

Antigua Flotilla!

29 April - 06 May 2023

Overview

Join us as Nautilus heads to Antigua for Sailing Week. Yachts from all over the world will arrive in English and Falmouth Harbors to participate in one of the year's biggest sailing events, the 54th Antigua Sailing Week. This regatta has developed over 50 plus years to become one of the distinguished yacht racing events in the Caribbean and one of the most prestigious worldwide. This should be one for the books! More info on ASW's [website](#).

Emergencies and Safety

If there is an emergency and you need to be contacted while on the boat, this is the contact information to provide. Please only have families use this in a REAL emergency, as contacting us will be very labor intensive once we are on the move. Cell phone coverage is lost for about 4 hours every day in between islands. However, there is good cell coverage on the islands and there is ample opportunity to use wifi at many restaurants along the way in order to let the world know how we are doing.

Emergency Contact Info:

NAUTILUS SAILING

800-680-7902

info@nautilussailing.com

*Note that on the weekends we are not in the office, but are still periodically checking emails and phone messages for emergencies

Following Our Adventure

If family and friends wish to follow our trip, they can track our trip via Garmin InReach. This is a fantastic adventurer's device that transmits a satellite signal of our exact location. InReach then plots a "track" of our progress on a chart. People can toggle between a chart of where we are and satellite imagery of the area. Friends and family often get jealous when they toggle to the Satellite view and see the places where you are anchored!

Here is the link to paste into browsers and the password is "sailing":

[Nautilus Sailing InReach](#)

Travel to Antigua

The major international airport in [Antigua is V. C. Bird International Airport](#). There are direct flights from 7 different major airports from the USA. The base marina, [Jolly Harbour Marina](#) is about a 30 minute car ride from the airport.

There are a couple options for getting to the base marina.

1. Uber - It works from the airport but not always to the airport.
2. Cab - Hail a cab out front
3. [Roundtrip rideshares](#)

Money

Antigua accepts payment in both US dollars & Eastern Caribbean dollars and major credit cards (excluding AMEX) are accepted.

Saturday Arrival and Schedule

For those of you that arrive early into Antigua, plan on enjoying your Saturday, whether that means relaxing at one of its many beaches, pools or exploring the island. There is much to do including museums, shopping, tours, hikes, and sightseeing.

All of the boats for the flotilla are not being returned until Saturday morning from the previous week's charters, so the local crew will be busy cleaning them. Please don't plan on boarding the boat until 5 pm. Your flotilla lead from Nautilus will be on site beginning around 3 pm, so stop by to say hi!

As soon as the boats are available to board, we will get situated, unpack, and then Saturday night we will head out to one of the many local restaurants in the area. Afterward we may swing by a few Sailing Week opening parties and meet the racers. We will plan on sailing out first thing Sunday morning, after spending Saturday night on the boat in the marina.

We highly recommend that everyone arrive in Antigua on Friday night. If your flight lands on Saturday and there is a delay, we don't want you to miss the boat!

Marina Info

[Dream Yacht Charters Worldwide](#)

[Jolly Harbour Marina](#)

3488+4M Jolly Harbour, Antigua and Barbuda

Weather

Before you pack, we recommend you check the weather for the week ahead. May is the last month of dry Antigua climate before the humidity and rainfall begin to increase over the summer. There's lots of sunshine throughout the month and maximum daily average temperatures of around 85 degrees with low 70s at night. There are plenty of cooling winds to help take the edge off the heat during the day hours.

Great weather resources to learn about local climate:

[Weather.com](#)

Wunderground.com

Meteoblue.com

Diving

There may be a few chances to go scuba diving! If you are a certified diver and would like to get in a couple of dives, let us know ASAP and we can start the diving conversation.

TRAVEL INSURANCE

We cannot stress this enough. PLEASE buy travel insurance! We all do our absolute best to control all the variables we can, but ultimately, things beyond our control can happen. Travel insurance is a small investment and will give you HUGE peace of mind. With COVID and all that is happening, make sure you read the fine print of your policy. Some policies now offer “Cancel for Any Reason”, which allows up to an 80% refund of all your money. If for some reason you have to cancel your trip (for example: due to illness or emergency), this would protect your investment.

By no means a comprehensive list, these are a few companies we recommend checking for travel insurance:

1. <https://www.worldnomads.com/usa/>
2. <https://www.squaremouth.com>
3. <https://www.travelinsure.com>
4. <https://www.travelguard.com>

Island Information

Welcome to Paradise! Antigua’s shoreline is washed almost exclusively by the Caribbean Sea and is hugged by 95 miles of superb coastline. Her sister Barbuda, is surrounded by protective reefs and features a large lagoon and Frigate Bird sanctuary. The island is best known for its friendly and welcoming people, pink and white-sandy beaches, crystal clear waters and the most satisfying and enjoyable climate in the world.

Recommended Packing List

Please pack all items in soft sided, collapsible luggage (like duffel bags or backpacks). Wheeled luggage is very convenient for most traveling, however is a real nuisance on a boat as there is no place to store such a bulky item.

Everyone will have shelves and a closet in their cabin, so as soon as you arrive you can unpack all your belongings.

- Board shorts/bathing suits
- Shorts
- T-shirts
- Lightweight long sleeve shirt for sun protection
- Lightweight pair long pants
- Jacket (for occasional rain showers and to use as a wind breaker)
- Fleece or sweatshirt and extra layers (as evenings on deck can be cool)
- Hat (large brimmed protects ears)
- Sandals/ flip flops
- Boat shoes (we usually go barefoot but it is nice to have shoes for cooler evenings and for passages)
- Boxers/underwear
- Toiletries
- Suntan lotion
- Aloe/after sun
- Bug spray
- Cameras (digital or video)
- Identification: As this is an international trip, please carry your passport.
- Airplane tickets and printed itinerary
- Headlamp with red LED bulb.. Something like this:
https://www.amazon.com/Ultra-Bright-CREE-LED-Headlamp/dp/B019MK6DX6/ref=sr_1_3?ie=UTF8&qid=1510731707&sr=8-3&keywords=headlamp+with+red+light
- Ear plugs, if you are a light sleeper (there are lots of sounds on a boat!)
- Sailing gloves
- Water bottle
- Snacks: granola bars, trail mix, nuts, chocolate, candy, etc...
- Scopolamine patches if prone to seasickness.
- 2 towels per person are provided