



Welcome to the ARC Your Adventure Starts Here!

ARC and ARC+ Cape Verdes Information Pack





Atlantic Rally for Cruisers: ARC 2014

From Las Palmas de Gran Canaria to Rodney Bay Marina, Saint Lucia
Approx 2,800 nautical miles or 18-21 days for a 12m (40')
cruising boat.

The ARC is open to all monohulls between 8.23m (27') and 25.91m (85'), and or multihulls between 8.23m (27') and 18.29m (60") long. Larger boats may join by invitation. Boats are put into different divisions depending upon their length, type, and the owner's preferred level of competition.

Competition

Most boats will choose to sail in the Cruising Division, with a rating calculated by World Cruising Club based upon the boat's dimensions. This provides a level of fun competition, while still allowing boats to use their engines in light winds. Larger boats and those that do not wish to have any element of competition can sail in the Open Division, with no results calculated or prizes awarded.

Serious racing boats can join the Racing Division to race under IRC handicap. No motoring is allowed in the Racing Division.

Requirements

We require all boats to have at least two people on board, and to carry specific safety and communications equipment. Click on [What you need](#) for full details.

The Route

Crossing the Atlantic from the Canaries to Saint Lucia usually allows boats make the most of the north east trade winds. In the trade winds, around 15-20 knots is usual, often accompanied by squalls of rain with higher winds around dusk.

Departing Europe in November means that most boats can escape the worsening winter weather, and the hurricane season will be finished by the time we arrive in Saint Lucia.

ARC 2014 Schedule

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- 10 November 2014**
ARC Office opens in Las Palmas, and shore-side activities start
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- 16 November 2014**
Last date for boat arrivals in Las Palmas
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- 23 November 2014**
ARC starts! Cruising Division start at 1300
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- 19 December 2014**
Saint Lucia finish line closes
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- 20 December 2014**
ARC 2014 prize giving party in Saint Lucia
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"I would like to take the opportunity to thank you and your team for a great event and most probably one of the best experiences in my life"

Max Klink, yacht *Caro* (GER)
ARC2010



ARC+ Cape Verdes 2014

ARC sailors have a choice of routes with the introduction of ARC+ Cape Verdes. The islands are ideally placed for boats to sail 'south until the butter melts' and the route will include a 3 to 5 day stop-over at Mindelo, providing crews with an opportunity to discover the enchanting local culture, lively nightlife and bustling food markets that make the Cape Verdes a fascinating destination in their own right.

ARC+ will have a week long programme of activities in Las Palmas, including parties and preparation lectures, as well as fun socials in Cape Verdes and Saint Lucia. A prize-giving party will wrap-up the fun just as the earliest arrivals from the second start make landfall, giving ARC+ yachts more time to enjoy some Caribbean cruising before Christmas.

Requirements

As per the ARC, we require all boats to have at least two people on board, and to carry specific safety and communications equipment. Click on [What you need](#) for full details.

The Route

Las Palmas de Gran Canaria to Rodney Bay Marina, Saint Lucia, via Mindelo, Sao Vicente, Cape Verdes.

Approximately 850 + 2150 nautical miles or 5>7 + 12>16 days for a 12m (40') cruising boat.

Crossing the Atlantic from the Canaries to Saint Lucia via Cape Verdes enables boats make the most of the north east trade winds. In the trade winds, around 15-20 knots is usual, often accompanied by squalls of rain with higher winds around dusk.

The Cape Verdes are ideally placed for boats to sail south into seasonal winds; their latitude at 16°50'N is right in the path of the trade winds, promising a great sail for the passage to Saint Lucia.

