



15TH SUPERYACHT CHALLENGE
ENGLISH HARBOUR, ANTIGUA
4 to 8 MARCH 2026
SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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The Superyacht Challenge Antigua is a SuperYacht Racing Association sanctioned event.

The organizing authority (OA) is SuperYacht Challenge Antigua Ltd, which is affiliated to the Antigua and Barbuda Sailing Association.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a yacht may not protest another yacht for breaking that rule. This changes Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 60.1.

1 CLASSES & CLASS FLAGS

- 1.1 A list of yachts by class/division will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located on the event website.
- 1.2 Class flags for the purposes of race committee (RC) signals are as follows: Buccaneers, Black; Privateers Performance, Pink; Corsairs, Cyan. Class flags are not required to be displayed by yachts.

2 [NP] RANGEFINDERS & TRACKING

- 2.1 Yachts will be issued at registration with two Pantaenius Laser Rangefinders and a TracTrac GPS tracking unit.
- 2.2 The rangefinders shall be used to determine distance between yachts. Operational instructions are provided in Addendum 1.
- 2.3 The tracking unit shall be attached to the yacht in accordance with Addendum 2.
- 2.4 The tracking unit shall be returned to the race office for charging after racing on Friday 6 March as soon as practicable but no later than 90 minutes after finishing. It will be reissued at the 09:00 hours briefing the following day.
- 2.5 The rangefinders and tracking unit shall be returned to the race office after the last race of the event as soon as practicable but no later than 90 minutes after finishing it.

3 ROUND ANTIGUA RACE / PART-ISLAND RACE

- 3.1 Yachts are invited to compete in the optional Round Antigua Race or the shorter Part-Island Race.
- 3.2 Yachts racing shall advise the RC on the day of the race, before their start on VHF channel 08, which of the two races they intend to compete in.
- 3.3 The Round Antigua Race will not be shortened. The Part-Island Race may be shortened.

4 COURSES & MARKS

- 4.1 Courses and the colours and approximate positions of marks are detailed in Addendum 3.
- 4.2 Laid marks will be inflatable cylinders.
- 4.3 RRS 34, Mark Missing, is changed to add: 'or (c) substitute a waypoint which will be announced on the RC channel. When RRS 34(c) applies, a yacht shall record her time and position when she passes the waypoint on her daily declaration form.'
- 4.4 The courses for each series day will be advised at the morning briefings.

5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Changes to the sailing instructions (SIs) will be posted on the ONB no later than the pre-regatta briefing on the day before the Round Antigua / Part-Island Races and no later than the morning briefing on the day they will take effect for the three-race series.
- 5.2 Other changes may be made orally by VHF radio. This changes RRS 90.2(c).

6 SIGNALS

- 6.1 Races will be started, postponed, shortened or abandoned by VHF radio announcement by the RC ashore. There will be no other sound or visual signals. This changes RRS 26, 27 and 32. (A leg of the course will not be changed.)
- 6.2 In exception to SI 6.1, a RC boat may signal a shortened course for different classes using class flag(s) and flag S. This changes RRS 32.

7 COMMUNICATION

- 7.1 Race Committee Channel
 - a) VHF 08 is the RC channel. Yachts shall monitor this channel on race days from 0930 (0730 on the Round Antigua / Part-Island Race day) until their protest time limit. As a courtesy the RC may also use email and/or WhatsApp for communication.
 - a) Delay in the broadcast of calls, the order in which they are made or any omission or failure of transmission, will not be grounds for a request for redress by a yacht. This changes RRS 61.1(a).
- 7.2 Safety Channel
 - a) VHF 14 is the safety channel. Yachts shall monitor this channel from their approach to the starting area to their departure from the finishing area. The channel shall be used for the purpose of assisting with collision avoidance, and advising, determining, and clarifying intentions. Yachts hailed by another yacht shall respond in a timely manner. If the channel is congested, yachts may use the RC channel for safety-related communication.
 - b) The alternative to VHF for safety-related communication is mobile phone communication. Yachts will be provided with a list of mobile phone numbers for RRS

afterguard members and communications officers, and are strongly encouraged to use telephone communication when the VHF channels are in use.

