

WINDWARD SAILING CARIBBEAN SAILING



## CARIBBEAN 600 RACE ANTIGUA

The Hottest Offshore of the year

February 17<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> 2012

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## The Race

The RORC Caribbean 600, as the name suggests, is a 605 mile race around the Caribbean islands. The RORC Caribbean 600 starts and finishes in Antigua, during the race you will pass 14 magnificent islands, which are blessed with stunning scenery, including the remote cliffs of Saba, the white sandy beaches of Barbuda and the twisted volcanic rock faces of Montserrat. The turquoise sea and trade winds produces exhilarating sailing conditions and whales, dolphins and turtles are a common sight. By night you will race in warm breeze under a carpet of stars, seldom seen with such clarity.

The RORC Caribbean 600 Race starts on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2012 off Fort Charlotte, English Harbour, Antigua. More details can be found on the RORC mini website <http://caribbean600.rorc.org/>

You should be expecting to race around the course in a brisk breeze and warm seas. The race course around the Caribbean is the ultimate sailor's playground.

## The Itinerary

The yacht will be moored in Falmouth Harbour, Antigua ready for you to join on the afternoon or evening of 16<sup>th</sup> February 2012. On arrival you will meet your fellow crew and spend some time on board familiarising yourself with her equipment and layout. Accommodation can be onboard which should be comfortable. We will have a meal ashore that evening in a local pub such as the Mad Mongoose and get to know each other a little better and obviously to talk about the forthcoming race over a few Rum punches.

### February 17<sup>th</sup>

After a full safety brief we will head out of harbour for a full days sailing to provide lots of training in all aspects of boat handling ready for the race the following day. You will all have the opportunity to helm, trim sails, navigate etc. We will return to harbour for another evening ashore.

### February 18<sup>th</sup>

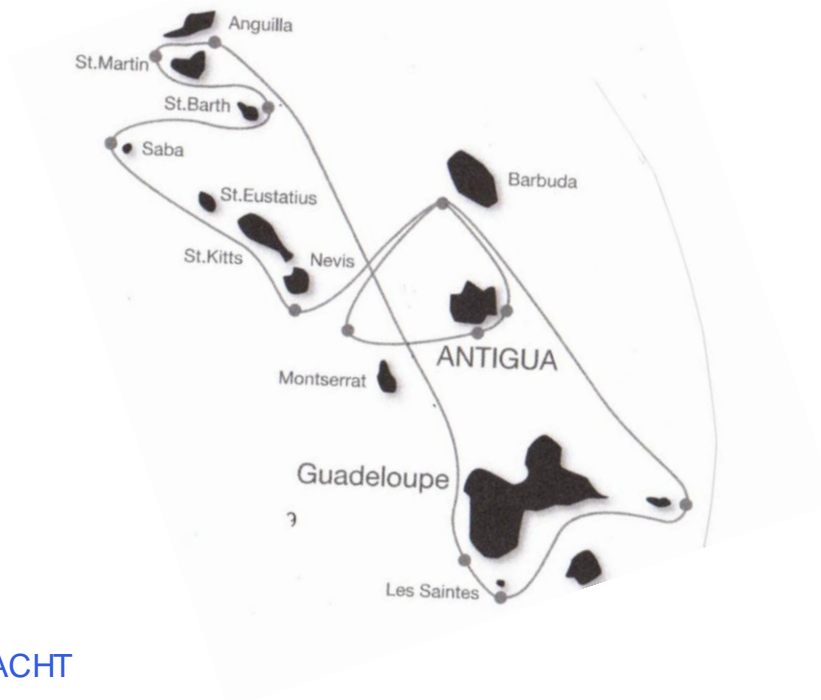
We will once again leave harbour for a short day sailing to consolidate the experiences of the previous day training. There is usually a fantastic party on this night held at the Antigua Yacht Club

February 19<sup>th</sup> Today will be spent in port where we will complete the final preparations for the 600 mile Offshore Race

### February 20<sup>th</sup>

Race Day. The race should take 3 days depending on weather conditions and we will soon settle into a watch system. As the course involves many Island roundings the crew will have little time to get bored and the navigators task will be very testing.

## THE COURSE



## THE YACHT



'Safara' is a 'fresh from her refit' Andrews 72 state of the art race yacht.

She comes complete with a 20 sail wardrobe, and with her huge downwind sail area she will certainly get the adrenalin pumping and those muscles burning.

The yacht has been designed and developed as high performance race machine intended to race – fast.

Windward Sailing competed in the Caribbean 600 in 2011 and everyone found the race tough, a proper match at last for the Fastnet Race but in the sunshine. The yacht will sail with a crew of 14 in the Caribbean allowing for plenty of room below decks to enjoy the atmosphere whilst off watch.

## The Crew

The crew will be made up with people such as yourselves who are enthusiastic about sailing racing and winning.

We do not require any previous racing experience as crew will be trained and coached in all aspects of racing a high performance yacht. Whilst we do not ask for previous racing experience it is important that any one intending to race on Safara has a reasonable level of fitness. Some of the tasks involved can be physically demanding! But don't let this put you off because we will be working together as a team covering all aspects of sailing:-

Helming at all points of sail  
Sail trim especially asymmetric  
spinnaker trimming  
Boat speed  
Teamwork  
Effective boat handling techniques  
(upwind and downwind)  
Yacht preparation  
Watch systems and living aboard  
Use of modern navigation and  
routing systems



## WHATS INCLUDED

Included in the cost is 1 week charter of the yacht, food and drink onboard whilst sailing. All mooring costs, Race entry fees, Dockage charges, Water.

## WHATS NOT INCLUDED

Flights, Transfers, meals and drink ashore.

**COST £1295.**

We would require a 25% deposit on booking with the balance due in 3 instalments 1st December, 1st January, and 1st February 2012

If you would like further information please do not hesitate to contact us.

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