



JHYC Valentines Regatta 2026
28th Edition
Organizing Authority: Jolly Harbour Yacht Club
Notice of Race
13th – 15th February 2026

The Regatta Headquarters will be located in the Jolly Harbour Commercial Centre.

RULES

- 1.1 The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
 - 1.2 Addendum A – Safety and Equipment Regulations will apply.
 - 1.3 The CSA Rating Rule will apply to all boats.
 - 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 or more races 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
 - (d) Rule 77, Identification on Sails, will not apply.
- The Sailing Instructions may also change other rules.

2. ADVERTISING

All boats competing may be required to display advertising chosen and provided by the organising Authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta will be held for boats in the CSA Monohull class, which may be subdivided:
- 3.2 Boats are encouraged to enter online at www.jhycantigua.com/sailing Payment to be made at briefing.
- 3.3 Entries will be accepted up to 18.00 on Friday, 13th February 2026. Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the Organizing Authority (OA) and if accepted a 20% late entry penalty may be levied on top of the entry fee.





3.4 The OA may amalgamate, cancel, divide, sub-divide or rearrange classes at its sole discretion.

3.5 All entries shall declare their sail configuration at Registration but in any event, by no later than 18:00 on Friday, 13th February.

3.6 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, 13th February.

4. FEES

4.1 The entry fee is EC\$300 for boats registered prior to 18:00 13th February.

4.2 Entry fees shall be paid by no later than 18:00 on Friday, 13th February. All fees shall 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 shall provide a refundable CASH fee of EC\$50 at registration as deposit for a class flag. Fee will be returned to boats at Prize Giving when the flag is returned to the OA.

5. REGISTRATION

5.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form online at:

www.jhycantigua.com/sailing

5.2 Registration is mandatory for all entrants and will take place at the Regatta Headquarters on Friday, 13th February from 17:00 to 18:00.

5.3 Each boat shall provide a list of names and contact information for each member of the crew at Registration.

5.4 Each boat shall provide its sail number at Registration.

5.4 A skipper or support person for each boat shall sign a waiver at Registration.

6. IDENTIFICATION

The returnable class flag shall be flown from the backstay throughout the regatta.

7. SCHEDULE

7.1 A mandatory Skippers' Briefing is scheduled for 18:00 on 13th February at the Regatta Headquarters.

7.2 Racing will take place on Saturday, 14th February and Sunday, 15th February.

7.3 Seven races, including a coastal race, are scheduled, with no more than four on any day.

7.4 The warning signal for the first race on each day will not be before 10:00.

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





7.6 Prize-giving will take place not before 17:00 on Sunday, 15th February, at JHYC Regatta Head Quarters.

8. MEASUREMENT AND RATINGS

8.1 All entries should have a current digitally-certified CSA rating certificate.

8.2 Boats requiring CSA measurement in Antigua should contact a CSA Official Measurer no later than noon on Monday, 9th February. 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 OA.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be published online at: www.jhycantigua.com/sailing

10. COURSES

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. HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled-out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

12. 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 11th February may not be accommodated.

13. INSURANCE

All boats shall have a minimum of adequate Third-Party Liability Insurance which covers racing valid for the duration of the Regatta.





14. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

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 OA 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.

15. 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

Information about the Caribbean Sailing Association, the CSA Rating Rule and CSA Measurers is available at: 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 Valentines 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

These regulations shall not be grounds for a protest except by the technical committee, race committee or the protest committee. This changes rule 60.1.

2. LIFELINES

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





2.2 The following boats are not required to comply with regulation 2.1:

- a) Boats under 8m in length designed without lifelines
- b) Boats designed without lifelines but having sufficient bulwarks or other structures to prevent a man overboard
- c) 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 remain 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 another 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



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