8 THE START

- 8.1 Yachts will be assigned their own starting times for each race. The daily starting sequence will be posted on the ONB no later than the pre-regatta briefing on the day before the Round Antigua / Part-Island Races and no later than the morning briefing on the day it will take effect for the three-race series.
- 8.2 The starting sequence for the first yacht to start will be in accordance with RRS 26 (as changed by SI 6.1).
- 8.3 A yacht's preparatory signal is four minutes before her starting signal.
- 8.4 The starting line will be between the signal mast at Fort Charlotte and the course side of the Start/Finish ODM to the south. Fort Charlotte is at the eastern entrance of English Harbour and the co-ordinates of the signal mast are 017N00.038'/061W45.641'.
- 8.5 The RRS definition *Start* is changed in notice of race (NoR) 1e.
- 8.6 Regardless of class, after the preparatory signal for the first yacht to start and prior to a yacht's preparatory signal, the yacht shall stay clear of the starting area and of yachts scheduled to start ahead of her.

9 THE FINISH

- 9.1 The finishing line will be between the signal mast at Fort Charlotte and the course side of the Start/Finish ODM.
- 9.2 If the course is shortened and the RC announces SI 5.2 applies, the finishing line is a line through the mark at a 90° angle to the last leg of the course and of the shortest practicable length. At the first reasonable opportunity a yacht shall report to the RC her finishing time and her position in relation to nearby yachts.
- 9.3 For the Round Antigua Race yachts shall record their finishing time on their daily declaration form.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 10.1 The Scoring Penalty, RRS 44.3, will apply.
- 10.2 A yacht shall declare any penalties she has taken on her daily declaration form.
- 10.3 Post-Race Penalty
 - 10.3.1 Provided that RRS 44.1(b) does not apply, a yacht that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
 - 10.3.2 A Post-Race Penalty is a 30% Scoring Penalty calculated as stated in RRS 44.3(c). However, RRS 44.1(a) applies.
 - 10.3.3 A yacht takes a Post-Race Penalty by delivering to the race office a written statement that she accepts the penalty and that identifies the race number and where and when the incident occurred.
- 10.4 Penalties for breaches of the rules, other than a rule of Parts 1 and 2 of the RRS, may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.

10.5 RRS 48.1 does not apply to water used in a water ballast system that is declared and described in a yacht's measurement certificate. This changes RRS 48.1.

11 TIME LIMIT

The time limit is 17:00 hours. Yachts failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF without a hearing. This changes RRS 35 and A5.1.

12 [NP] PROTESTS & REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 The OA will take a proactive stance on enforcing the rules of the event, safety and sportsmanship. Safe racing and mutual respect are the responsibility of all involved in the event.

12.2 Hearing request forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.

12.3 The protest time limit is:

- a) For the Round Antigua and Part-Island Races, 60 minutes after the yacht has finished.
- b) For each class of the series races, 60 minutes after the last yacht in the class has finished the last race of the day, or the RC signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

12.4 A schedule of hearings will be posted on the ONB within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform yachts of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the race office.

12.5 If there is an incident on the water that raises questions regarding the rules and no penalty is declared or protest filed, yachts are encouraged to request a 'rules clarification meeting' with the protest committee on their daily declaration form. A rules clarification meeting will not result in penalization of a yacht; rather its objective is to eliminate confusion and resolve any disagreements on interpretation of the rules.

13 [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

13.1 Yachts shall perform a radio check and receive an acknowledgement from the RC on the safety channel within 60 minutes prior to their scheduled start time, and shall at the same time inform the RC of the number of persons onboard.

13.2 Man-Overboard (MOB)

13.2.1 Each yacht's MOB procedure shall be practiced at least once by the crew racing in the regatta prior to the first race.

