



**13<sup>TH</sup> SUPERYACHT CHALLENGE**  
**ENGLISH HARBOUR, ANTIGUA**  
**11 to 17 MARCH 2024**  
**NOTICE OF RACE**

The Superyacht Challenge Antigua (SYCA) has one clear objective; to provide all the facilities to stage an ideal event for an exclusive selection of superyachts, where fair racing and good companionship are valued above all else.

Designed to be solely for the pleasure of superyacht owners, their guests and crew, the magnificent fleet takes part in five days of spectacular racing. Together with laid back social events, the Superyacht Challenge Antigua is a wonderful celebration of sailing and parties.

The racing is competitive, but the SYCA is dedicated to pure fun afloat and ashore, where all participants enjoy a relaxed party atmosphere, free from commercial endorsements.

The regatta includes an optional race around the island of Antigua, the record for which was set at the 2022 SYCA by the 218ft ketch *Hetairos* at 3 hours 46 minutes and 8 seconds. A yacht that breaks the record will be awarded the skipper's weight in rum!

**1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY**

The organizing authority is Superyacht Challenge Antigua Ltd, which is affiliated to the Antigua and Barbuda Sailing Association.

**2 RULES**

The regatta will be governed by:

- a) The rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* (RRS).
- b) Appendix SY, Superyacht Racing Rules, to the RRS.
- c) The ORC Superyacht Rule (ORCs<sub>sy</sub>, [orc.org/superyacht](http://orc.org/superyacht)).
- d) The government of Antigua and organizing authority health and safety requirements and guidelines.

- e) The safety requirements designated by the yacht's flag state, classification society and/or code of compliance.
- f) No national prescriptions will apply.
- g) Under World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01, the definition *Start* is changed as follows:

**Start** A boat *starts* when her hull having been entirely on the pre-start 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 three minutes before her starting signal.

When a boat *starts* in accordance with item (b) of the definition *Start*, she shall not return to the prestart side of the starting line and she shall be penalized by five minutes in addition to the amount of time she was on the course side of the starting line before her starting signal, added to her elapsed time without a hearing. RRS 29.1 will not apply and RRS A5.1 is changed.
- h) If the organizing authority receives corroborative or substantiated reports of a yacht being handled in an overaggressive, unseamanlike or unsafe manner, it may excuse the yacht from the regatta and/or declare the yacht and/or its afterguard members ineligible for future SYCA regattas, with or without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

### **3 ADVERTISING**

The regatta has a no sponsorship policy so yachts shall obtain prior approval if they wish to promote and/or display their own sponsor.

### **4 ELIGIBILITY & ENTRY**

- 4.1 The Superyacht Challenge Antigua is an invitational event, open to superyachts in excess of 30 metres with a valid ORCsy rating certificate. Yachts less than 30 metres but greater than 25 metres with a valid certificate may request entry.
- 4.2 Yachts are requested to apply by no later than 1 December 2023. The entry fee is due by 1 January 2024.
- 4.3 Late entries may be accepted at the sole discretion of the organizing authority, subject to a late entry fee.
- 4.4 Completed entry forms shall be sent via email to the SYCA Race Office at [info@superyachtchallengeantigua.com](mailto:info@superyachtchallengeantigua.com).
- 4.5 The organizing authority reserves the right at its absolute discretion to accept a yacht's entry. Entry will only be confirmed on receipt of a completed entry form, full payment and notification of acceptance by the organizing authority.

### **5 FEES**

- 5.1 The entry fee is US \$9,000 + an ABSAR donation of US \$500, a total of US \$9,500.
- 5.2 A late entry fee of US \$1,000 will be assessed for payments made after 1 January 2024.
- 5.3 Payment may be made by either credit card or bank transfer at:

## ECAB USD Wire Instructions

Beneficiary: SUPER YACHT CHALLENGE ANU LTD; account no: 122000067

### **6 DOCKAGE**

Please contact Nelson's Dockyard Marina as early as possible to secure your regatta berth: [info@nelsonsdockyard.com](mailto:info@nelsonsdockyard.com), +1 268-464-6941, or call Paul Deeth on +1 268-464-7081.

### **7 SCHEDULE**

7.1 Five races are scheduled over five days.

Monday 11 March	09:00-18:00	Registration
Tuesday 12 March	17:00	Pre-regatta Briefing
Wednesday 13 March	09:00 18:00	Round Antigua Race Welcome Cocktail Party (at Boom Restaurant)
Thursday 14 March	09:00 11:00 18:00	Briefing First Series Race The Famous Cook Off (theme: Pirates of the Caribbean)
Friday 15 March	09:00 11:00 16:00	Briefing Second Series Race Paddle Board Competition & Beach Party
Saturday 16 March	09:00 11:00 18:00	Briefing Third Series Race Cocktails & Caribbean Night (prizes for loudest Caribbean shirts)
Sunday 17 March	09:00 11:00 17:30-19:30	Briefing Fourth Series Race Prize-Giving Ceremony (at the Admiral's Inn)

7.2 The organizing authority and race committee reserve the right to modify the schedule depending on weather conditions or other unforeseen circumstances.

