



P.O.Box 141 Jolly Harbour Bolans, St Mary's

## **JHYC 2025 Valentines Regatta - Notice of Race**

**7-9 February 2025**

The Jolly Harbour Yacht Club Valentines Regatta invites you to compete in the 29th edition of the Regatta. The organising Authority is Jolly Harbour Yacht Club under the auspices of the Antigua Barbuda Sailing Association in association with the Caribbean Sailing Association. The Regatta Headquarters will be located at the Jolly Harbour Yacht Club office in the Jolly Harbour Commercial Centre. Times are Antigua Standard Time (UTC minus 4 hours).

### **RULES**

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the World Sailing (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 Addendum A – Safety and Equipment Regulations will apply.

1.3 The Regatta will also be governed by:

(a) the CSA Rating Rule;

1.4 The Rules will be changed as follows:

(a) Rule A2, Series Scores, will apply except that a boat's worst race score will only be excluded from her series score if six (6) or more races in the series have been completed.

(b) Rule 44.1, Taking a Penalty, is changed so that for all classes the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty

(c) Rule 52, Manual Power, will not apply; and

(d) Rule 77, Identification on Sails, will not apply.





The changes will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions. The Sailing Instructions may also change other Rules.

## 2. ADVERTISING

2.1 All boats competing may be required to display advertising chosen and provided by the organising Authority as permitted by World Sailing (ISAF) Regulation 20.

## 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1 Entries will be accepted on the sole discretion of the Organising Authority

3.2 The Regatta will be held for the following classes, which may be subdivided:

(a) CSA Monohull

3.3 Boats are encouraged to enter online at [www.jhycantigua.com/sailing](http://www.jhycantigua.com/sailing) Payment to be made at briefing.

3.4 Entries will be accepted up to 18.00 on Friday, February 7, 2025. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the organising Authority and if accepted a 20% late entry penalty may be levied on top of the entry fee.

3.5 The organising Authority may amalgamate, cancel, divide, sub-divide or rearrange classes at its sole discretion.

3.6 All entries must declare their sail configuration at Registration but in any event, by no later than 18:00 on Friday, February 7, 2025

3.7 When a rating system offers multiple sail configurations or other alternative ratings, the entrant shall declare the choice to the technical committee no later than 18:00 on Friday, February 7, 2025

3.8 All skippers must produce either a valid paper copy, or show an electronic copy of the boats CSA certificate, during registration, of the rating they intend to race under. Failure to do so will result in the Race Committee using a rating from the CSA website.





#### 4. FEES

4.1 For all classes the entry fee is EC\$300 for boats registered prior to 18:00 February 9, 2024

4.2 Entry fees shall be paid by no later than 18:00 on Friday, February 7, 2025. All fees must be paid by cash or cheque only. Returned cheques will be subject to a fee of US \$100 plus any levied bank charges.

4.3 Each boat is required to provide a refundable CASH fee of EC\$50 at registration as deposit for class flag. Fee will be returned to boats at Prize Giving when the flag is returned to the committee.

#### 5. REGISTRATION

5.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form online at [www.jhycantigua.com/sailing](http://www.jhycantigua.com/sailing)

5.2 Registration is mandatory for all entrants and will take place at the Jolly Harbour Yacht Club office in the Jolly Harbour Commercial Centre, Antigua, on Friday, February 7, 2025 from 17:00 to 18:00.

5.3 Each boat is requested to provide a list of names and contact information for each member of the boat's crew at Registration.

5.4 A skipper or support person must sign a waiver at Registration.

#### 6. IDENTIFICATION

6.1 All boats are required to provide their sail numbers before the close of Registration, if available.

6.2 Each race class will be issued with a returnable class flag to be flown from the backstay. A refundable cash deposit of \$EC50 will be charged to all boats for the class flag.





## 7. SCHEDULE

7.1 A mandatory Skipper's briefing will take place at/after 18:00 at the Jolly Harbour Yacht Club office.

7.2 Racing will take place as follows:

Saturday, February 8, 2025. there will be a maximum four races.

Sunday, February 9, 2025, there will be a maximum three races, except with consent from the majority of entrants.

7.3 A minimum of one (1) race will be scheduled for all classes on each day of racing.

7.4 The warning signal for the first race on each day will be no earlier than 10:00.

7.5 On the last scheduled day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 14.30

7.6 Regatta prize-giving will take place not before 17:00 on Sunday, February 9, 2025, at a Jolly Harbour Commercial Centre Square

## 8. MEASUREMENT AND RATINGS

8.1 All entries should have, in the CSA Monohull Class, a current digitally-certified CSA rating certificate.

8.2 Boats requiring CSA measurement in Antigua should contact a CSA Official Measurers no later than Noon on Monday, Feb 3, 2025. Measurement of boats in time for Registration cannot be guaranteed after that time. Contact information for CSA Official Measurers can be found on the CSA website:

<https://caribbean-sailing.com/csa-rules/measurers/>

8.3 Boats without a CSA rating may be accommodated and issued a rating at the sole discretion of the organising Authority.