13.2.2 A yacht that has a MOB incident shall immediately stop racing. She shall either (a) recover the person or (b) coordinate the recovery of the person by another boat, in which case she shall stand by in the vicinity of the incident.

13.2.3 The yacht captain and the operator of the boat that recovered the person may agree to delay the transfer of the person from the boat to the yacht for safety reasons. The transfer of the person from the recovery boat to the yacht may occur at any time during the race or after it. If the transfer is delayed, the yacht may resume racing when the person is safely on board the recovery boat. This changes RRS 48.2.

13.2.4 A yacht that has an MOB incident shall notify the RC as soon as practicable and shall record the time, position and details of the incident on her daily declaration form.

13.2.5 The circumstances of the recovery will be reviewed by the RC, which may add to the yacht's elapsed time without a hearing when another boat recovers the MOB. This changes RRS A5.1.

13.3 A yacht that retires from a race shall notify the RC as soon as practicable.

13.4 The RC may call for a post-race safety meeting as a result of an incident on the race course. Attendance may be mandatory for some or all of the captains, RRS afterguard members, communications officers and racing tacticians of yachts involved.

14 [NP] USE OF ENGINES & THRUSTERS

14.1 For safety reasons, yachts are encouraged to run their engines in neutral during a race. They may be put into gear and thrusters used to help avoid a collision, provided the yacht does not gain a significant advantage in the race.

14.2 A yacht that puts her engine in gear or uses her thruster while racing shall record the time, duration, position and details of the incident on her daily declaration form.

15 [NP] DAILY DECLARATION FORM

RRS afterguard members shall complete a daily declaration form (available on the ONB), which provides important feedback on safety and wind conditions. The completed form shall be delivered to the race office or emailed to info@superyachtchallengeantigua.com as soon as practicable after racing each day, but no later than 90 minutes after finishing.

16 SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall keep well clear of the starting area and shall not interfere with a yacht that is racing or with RC vessels or actions.

ADDENDUM 1

PANTAENIUS LASER RANGEFINDERS

The SuperYacht Racing Association (SYRA) expresses its appreciation to Pantaenius GmbH & Co for its generous contribution of over 130 Nikon Rangefinders to help ensure safe racing at SYRA sanctioned events.

Press the POWER button **A** to turn the rangefinder on. Confirm that the rangefinder is set to metres (default is yards). If it is necessary to change the display to metres Press and Hold the MODE button **B** for two seconds until the display changes to metres. The rangefinder shuts off automatically 8 seconds after the last operation.



To take a measurement press the Power button **A** and the LCD illuminates, align the reticle on the target and press and hold the Power button again until the display appears as it does in the picture, right side above. To obtain the best results try to select bright coloured targets with large, shiny, highly reflective surfaces.

Warning: The rangefinders are waterproof, but not submersible, please take care to keep them dry and in good condition. Never look directly at the laser or directly into the sun when using the rangefinder. Do not depress the POWER button while looking in the optics from the objective side. Do not aim at anyone's eye.

ADDENDUM 2 TRACTRAC GPS TRACKER

The GPS tracker is protected in an Aquapac and is recommended to be attached to the yacht on the sea rail, ideally centrally, at the back of the yacht, clear of any obstructions or other instruments, in clear view of the sky (for satellites) and high above the waterline. Secure with cable tie or tape, so it does not hang loosely or bang around.



The tracker was turned on before being handed out and there is no need to press any buttons before racing.

However, in case of a device problem, you may be requested to reset the device manually.

Reset procedure:

Turn off: press and hold the on/off button until device flashes red. Release button. Wait until all LEDs are off. (Be patient as this may take more than 1 minute.)

Turn on: press and hold the on/off button until for 2 seconds. Release button. Check that LEDs come on after a few seconds.



Tracking can be watched live or in replay at tractrac.com or on the app.

