

Antigua Regatta

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INTRODUCTION

■ About Antigua Sailing Week

Known as the Caribbean's hottest sailing week, Antigua Race Week is one of the world's premier racing regattas. Held in late April/early May, this regatta for ocean going yachts attracts professionals from Europe, North and South America, Australia and Japan. Today it has been going for over 30 years and attracts some 150 racing yachts from countries all over the world and thousands of onlookers.

Antigua Race Week is sailed under the official Caribbean Rating Certificate. The actual Sailing Week comprises five days competitive racing beginning on the Sunday. The races are between 16 and 29 miles starting and finishing in different locations around Antigua, including English Harbour, Jolly Harbour and Dickenson Bay.

No description of Antigua Sailing Week is complete without a mention of the famous social scene. Heavily sponsored by some of the top names in International Yacht Racing, drinking and partying is a mandatory part of each day's activities. Midweek there is the famous Lay Day where spectators and competitors join in the hilarious activities centring around Antigua Yacht Club. The prize giving takes place on the final Saturday. Celebrations and serious rum drinking continue into the small hours at the Lord Nelson's Ball, which every year provides Sailing Week with a glamorous finale.

■ Official Regatta Information

The information given in this section is just to give you a basic idea about the various regattas.

For more up-to-date information about organising authorities, racing rules and regulations, programmes, racing classes, handicap systems, entry, etc., contact the individual racing committee: www.sailingweek.com.

■ Background Racing Information

When racing, it is better to have a lower rating. This means that when you are taking part in the race, there will be less time added to your racing time. The higher the rating is; the more time that is added to your racing time. Charterers will obviously wish to have the lowest rating possible.

If the yacht has a furling mainsail, then their rating is lower, as in theory it takes longer to get around the course, whereas if they have a fully battened mainsail, the rating is higher as in theory the yacht will get around the course quicker.

■ Entry & Registration

Entry forms and all racing information may be obtained from:-

The Secretary,
Antigua Sailing Week,
P.O. Box 2035,
St. John's,
Antigua, West Indies.
Tel: (268) 462 8872 or (268) 462 6164 / Fax: (268) 462 8873
Email: sanhall@candw.ag. Website: www.sailingweek.com

Complete entry forms, C.S.A. Certificates and fees must be returned to the Secretary, P.O. Box 2035, St. John's, Antigua, not later than the Thursday before the start of the Sailing Week.

■ Dates for 2011

44th Antigua Sailing Week 2011 – 24th April to 29th April

■ Entry Closing Dates

The closing date for entry into the Antigua Sailing Week is 30 days prior to the start. Anyone wishing to enter the race after this time will be liable to a supplement and is subject to Race Committee approval.

■ **Booking & Price Information**

- Suggested Charter Period: 20th April to 3rd May 2011 (NB: The minimum charter period is longer for this regatta, due to the volume of yachts; therefore it takes longer to check in /out.)
- Suggested booking: 14 days, 4 days before start of race, and 4 days after end of race. Time must be allotted to sail to Antigua. Antigua is 95 miles NE of St Martin.
- Event Code – ASW11
- All Security Deposits and Insurances must be paid in advance of the charter.

€Euros SAILING WEEK COSTS

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| Charter Fee | See Caribbean prices | |
| Regatta Supplements | €640 | For Monohulls up to 38ft |
| | €785 | For Monohulls 39-43ft |
| | €1250 | For Monohulls 44ft+ |
| | €1360 | All Catamarans |
| Racing Security Deposit (refundable) | €5000 | Per yacht: Compulsory charge covering all elements of loss or damage during the specified period, except for negligence; payable by credit card at the Base. This deposit will cover the period of the race week plus 2 days. It is the client’s responsibility to ensure the boat is cleared by the base before switching back onto CDW cover (if requested). |
| YDW (non-refundable) | | Standard YDW charge for any charter days before/after RSD period detailed above |
| Race Entry Package | €970 | Per yacht (payable in advance with final balance payment) |
| Entry to official functions | | Payable locally |
| Dockage at English Harbour | \$8.50 p/ft | Payable locally: Available with ADVANCE booking only. Available from Saturday 25th April from 1400 hrs until Saturday 2nd May at 1000hrs charged at 8.50 USD per foot for the week |

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| INCLUDED IN RACE ENTRY PACKAGE | NOT INCLUDED IN RACE ENTRY PACKAGE |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Race Entry fees - Welcome cocktail - Race Support - Yacht Preparation & Hull Cleaning - Yacht Measurement - Pre-race Briefing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flights - Taxi transfers - Local cruising taxes - Mooring fees - Departure Taxes - Provisioning & beverages - Spinnakers, poles, cruising chutes - not available in the Caribbean - Delivery charges to/from Race locations (if required) - Tickets & entry to official functions |
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■ **Race Entry Fees & Security Deposits**

See our Sunsail Antigua Sailing Week Rate Sheet for information.
(This is updated each year as soon as information has been received from the Race Committee.)

■ **Classes & Classification**

The Sailing Week normally consists of four races around laid buoys off the coast of Antigua, and one Olympic type course off Dickenson Bay on the second racing day.
The event is usually split into two separate divisions as follows:-

Division A

Racing Fleet, Sport boats and Racer/Cruiser Fleet (with spinnaker)
Boats in Division A – may fly normal spinnakers or asymmetrical sails and will all be rated with spinnakers.

