

ANTIGUA YACHT CLUB

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NELSON'S PURSUIT RACE - MONDAY DECEMBER 31, 2012

Race Instructions – This is a pursuit race and boats will start on a staggered time basis according to their rating. All boats will be assigned a starting time based on predicted corrected finishing times, with the slowest boats starting first. Start times will be allocated at the **Skippers' Briefing to be held at Antigua Yacht Club Lawn at 18:00 hours on Saturday 29th December 2012.** The first boat in each class to cross the finish line will be the winner of that class. There will be four classes – Classic, Cruiser, Cruiser/Racer and Racing. Only working sails may be used. Spinnakers, Code 0's, Mizzen staysails, etc., as well as poles and double headsails are not allowed. Prizes will be given to first, second and third in each class. Additional prizes will be awarded to: Best elapsed time: Worst elapsed time: Best period dress: Best start: Best French Boat: Best English Boat: Best Multihull.

Entry fee is US \$1.20 per foot. – Proceeds in aid of the St. John's Hospice. Donations for this great cause is also accepted. Enter at the Antigua Yacht Club's Office (next to Cloggy's Restaurant). Office opens Mon – Fri 9 A.M. – 5 P.M. and Sat 10 A.M. – 3 P.M. **PLEASE ENTER EARLY!**

Starting – The first boat will start at approximately 11:00 hours. Boats will be responsible for starting at the correct time but will be assisted by the race committee which will notify yachts on VHF Channel 06 of their imminent start time. The call sign is 'RACE COMMITTEE'. The Race Committee will notify yachts when they have crossed the start line. A time check will be called out every 5 minutes from 10:45 hours until the first boat starts. From then the committee will endeavour to provide as much time assistance as possible but the boat is responsible for starting at their correct time. The call sign will be "Committee Fort". Boats shall keep clear of the starting area until the final minute before their allocated start time.

Recalls – Any boat starting early will be recalled on VHF Channel 06 and must restart at or after her assigned start time. If she has not returned and restarted within 5 minutes of her starting time she will be disqualified.

Course – All marks will be orange inflatable buoys.

START	Between a red flag on the hill above the Pillars of Hercules and a mark to the SW	
NELSON	¼ mile south of the start line	STARBOARD
VILLENEUVE	195° T - approx. 4.2 miles from Nelson (16.55.70°N, 61.46.60°W) APPROX	STARBOARD
CURTAIN BLUFF	Old Road Bluff	STARBOARD
NELSON	¼ mile south of the start line	PORT
FINISH	Between a red flag on the hill above the Pillars of Hercules and a mark to the SW	

Finish – All boats must call the Race Committee to identify themselves when rounding Nelson to approach the finish. Please take note of the name of the boat ahead of you and behind you.

Once finished you **MUST** keep clear of boats finishing behind you. Any boat deemed to have obstructed a boat finishing once they have finished will be disqualified. This is a pursuit race. The first boat to cross the line in each class wins.

Safety – This is a "fun" race and aggressive tactics and manoeuvres are frowned upon and the offending yacht may be subject to disqualification if deemed to be unnecessarily risky.

Prize giving - Monday 31st December at 17:00hrs at the Officer's Quarters in the Nelson's Dockyard - with Chippy's (in) famous Rum Punch.