ADDENDUM 3
COURSES & MARKS

SERIES COURSES

<p>COURSE 1 Start Nelsons S Stan S Rendezvous S Finish ODM P Nelsons P Finish ca 11NM</p>	<p>COURSE 2 Start Nelsons S Stan S Curtains S Finish ODM P Nelsons P Finish ca 16NM</p>	<p>COURSE 3 Start Nelsons S Rupert S Curtains S Finish ODM P Nelsons P Finish ca 18NM</p>	<p>COURSE 4 Start Nelsons S Stan S Rupert S Curtains S Finish ODM P Nelsons P Finish ca 18NM</p>
<p>COURSE 5 Start Nelsons S Stan S Rendezvous S Finish ODM P Nelsons P Finish ODM S Rendezvous S Finish ODM P Nelsons P Finish ca 18NM</p>	<p>COURSE 6 Start Nelsons S Stan S Rendezvous P Rupert S Curtains S Finish ODM P Nelsons P Finish ca 21NM</p>	<p>COURSE 7 Start Nelsons S Stan S Curtains S Rendezvous S Rupert P Stan P Nelsons P Finish ca 21NM</p>	<p>COURSE 8 Start Nelsons S Rupert S Curtains S Rendezvous P Curtains S Finish ODM P Nelsons P Finish ca 23NM</p>
<p>COURSE 9 Start Nelsons S Stan S Rendezvous P Rupert S Curtains S Rendezvous P Curtains S Finish ODM P Nelsons P Finish ca 26NM</p>	<p>COURSE 10 Start Nelsons S Rupert S Curtains S Rendezvous P Curtains S Rendezvous P Curtains S Finish ODM P Nelsons P Finish ca 28NM</p>	<p>COURSE 11 Start Nelsons S Rupert S Curtains S Finish ODM P Nelsons P Finish ODM S Curtains S Finish ODM P Nelsons P Finish ca 29NM</p>	<p>COURSE 12 Start Nelsons S Stan S Rupert S Curtains S Finish ODM P Nelsons P Finish ODM S Rendezvous P Rupert P Stan P Nelsons P Finish ca 30NM</p>
<p>COURSE 13 Start Nelsons S Rupert S Curtains S Stan P Nelsons P Finish ODM S Curtains S Finish ODM P Nelsons P Finish ca 30NM</p>	<p>COURSE 14 Start Nelsons S Stan S Rendezvous P Rupert S Curtains S Stan P Curtains S Finish ODM P Nelsons P Finish ca 31NM</p>	<p>S: starboard P: port ODM: outer distance mark</p>	

COLOUR & APPROXIMATE POSITION OF LAID MARKS

Start/Finish ODM	Yellow	016N59.560'	061W45.940'
Claire	Orange	017N02.867'	061W38.715'
Curtains	Orange	016N59.856'	061W50.775'
Jolly	Orange	017N07.215'	061W56.319'
Nelsons	Orange	016N58.558'	061W44.764'
Rendezvous	Orange	017N00.019'	061W48.004'
Rupert	Orange	016N56.585'	061W49.606'
Stan	Orange	016N57.582'	061W46.335'

ROUND ANTIGUA COURSE

The course will be around the island of Antigua in an anticlockwise direction:

Start			
Man of War Point (Green Island)	Port	017N04.000'	061W39.500'
Diamond Bank	Port	017N12.200'	061W53.100'
Sandy Island	Port	017N08.000'	061W56.200'
Cades Reef	Port	017N00.000'	061W53.500'
Finish ca 46NM			

PART-ISLAND COURSE

Start			
Nelsons (orange/laid)	Starboard	016N58.558'	061W44.764'
Cades Reef	Starboard	017N00.000'	061W53.500'
Jolly (orange/laid)	Port	017N07.215'	061W56.319'
Cades Reef	Port	017N00.000'	061W53.500'
Finish ca 33NM			

NOTES

Marks are rounding marks except for the Start/Finish ODM which is a passing mark.
Course distances and mark positions are approximate.