Division B

Racer/Cruiser Fleet (non-spinnaker), Cruiser Fleet and Bareboats
Boats in Division B – Racer/Cruiser non-spinnaker fleet: may not fly spinnakers, MPS or asymmetrical sails. They may carry one or two jibs and utilise a pole.

Cruiser Fleet: May fly spinnakers, an MPS, asymmetrical sails and one or two jibs and will be rated in accordance with their election to carry such sails or not.

Bareboat Fleet: May only carry mainsail and jib, with no pole.
To qualify for the Bareboat Class, each boat must be confirmed to be part of a bonafide bareboat charter fleet sailed in charter trim with standard mainsail and jib. Spinnaker poles are not allowed and boats that are chartered with full sail inventories are not eligible.

■ **Racing/After Racing Programme**

Example programme below - for information only. The programme contents do change from year to year.

| Programme of Events | |
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| SATURDAY, APRIL 23 | 9 am - Noon - Registration at the Committee Desk. |
| SUNDAY, APRIL 24 | Racing Day One |
| MONDAY, APRIL 25 | Racing Day Two |
| TUESDAY, APRIL 26 | Racing Day Three |
| WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27 | Lay Day |
| THURSDAY, APRIL 28 | Racing Day Four |
| FRIDAY, APRIL 29 | Racing Day Five and Prize Giving |
| SATURDAY, APRIL 30 | Dockyard Day |



Racing / Regattas

Standard Yacht Racing Conditions

SECURITY DEPOSIT

1. The charterer shall pay a refundable Racing Security Deposit, as stated on the Sunsail Race Information sheet, to Sunsail by cash, credit card or cheque, not less than 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the charter. This deposit is as security against:
 - The vessel being returned in a condition other than its condition on the commencement of charter.
 - Any loss or damage suffered by Sunsail due to any breach of this agreement by the charterer, but without prejudice to any claim over and above the security deposit that Sunsail may have.
2. The security deposit or the balance, if any, remaining after any deductions have been made shall be returned within 14 days of the return of the vessel to Sunsail. In case of any dispute, the security deposit or such balance (if any) shall be refunded upon settlement of the dispute.

DAMAGE/COLLISION

1. Charterers are responsible for damage caused to their yacht during the charter period irrespective as to whosoever caused such damage. In the event of damage the charterer will lose his security deposit, except in the following instances:
 - The total repair or replacement costs are less than the deposit in which case the remainder of the deposit (after these costs are deducted) will be refunded.
 - It can be proved that the damage was caused by another yacht who was at fault AND the charterer took all possible measures to avoid collision AND the other skipper will pay for all damage caused. In which case the security deposit will be refunded on payment by the guilty party.
 - Where the yacht was under the responsibility of a Sunsail skipper and he was at the helm. Should the charterer be in charge of the helm then this exclusion does not apply.
2. At the end of the charter period in which a collision has occurred, involved parties will be required to agree and apportion blame. Deposits, if appropriate, will then be refunded (Should repair costs be less than the deposit). If no agreement can be reached then Sunsail will decide which party is responsible. Sunsail's decision except in case of manifest error shall be final.
3. In the event of a collision, either between a non Sunsail yacht or any other number of Sunsail yachts, ALL security deposits will be withheld, irrespective of the initially perceived costs or blame until such time as a decision has been reached. A further security deposit will be taken from all parties before the charter may continue. This applies for each and every separate incident during the charter period.

In the event that the 3rd party of a collision is a non Sunsail yacht, charterer must make his best efforts to obtain details of the yacht, skipper, insurer and a report on the collision, Sunsail will make every effort to assist in recovering the money from the 3rd party if appropriate.

Standard yacht racing conditions cont'd...

In the event that a charterer requests a replacement item for any damage caused directly by the charterer: e.g. replacement spinnaker or in extreme cases a replacement yacht, the charterer shall top up their security deposit to the extent of the damage caused or the value of the original security deposit or whichever is the lower. Replacement of the item remains at the discretion of Sunsail (subject to availability) and if no replacement is made no refund of charter or race fees will be made.

Liability of the charterer is unlimited if the damage was caused while the skipper was drunk/drugged or the damage was reckless/wilful or negligent.

In the event of damage to the yacht, the local Sunsail representative must be informed immediately and his decision as to whether the yacht is able to continue charter without repair shall be final.

To be signed on behalf of the Charterer:

Event: _____

Date: _____

Standard yacht racing conditions cont'd...

FOR SALES OFFICE / BASE INFORMATION ONLY

Pricing Guide for Clients taking part in Regattas/Races

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| ➤ Charter Fee | Standard (as per price list) PLUS Racing Supplement as per sheet |
| ➤ Damage Waiver | Standard (as per price list) outside of racing days |
| ➤ Refundable Racing Security Deposit | £3000 per boat |
| ➤ CHS Revalidation | £50 approx. (where appropriate) |
| ➤ Race Entry Fees/Package | As stated by Sunsail |
| ➤ Entry into official functions | As stated by Sunsail |

The first two pages must be sent to the client with their confirmation package, signed and then returned to the Sales Office / Agent / Base and kept on file.

All above must be paid to the Sales Office / Agent / Base (if local booking) in advance of the charter.

Damage report must be obtained from the base BEFORE returning any Refundable Racing Security Deposits to clients.

Please convert the above prices into your local currency.