE: This appendix may be re-issued on or before the Skipper's Briefing in order to amend mark positions for the event.

A1 STARTING LINE

- A1.1 The Start will be in the vicinity of Fort Charlotte. The starting line is formed between a signal mast at Fort Charlotte and a yellow cylinder (inflatable mark) as the Outer Distance Marker (ODM). Fort Charlotte is at the eastern entrance of English Harbour. The coordinates of the signal mast are 17° 00'.038N/061° 45'.641W.
- A1.2 For Inshore Races (SI 6.1) only: The course announced via VHF will specify the required side of the ODM.
- A1.3 For the Antigua 360 (SI 6.3), the ODM shall be left to starboard.
- A1.4 An inner distance mark (yellow cylinder, inflatable buoy) may be laid below Fort Charlotte, which may not be on the starting line. It shall be left to the side opposite to the ODM's required side.

A2 THE COURSE

- A2.1 **For Inshore Races** (SI 6.1) only: Courses will be chosen per race and starting group using the designator and name from the table below, and communicated via VHF as permitted by SI 3.4. As an aid to competitors, the Race Committee will attempt to also publish the course in the race's WhatsApp group. The list includes a description of the marks. The order, in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left will be specified in the course announcement.

Designator	Mark Name Description	Position (WGS84) #	
		Latitude	Longitude
W1*	Mark 1 (inflatable mark, colour and shape given via VHF)	*	
W2*	Mark 2 (inflatable mark, colour and shape given via VHF)	*	
N3	Nelson orange cylinder (inflatable mark)	Tbd	Tbd
T5	Timoneer orange cylinder (inflatable mark)	Tbd	Tbd
R6	Rupert orange cylinder (inflatable mark)	Tbd	Tbd
C7	Curtains orange cylinder (inflatable mark)	Tbd	Tbd
Z8	Rendezvous orange cylinder (inflatable mark)	Tbd	Tbd

The position of marks is approximate.

* W1's position will be specified by providing an approximate bearing and distance from the start/finish line. If W2 is used, it would be set as a spreader mark in the immediate vicinity of W2, no separate position information needs to be provided by the Race Committee but may be given as range/bearing from W1.

- A2.2 **For the Antigua 360** (SI 6.3) only: The course, including a description of the marks, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left, is detailed below:

Order	Mark	Required Side	Position (WGS84) #	
			Latitude	Longitude
1	Man of War Pt. (Green Island)	Port	17° 04.00N	061° 39'.50W
2	Kettle Bottom Shoals	Port	17° 11.40N	061° 45'.60W
3	Diamond Bank	Port	17° 12.20N	061° 53.10W
4	Sandy Island	Port	17° 08.00N	061° 56'.20W
5	Cades Reef	Port	17° 00.00N	061° 53'.50W
	Finish (see SI A3 below)			

Distance: approximately 48nm

The position of marks is approximate.

A3 THE FINISH

- A3.1 The finish line runs between a signal mast at Fort Charlotte and a yellow cylinder (inflatable mark) as the Outer Distance Marker (ODM).
- A3.2 An inner distance mark (yellow cylinder, inflatable buoy) may be laid below Fort Charlotte, which may not be on the finish line. It shall be left to the side opposite to the ODM's required side.
- A3.3 **For the Antigua 360** (SI 6.3) only: The Finish ODM shall be left to starboard.
Boats are reminded to take their own finishing times, together with the names of the boats ahead and astern, if any.