



**Heart of the Caribbean Challenge Cup Regatta
February 13-16, 2020
St. Thomas Yacht Club and St. Thomas Sailing Center**

NOTICE OF RACE

1. EVENT

- 1.1 The first annual Heart of the Caribbean Challenge Cup Regatta will be held February 13-16, 2020.
- 1.2 The Regatta will be sailed in IC-24 Class boats as provided by the Organizing Authority (OA). The class rules for IC-24s will not be in effect.
- 1.3 Boats and sails will be provided by and equalized by the OA.
- 1.4 A maximum of 10 teams may compete in the Regatta. The event will utilize a boat rotation.
- 1.5 The OA is the St. Thomas Yacht Club and St. Thomas Sailing Center.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 A maximum of 10 yacht Clubs will be selected by the OA based on their timely completed entry including payment of fees.
- 2.2 Each club shall enter only one crew.

3. RULES

The Regatta will be governed by the following rules:

- 3.1 The rules as defined by the current Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 3.2 All changes to the RRS will appear in full in the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.3 Advertising is restricted for this Regatta, subject to WORLD SAILING Regulations 20.3 and 20.4. Aside from event sponsorship, no advertising may be displayed by competitors on the hull, deck, rig or sails of any competing yacht.
- 3.4 All competing sailors shall have a WORLD SAILING classification under WORLD SAILING Regulation 22. **The helmsman of each competing team shall be a WORLD SAILING Group 1 sailor.**
- 3.5 A helmsman is defined as the person who, excepting for momentary absences, drives from the warning signal until the boat finishes.
- 3.6 In addition to penalties that may be imposed by the Jury or the Umpires, the Sailing Instructions will contain language that permits the OA to remove from the Regatta, any team that, in the opinion of the OA, the Race Committee or the Jury, is handling their yacht in an unsafe or dangerous manner.

- 3.7 The maximum team weight (in swimming apparel) will be 386.4 kilograms (850 lbs)
- 3.8 A team complying with the weight restrictions at weigh-in shall not otherwise be subject to a weigh-in during or after the Regatta, except for weighing substitute crew.
- 3.9 Individual support or coach boats shall not have contact of any nature, including (i) communication by radio, telephone, vocal signal, visual signaling of any kind (i.e., tactical placement, use of flags and/or different colors of clothing) or (ii) the transfer of crew, equipment or supplies, with a registered racing boat from the time the racing boat leaves its dock or mooring each day and until it has finished racing for the day, except that crew may be transferred in the event of emergency.

4. INVITATION TO CHALLENGE, APPLICATION, ENTRY FEE, SAILING INSTRUCTIONS, COMPETITORS MEETING

- 4.1 The first 10 club teams to submit their applications and pay the entry fee will be eligible to participate.
- 4.2 The entry fee is \$4,000. The separate damage deposit is \$1,500. Entry fee is payable to St. Thomas Yacht Club in full with application. Credit card information will be held for the damage deposit and must be submitted prior to teams being allowed access to the boats.
- 4.3 The damage deposit is the maximum payable by the team as a result of damage from any **single** incident while operating a boat.
- 4.4 The entry fee will include yacht charter for a practice day and the regatta, use of sails, daily team breakfast and lunch, team tickets to social events, and team tickets to event dinners. Guest tickets will be made available to teams at a fee to be determined prior to the events.
- 4.5 Sailing Instructions will be available at the Office of the St. Thomas Sailing Center and online.
- 4.6 The Competitors Meeting will be held at 0900 on Friday, February 14, 2020.

5. CREW LIST, WEIGH-IN, BOAT ASSIGNMENTS, DAMAGE REPORTING

- 5.1 Each competing team shall submit a crew list prior to close of weigh-in. All listed crew shall be aboard while racing and no crew substitutions will be permitted without written approval of the Jury. Substituted crew must comply with weight limit requirements.
- 5.2 All teams shall be weighed-in prior to the Competitors Meeting on Friday, February 14, 2020.
- 5.3 Initial boat assignments will be determined by a random drawing prior to the Competitors Meeting.



- 5.4 During or after racing any damage or deficiency to boats, sails or gear must be reported to the STSC on-the-water bosun or maintenance staff.

6. SCORING

- 6.1 There will be no throw-outs. This modifies RRS A2.
6.2 The scheduled number of races for the regatta is 12, to include windward/leeward races and long distance island races.

7. RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the waters adjacent to Cowpet Bay and Pillsbury Sound, between the islands of St. Thomas and St. John.

8. SCHEDULE

Thursday, February 13, 2020

100-1700	Weigh-in
1100-1600	IC-24s available for practice
1700	Taco Bar, Welcome party

Friday, February 14, 2020

0800-0900	Weigh-in
0800	Breakfast
0900	Competitors Meeting
1100	Warning Signal
TBD	Subsequent race(s) to follow
1300	Return for lunch
1430	Warning Signal
TBD	Subsequent race(s) to follow

Saturday, February 15, 2020

0800	Breakfast
1000	Warning signal
TBD	Subsequent race(s) to follow
1200	Return for lunch
1330	Warning Signal
TBD	Subsequent races to follow
1800	Banquet



Sunday, February 16, 2020

0800	Breakfast
1000	Warning signal
TBD	Subsequent race to follow
1200	Return for lunch
1330	Warning signal
1600	Caribbean Barbeque, awards presentation

9. TROPHIES

Keeper trophies will be awarded to each of the top three teams. In addition, the Heart of the Caribbean Trophy will remain at STYC and have the winning club and team members' names engraved upon it.