ARC+ 2014 Schedule

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Rally Office opens in Las Palmas, and shore-side activities start

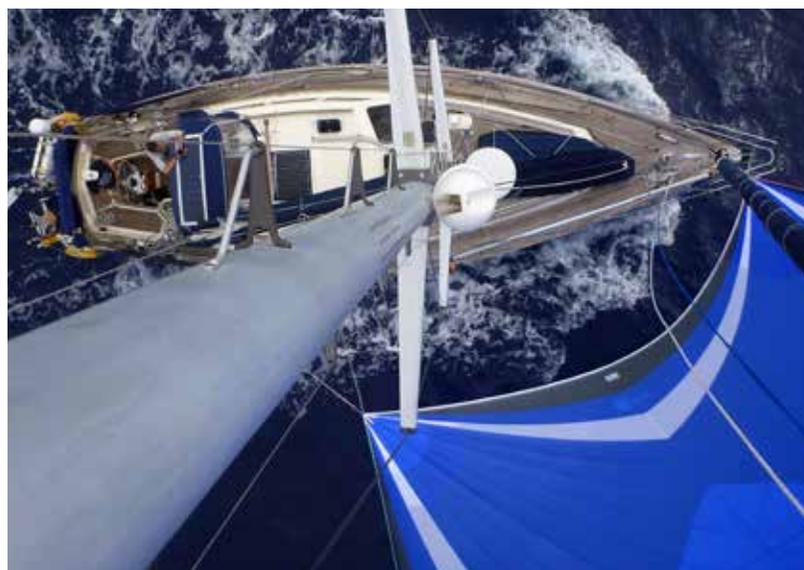
- 04 November 2014**
Last date for boat arrivals in Las Palmas

- 09 November 2014**
ARC+ starts at 1300

- 19 November 2014**
Restart from Cape Verdes

- 05 December 2014**
Finish line closes in Saint Lucia

- 06 December 2014**
ARC+ prize giving party in Saint Lucia



“Just to say a ‘big thank you’ from all of us on Sarah Jane. Your organisation of this has made a huge difference to our trip, giving us confidence rather than trepidation.” Ian Knight, yacht *Sarah Jane* (GBR) ARC2010



Benefits of Joining the Rally

Most people join a World Cruising Club rally for the security and peace of mind of an organised event; for the camaraderie and friendship of a large group of like-minded people; and for the fun of sailing in a fleet of boats. It's as much fun for experienced sailors as for those new to ocean sailing.

Entry Fees

The entry fee is made up of a boat fee and a crew fee payable for each person onboard the boat.

Divisions I, III and IV, boats between:	ARC (£)	ARC+ (£)
8.23 - 10.29m (27' - 33'9") LOA	800	800
10.3 - 13.29m (33'10" - 43'7") LOA	950	950
13.3 - 16.29m (43'8" - 53'5") LOA	1,100	1,100
16.3 - 18.29m (53'6" - 59'11") LOA	1,250	1,250
18.3 - 25.91m (60' - 85') LOA	1,975	1,975
Division V and VI	1,975	N/A
Multihulls (in Divisions IV & V) LOA plus supplement of	250	250
Racing Division II LOA plus supplement of	250	N/A
Crew fee (each person over 16 years old)	95	125
Crew fee for children aged 6-16 (under 6 go free)	75	Free



What do the entry fees include?

Before you even get to the start, we help with your preparations by providing a comprehensive Rally Handbook and rally newsletters, and we're here to answer your questions by phone or email. Discounts are available for marinas, books and charts.

The following benefits apply for ARC and ARC+ unless stated otherwise:

In Las Palmas:

- Safety equipment inspection
- Seminars on useful cruising topics
- Safety demonstration with helicopter transfer, flares and liferaft
- Social activities every night
- ARC Children's Club week-long activities for kids aged 6-16
- ARC+ Children's Club (subject to minimum numbers and at additional cost)
- Pre-departure skippers' briefing with weather information

At Sea:

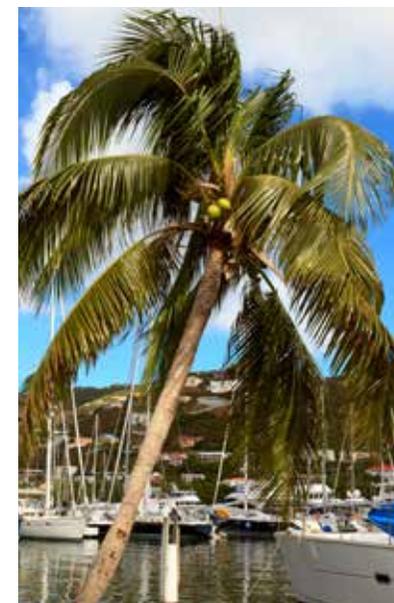
- Daily weather forecast by email
- Satellite tracking of each boat
- Daily radio net
- Website for publishing boat positions, blogs and photos

In Cape Verdes (ARC+ only):

- Welcome on arrival
- Social programme and arrangement of local tours
- Berthing at Marina Mindelo (to a maximum of 5 days)

In Saint Lucia:

- Welcome on arrival with rum punch and fruit
- 2 days free docking + 15% discount on subsequent stay
- Social activities including prize giving ceremony



"I did the ARC in 2011 and I loved every minute of it. The organisation was superb and I will do it again."

Fred Moore, yacht *Jacana* of *Ardmay* (GBR) ARC2011



How to Join the Rally

To enter, all you need to do is to complete an entry form and pay your boat fee online at www.worldcruising.com/booking. You can also opt to pay by bank transfer.

What happens next?

After you have completed your entry and paid your boat fee, we will send you a confirmation email and receipt.

We will mail out your Rally Handbook in early 2014 so that you can start preparing for the rally, and we'll encourage you to start using the Member's Area of the website to update your boat and crew information. You'll begin receiving the rally newsletters which are packed with useful tips and reminders.

ARC and ARC+ 2014 entry schedule

14 January 2014

End of early payment discount for ARC and ARC+

End January 2014

The ARC is generally full and a waiting list is started.

30 June 2014

Start of late payment fee - extra 10% on boat fees for ARC participants

1 October 2014

Extra 25% on boat and crew fees

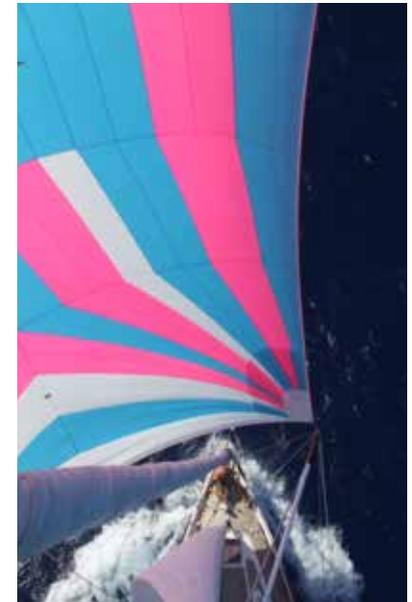
Due to restrictions of docking space, the ARC has an upper entry limit of 225, after which we start a waiting list. ARC+ Cape Verdes is limited to 75 yachts in 2014. In order to avoid disappointment, we recommend that entries should be made as soon as possible after entry opens.

Refunds

If you enter then decide that you won't be able to take part in the rally, you can either choose a refund or to transfer to next year's rally.

Refunds are available on a sliding scale for withdrawals made in writing (by email). Boat fees are part refundable up to 12 weeks before the start date, and crew fees up to 8 weeks before the start.

Alternatively, you can choose to transfer your entry fees as a credit towards the next year's rally, less an administration charge of £250. Full details of our refund policy and other important information is available in our [General Conditions](#).



"The ARC is not only about sailing it is also the events before and after and it that what make it amazing experience!"

Tanya Lumme, yacht *Victoria af Stockholm* (SWE) ARC2011



Equipment and Training

We take the safety of participants in all of our rallies very seriously. Over 450 boats sail in World Cruising Club rallies each year, representing more than 1800 people. The job of a rally organizer is to provide a safe framework for participants and to provide them with the information they need to make safe decisions for their boat and crew.

We require all of the rally boats to carry a minimum quantity and quality of safety and communications equipment, and to have undertaken training in using that equipment, heavy weather sailing techniques, and managing emergencies. Our team of experienced safety equipment inspectors will come onboard and check your equipment before the start of the rally, and of course, we're always happy to help new cruisers talk through decisions about safety and communications at sea.