7.3 The detailed social programme will be emailed to yachts prior to the event.

### **8 RATING CERTIFICATE**

8.1 Yachts are required to have a 2024 ORCs certificate. A description of the ORCs, the ORCs Rule, and application instructions are available at [orc.org/superyacht](http://orc.org/superyacht).

8.2 The following is an extract from the 2023 ORCs rule for information. Please visit the above website for any 2024 updates:

#### **400 Certificate Request**

- 400.1 *A request for an ORCsyr certificate shall be made by completing the on-line application form at the ORCsyr website. The application and all relevant documents to process a ORCsyr certificate shall be submitted no later than 6 weeks prior to the first racing day of the event, unless otherwise stated in the regatta's Notice of Race. The ORC may extend this deadline at its sole discretion.*
- 400.2 *The final inventory of sails, the anchors and the amount of liquids (water and fuel) onboard while racing shall be declared by email to the ORCsyr Technical Committee (sy@orc.org) at the latest 2 weeks before the first racing day. If events are taking place on two or three consecutive weeks exceptions will be considered. Minimum tankage values during an event shall be declared as percentage of the total tank capacity.*
- 400.3 *Applications, documents, data and late configuration declarations arriving after the deadlines above will incur a 30% increase in fee.*

### **9 VENUE**

The racing area is around and off the south coast of Antigua.

### **10 RACE OFFICE**

The race office is located at the National Parks Antigua Events Center, Nelson's Dockyard.

### **11 REGISTRATION**

Yachts shall complete registration at the race office no later than 18:00 hours on 11 March 2024. The following shall be presented:

- a) A valid 2024 ORCsyr certificate.
- b) The name, local mobile telephone number and email address of the yacht's Captain, the designated RRS Afterguard Member and the Communications Officer.
- c) Confirmation of the RRS Afterguard Member Compliance and Information Form.

### **12 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board located on the regatta website.

### **13 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

The sailing instructions will be available from the race office at registration and afterwards on the official notice board.

### **14 BRIEFINGS**

- 14.1 A pre-regatta briefing will be held at 17:00 hours on 12 March, at the Admiral's Inn. Attendance is mandatory for the Captain, the RRS Afterguard Member, the Communications Officer and the Racing Tactician.
- 14.2 A daily briefing will be held each series racing day (i.e. not on 13 March) at 09:00 hours at a location to be advised. Attendance is mandatory for any two from the Captain, the RRS Afterguard Member, the Communications Officer and the Racing Tactician.

## **15 STARTING FORMAT**

Starts will be staggered, with slower rated yachts starting before faster rated yachts.

## **16 PENALTY SYSTEM**

The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply (a yellow flag will be required).

## **17 SCORING**

17.1 The Round Antigua Race will be scored separately from the four-race Series, and scored overall (there will be no classes).

17.2 For the Series, there will be up to three classes, which will be scored individually (there will be no overall score); one race is required to be completed to constitute a series; no score will be excluded.

## **18 DESIGNATED RRS AFTERGUARD MEMBER COMPLIANCE**

18.1 Each yacht shall designate one member of the afterguard who is currently active with and has a thorough understanding of the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) and shall submit a completed Compliance Form no later than 1 February 2024. Details of the requirements will be posted on the official notice board and distributed to captains by email.

18.2 The RRS Afterguard Member may be the yacht's helmsman, navigator, racing tactician or communications officer if they meet the stated criteria. This individual's role is to interact closely with the other members of the afterguard. Captains should not be the designated RRS Afterguard Member due to the specific RRS related criteria that this position requires and the fact that the overall safety of the yacht is their responsibility.

## **19 COMMUNICATIONS OFFICER**

Each yacht shall designate a Communications Officer who will monitor and communicate on the VHF safety channel, who has experience with radio protocol and preferably experience with and an understanding of the RRS and Appendix SY.

## **20 PRIZES**

20.1 A selection of rum barrels suitably filled.

20.2 The Gosnell Trophy is awarded to the yacht who in the opinion of the competitors and race committee has competed in the spirit of the regatta, both afloat and ashore.

## **21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors agree to be bound by the World Sailing RRS, by the notice of race and the sailing instructions. Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their yacht, the rigging, the crew's ability, and the safety equipment. Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for damages caused to third persons or their belongings, to themselves or to their belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of their participation in the regatta, relieving of any responsibility the organizing authority and all persons involved in the organization under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for the behaviour and dress of the yacht's crew, representatives and guests.

Competitors are to be acquainted with RRS Fundamental Rule 3: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone."

Competitors agree that the organizers and their agents have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to crew members or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel or property.

## **22 INSURANCE**

Each yacht shall be adequately insured. It is the responsibility of each yacht's Captain and Owner to certify that all crew and guests aboard are properly insured against all liabilities and injuries incurred for the duration of the regatta.

## **23 AUTHORIZATION TO USE NAME & LIKENESS**

Competitors agree to provide the organizing authority and the event's sponsors authority to use and show at all times, static or moving photos, films or TV recording and all duplicates of them during the event. They also give authority to use without any compensation their own images on any event material.

## **24 FURTHER INFORMATION**

24.1 For further information please contact the race office:

Email: [info@superyachtchallengeantigua.com](mailto:info@superyachtchallengeantigua.com)

Phone: +1 268-460-1059

24.2 Paul Deeth and Stan Pearson can be contacted on:

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