## **CLUB CLASS RULES**

Antigua Sailing Week featured a new Club Class in 2018 which has been expanded and improved for 2020. This Class is open to sailors who want to participate in the on-the-water action but who may not take their racing as seriously as others and don't want to incur all the usual expenses. If you are racing to win, this is not the class for you!

- The entry fee is US \$7 per foot of measured overall length.
- Acceptance of entries into the Club Class is solely at the discretion of the Organising Authority. High performance boats, boats using high tech sails or spars, boats that have previously done well under CSA racing or boats with highly trained crews will not be accepted into the Club Class.
- The Class will be scored using Variable Simplified CSA Handicap. Boats that already have full CSA Ratings may enter the Class but will be issued a CSA Simplified Rating, at no cost. CSA Simplified Ratings are higher than CSA Full Ratings. Boats without a CSA Rating must request a CSA Simplified Rating at a cost of US \$50 by accessing this <a href="Link">Link</a>. All boats should endeavor to have their CSA Simplified Rating a few days BEFORE the close of registration. Please note: If you wish to race with a lower CSA Full Rating then you need to get a full CSA measurement or annual update and register for one of the CSA Racing Classes.
- Boats may enter as jib and main (pole or no pole) only or with spinnakers.
- After each day's racing, individual ratings will be adjusted up or down according to the following formula: **New Rating = Old Rating X Equalizing Factor X Reward Factor**. Yachts that do well (better than 4th place) will have their rating adjusted up while yachts that do not do as well (worse than 4<sup>th</sup> place) will have their rating adjusted down. Yachts the finish in 4<sup>th</sup> place will not have their rating change for the next race. The newly adjusted rating becomes your rating for next day's race. This will result in tighter racing as the week progresses with more opportunities for all teams to experience the thrill of a podium position.

## **Equalizing Factor:**

Calculated as the ratio of each finisher's corrected time to the 4th place boat corrected time to a minimum and maximum amount of 0.950 to 1.050, inclusive.

## **Performance Reward Factor:**

This does not vary for the duration of the regatta.

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1^{st} = .990, 2^{nd} = .994, 3^{rd} = .997, 4^{th} = 1.000, 5^{th} = 1.003, 6^{th} = 1.006, 7^{th} = 1.010, 8^{th} = 1.011, 9^{th} = 1.012, 10^{th} = 1.013, 11^{th} = 1.014, 12^{th} and below = 1.015
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If the boat has no finish time (DNC, DNS, DNF, etc), then **New Rating = Old Rating**.

For the top three finishers, the New Rating will not be less than the Old Rating.

The rating for the 4<sup>th</sup> place finisher's rating will remain the same for the next race

For finishers below 4<sup>th</sup> place, the New Rating will not be more than the Old Rating.

Note: Yacht Scoring will only display the last rating used regardless of the actual rating used to calculate earlier races.

- All class participants must accept the Variable Simplified CSA Handicap procedures.
- The CSA Simplified Rating or the Variable Simplified CSA Handicap procedures are not subject to competitor protest.
- There will be one race per day for the Class with no throw-outs.
- Courses will be 2-3 hours long with less emphasis on windward/leeward performance in as much as that is possible within our geographic and mark placement limitations.
- Club Class entries will not be eligible for The Royal Southern Yacht Club Challenge.
- This document is NOT final. It may be modified until April 25, 2020. Please check back for possible updates.