## 9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

9.1 Sailing Instructions will be published online at:

[www.jhycantigua.com/sailing](http://www.jhycantigua.com/sailing)

## 10. COURSES

10.1 All courses will be located in the waters off the west coast of Antigua in the general vicinity of Jolly Harbour between St Johns harbour and Cades Reef. Courses will be around laid marks and/or fixed navigation marks in a minimum of 5 metres. Courses for smaller vessels may be set in waters under 5 metres.

## 11. BERTHING

Jolly Harbour Marina is offering 2 nights free berthing for participating yachts on Friday, Saturday or Sunday night, whichever two nights are chosen.

Utilities will be billed to the boat as per normal rates

**Advance notice is required, requests made after Wednesday February 5 may not be accommodated.**

## 12. INSURANCE

12.1 All boats must have at least Third-Party Liability Insurance valid for the duration of the Regatta.





### 13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 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. The organising authority and its affiliates will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

13.2 The COVID-19 global pandemic presents new challenges to all event organizers and an increased need for additional safety measures for all participants. Our organising authority intends to follow all applicable governmental and legal requirements and WHO standards, which may require postponement or cancellation of the event due to circumstances beyond their control. It is also up to each individual participant (skipper, crew, guest, etc.) to act responsibly and within their own comfort range when choosing whether and how to participate in this event. The organising authority strongly recommends all participants take appropriate health precautions. The organising authority makes no assessment or warranty of each team’s preparedness or safety.

13.3 Skippers must draw the attention of their crew to this disclaimer before the start of racing.

### 14. PHOTOGRAPHIC AND MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors grant the organising authority the unrestricted right and permission to use their name and/or image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not





limited to press and TV advertisements or internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information.

#### FURTHER INFORMATION

Some of the governing documents referred to in Section 1, Rules, can be found as follows:

- (a) the World Sailing (ISAF) Racing Rules of 1st January 2021 the ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (2021 – 2020): [www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)
- (b) the CSA Rating Rule -

Information about the Caribbean Sailing Association, the CSA Rating Rule and CSA Measurers is available at: [www.caribbean-sailing.com](http://www.caribbean-sailing.com)

#### ADDENDUM A – SAFETY AND EQUIPMENT REGULATIONS

These regulations represent minimum standards of preparedness for racing in the Jolly Harbour Yacht Club Annual Regatta. They do not replace, but rather supplement, the requirements of applicable local or national authority for boating, the Racing Rules of Sailing, the rules of Class Associations and any applicable rating rules. It is not an exhaustive list nor is it a substitute for good seamanship and preparation. Each competitor shall be solely responsible for the safe preparation of their boat. ‘OSR’ refers to the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations.

1. SCOPE 1.1. These regulations shall not be grounds for a protest except by the technical committee, race committee or the protest committee.





## 2. LIFELINES

2.1. Monohull boats shall be fitted with lifelines that comply with OSR 3.14 for Category 4.

2.2 Unless stated in the Notice of Race the following boats are not required to comply with regulation 2.1:  
Boats under 8m in length designed without lifelines  
Boats designed without lifelines but having sufficient bulwarks or other structures to prevent a man overboard  
Boats applying for and receiving in writing an exemption from these requirements from the race committee or technical committee.

## 3. REQUIRED PREPARATIONS

3.1. No anchor shall be stowed such that the anchor overhangs any part of the boat.

3.2. All hatches, companionways, and ports shall be capable of being made watertight.

3.3. Cockpits shall be self-bailing and fitted with adequate drains.

3.4. Sufficient drinking water shall be provided such that there remains at least 0.5 litres of water per person onboard at the end of each race.

## 4. REQUIRED ITEMS

4.1. The following items shall be onboard and accessible:

- a) Anchor, chain and rode,
- b) Manual bilge pump.
- c) A sound making device (horn, whistle or other device).
- d) Tapered plugs of a suitable material, and suitable size for every through-hull opening
- e) A bucket of not less than 8 litres capacity with a lanyard attached.
- f) A first aid kit.







- g) Charts covering the race area and any areas adjacent where shelter might be sought
- h) Three red hand flares and two orange smoke flares
- i) A VHF transceiver of at least 5W transmit power handheld.
- j) A marine magnetic compass independent of any power supply, capable of being used as a steering compass
- k) For each crew member, one lifejacket fitted with a whistle

4.2. The following items shall be onboard and readily accessible from the cockpit:

- a) For boats carrying flammable fuels, a fire extinguisher.
- b) A lifebuoy, or a lifesling stowed above deck
- c) A heaving line, at least 15m long.

4.3. Where applicable all required items shall be: a) of a suitable specification for the boat and expected conditions b) in-date and fully serviceable