Download a full copy of our [Safety Equipment Requirements](#) that provides details about the mandatory and recommended safety and communications gear, and about crew training.

Safety equipment

We expect the boat to carry a range of safety equipment that is fit for purpose and ready to use. Our requirements are based on the ISAF standards, and include: an offshore liferaft with a more than 24 hour pack, 406MHz EPIRB, means of sending and receiving email at sea, AIS receiver and man-overboard equipment. We also require every person onboard to have an inflatable combined lifejacket-harness (PFD) with a spray hood, crotch strap and safety line.

Crew and crew training

Each boat has to have two people on board, including the captain. We need at least the captain and one other person on board to have undertaken training within the last 5 years on a range of topics including using the safety and communications equipment, heavy weather sailing techniques and managing emergencies.

The [ISAF Offshore Safety and related sea survival courses](#) are ideal.

Qualifying passage

Every ARC and ARC+ boat should reach Las Palmas under her own keel, or to have completed a qualifying passage of 500nm in the year before the start. This helps to identify any problems with the boat and equipment before the start of the rally.

Racing Division

In addition to the ARC requirements, boats in the Racing Division II need to comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category 1, and must have a valid IRC certificate.

IRC certificates can be obtained from from your [local IRC authority](#).

There is no Racing Division in ARC+ Cape Verdes 2014.



“Fantastic organisation and support, fabulous fun and well organised. It adds an enormous level of safety”

Bob Ramsay, yacht *Texas T* (GBR)
ARC2011



Your Questions Answered

What is the minimum size of boat and crew? 8.23m (27') length overall (LOA) with at least two people on board

How long will the rally take? For the ARC, the typical passage time for a 12m (40') cruising boat is 18 to 21 days, depending upon the weather conditions and your style of sailing. ARC+ boats can expect to be at sea for 5 to 7 days to Cape Verdes and 12 to 16 days to reach Saint Lucia following the restart.

What is the fastest crossing time? The ARC record is held by maxi yacht *Capricorno* (ITA) skippered by Rinaldo del Bono in 11 days, 5 hours, 32 minutes and 30 seconds. The record was set in 2006.

When does the rally start? ARC+ starts on 09 November and ARC 2014 starts on 23 November. For more information go to [About the rally](#)

Can I use my engine? Boats in the Cruising and Open Divisions may use their engines for propulsion, but Cruising Division boats must declare their engine hours for their results to be calculated. Boats in the Racing Division (ARC only) can only use their engine for charging the batteries, not for propulsion

What safety equipment do I need? We have a list of mandatory and recommended safety equipment that we will inspect on board the boat before the rally starts. For more information, go to [What you need](#)

What training should I do? We do recommend that the skipper and at least one of the crew have done some safety and communications equipment, heavy weather sailing and emergency management training within the last five year – see [What you need](#)

You can learn more about the rally and tips for preparing your boat and crew by attending one of our 2 hour [boat show forums](#), or 2 [day residential seminars](#). We also have a number of handy videos on our [YouTube channel](#)

Do I need an SSB radio? No, but you must be able to send and receive email at sea with either an SSB and a pactor modem, or a satellite telephone.

Can I take my children? Families with children of all ages have sailed in the ARC, and we usually have around 30 children each year. We have special children's activities in Las Palmas for the ARC. For family boats joining ARC+, a children's club will be arranged subject to minimum numbers and charged at cost.

How do I find crew? Personal recommendations are the best way of finding crew, but you can also register free on Ocean Crew Link www.OceanCrewLink.com to look for crew or respond to adverts.

What about visas? We will provide information about visas in the Rally Handbook, and the country information pages on www.noonsite.com are also helpful.

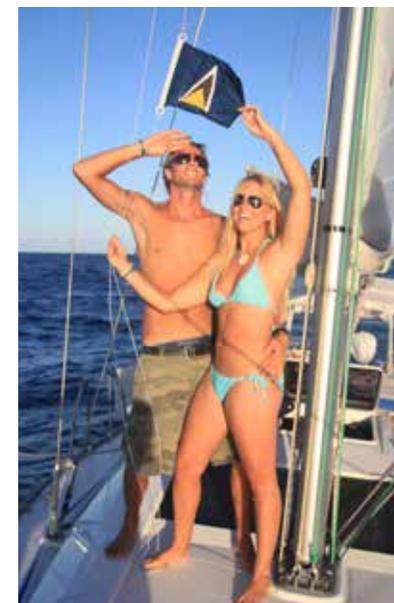
Can I take my pets? We have no restrictions on the animals you carry on your boat, but you must comply with the laws and regulations for your home country and any countries visited by the rally or during your cruising. We will provide advice in the Rally Handbook, or look up the country information on www.noonsite.com

How can I get back to Europe? You can join [ARC Europe](#), which leaves the Caribbean or east coast USA every May, and cruises to Bermuda and the Azores before reaching Portugal. You could ship your boat back on a yacht transporter, or you could arrange a delivery crew.

What about cruising after the ARC? If you want to join a rally, the [ARC USA](#) leaves Tortola BVI and sails for Portsmouth Virginia via Bermuda every May. A great way to start exploring the Chesapeake and east coast USA.

[World ARC](#) leaves Saint Lucia in January every year for a circumnavigation via Panama, the Pacific Islands, Australia, Bali, Mauritius, South Africa and Brazil. From 2015 there is a new South America route option.

What about getting down to Las Palmas? Join [ARC Portugal](#) and cruise south to Marina de Lagos. Also ARC boats get discounts in several marinas en route to Las Palmas. More information in your Rally Handbook.





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If you have any questions about joining the rally, the suitability of your boat, selecting equipment or any other issue please contact us:

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About World Cruising Club

World Cruising Club organises sailing events around the world. The rallies are devised for the 'average' cruising boat and crew; helping people to realise their dream of making a long offshore passage.

The company was formed by Jimmy Cornell following the success of very first ARC in 1986. Since Jimmy's retirement in 1998, the company has been run by Andrew Bishop.

World Cruising Club Rallies

ARC The original sailing rally has run every year since 1986. Departs Las Palmas de Gran Canaria for Rodney Bay Saint Lucia every November. Starts 23 November 2014

ARC Caribbean 1500 North America's largest and longest-running rally. Departs Portsmouth VA for Tortola BVI every November. Starts 2 November 2014

World ARC The ultimate circumnavigation rally takes 15 months, departing from Saint Lucia sailing via Panama, Galapagos, Pacific islands, Australia, Bali, Cocos, Mauritius, South Africa and Brazil. Starts 10 January 2015

ARC Europe Explore the Atlantic Islands of Bermuda and the Azores, on passage from Tortola BVI or Portsmouth VA bound for Lagos Portugal. Starts on 9 May 2015

ARC USA Sail from the Caribbean to Portsmouth or Ft. Lauderdale USA. Starts 9 May 2015 in Tortola BVI

ARC Portugal Cruise across Biscay to Marina de Lagos on Portugal's Algarve, exploring ashore and afloat. Starts 1 June 2014 in Plymouth, UK

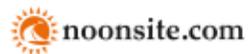
Malts Cruise Cruise the islands and anchorages of Scotland's Hebrides. Starts in Oban, UK on 13 July 2014

Seminars and Forums

Helping you prepare for your offshore adventure is an important part of our role. We run a number of 2 hour panel Forums and 2 day intensive Seminars in locations across the UK, USA and Europe. For more information go to www.worldcruising.com/training.aspx

ARC Supporters and Sponsors

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The global resource for cruising sailors www.noonsite.com features essential information on all matters of interest to sailors planning an offshore voyage - a one-stop website providing essential information on all maritime nations of the world.



"The ARC staff - all the help you could ever need and more. They are truly brilliant and worth the fee alone!"

Karen Luckey, yacht *Cruinneag III* (GBR) ARC 2011