



# St. Thomas Yacht Club St. Thomas International Regatta

March 26 - 28, 2021

Organizing Authority (OA) – St. Thomas Yacht Club (STYC) International Regatta  
Committee, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**<sub>v4</sub>

### **1 RULES**

See NOR and NOR Amendment 1

The following rule have been changed:

Race Signals – there will be no class flags or signal “L”, “AP”. “X”, “First Substitute” or “N” used by the signal boat.

Rule 26 – see SI 11.1

Rule 60.1 (a) – see SI 15.7

Rule 62.1 (a) – see SI 11.4

Rule 64.1 – see SI 15.7

Rule A2 – see SI 16.2

### **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

2.1 The Official Notice Board will be electronic at:

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14270>

As a courtesy, Notices may be posted on the Notice Board at the St. Thomas Yacht Club

2.2 Course information will also be broadcast to the competitors on the designated VHF channel.

### **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

4.1 Signals made ashore will be posted on the Official Notice Board..

4.2 When flag AP is posted, ‘1 minute’ is replaced with ‘not less than 60 minutes’ in rule race signals.

### **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

5.1 Races are scheduled on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 26, 27, 28

5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100.

5.3 The daily schedule is as follows:

All classes are scheduled to sail a minimum of two races.

CSA Spinnaker and CSA Non-Spinnaker, will start in the St. James starting area located West of Little St. James Island and South of Cow and Calf Rocks.

IC24 class will race up to five Windward / Leeward races each day, in either Great Bay or Jersey Bay. The location of the starting area will be posted by 0830 each day and announced on VHF 71.

Hobie Wave Class is scheduled to race multiple races in Cowpet Bay. Separate Sailing Instructions will be provided.

5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1430.

## **6 BOAT IDENTIFICATION**

6.1 Bow numbers may be provided by the OA for some classes and will be issued at registration. The numbers shall be affixed to both the port and starboard sides of the bow with the leading edge of the forward number placed 6 inches aft of the bow stem and 3 inches below the deck. The aft number shall be 3 inches aft of the forward number.

6.2 Competitors are requested to respect brand exclusivity of the Regatta sponsors.

## **7 RACING AREAS**

Will be at the East end of St. Thomas, including Cowpet Bay, Pillsbury Sound, the coast of St. John, Great Bay and Jersey Bay.

## **8 THE COURSES**

8.1 **St. James courses** will be posted each morning at 0830 and announced on VHF 72 before the warning signal. **IC24 W/L courses** are described in Appendix 1.

8.2 A boat that is racing shall not cross the starting or finishing line except when maneuvering to start, starting or finishing.

## **9 MARKS**

9.1 **ST. JAMES courses:** Marks may include a combination of islands, government buoys, inflatable marks and virtual marks, as described in Appendix 1. Inflatable marks will be orange or yellow balls, tetrahedrons or cones.

9.2 **IC 24 Windward/Leeward courses:** Will be inflatable marks - to be orange or yellow balls, tetrahedrons or cones.

9.3 Change marks may be a different color than the original mark.

## **10 Intentionally deleted.**

## **11 THE START**

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 using sound signals and a radio broadcast, only.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

11.4 In the event of an Individual Recall, the race committee will attempt to notify boat(s) that are OCS via a sound signal and the designated VHF channel. No X flag will be flown. Failure to make a broadcast or broadcast it timely will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

## **12 THE FINISH**

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and a nearby finishing mark. The Finish Line for the St. James area and the IC24 Class W/L courses will be on the opposite side of the Race Committee Signal Boat, from the Starting Line.

12.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **13 PENALTY SYSTEM**

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while

racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark, other than the starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty”.

#### **14 TIME LIMITS**

14.1 The time limit on Friday and Saturday is 1700.

14.2 The time limit on Sunday is 1600.

14.3 Boats not finishing within the time limit will be scored one point more than the number of boats that have sailed the course and finished within the time limit. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

#### **15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 Protest forms are available at the Protest Desk located outside the STYC tennis courts. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the respective race committee finish boat has reached its mooring.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after each day's racing in approximate order of receipt.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15.5 Measurement protests shall be filed with the protest committee by the end of protest time on the first day of racing.

15.6 Arbitration: Rule Appendix “T” will apply.

15.7 Penalties for breaches of non-Part 2 rules may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. This changes rule 64.1.

#### **16 SCORING**

16.1 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 A boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores, without a discard. This changes rule A2.

#### **17 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

17.1 See NOR 1.10

17.2 **Check-in:** Prior to the first warning signal each day, boats shall sail or motor by the stern of the RC Signal Boat and check-in by hailing their sail or bow number.

17.3 **Retirement:** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible by the designated VHF channel, by reporting to a nearby race committee boat or by calling the St. Thomas Yacht Club at 340-775-6320.

#### **18 CREW SUBSTITUTION**

Requests for crew substitution shall be submitted in writing to the race committee for their approval. Any substitute crew shall submit a completed Disclaimer and Media Release form and the boat must comply with any eligibility requirements (e.g. weight limit or crew number limit).

#### **19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time by the designated technical committee for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the designated technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

**20 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

20.1 St James fleet: VHF 72; IC24 fleet: VHF 71.

20.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive radio communications not available to other boats

**21 PRIZES**

21.1 Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places in each class.

21.2 All prizes will be presented at the awards ceremony on Sunday at the St. Thomas Yacht Club at a time to be announced.

**22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## APPENDIX 1

### A 1 ST. JAMES RACE COURSE MARKS See SI 8.1 and 9.1

All coordinates are approximate

For finishes in the St James starting area, the Finish Line will be on the opposite side of the Race Committee Signal Boat from the Starting Line.

The following inflatable marks "**Marks**" may be used:

- Start and Finish Pins
- Leeward Mark located approximately 0.3nm upwind from the Starting Line

The following "**VIRTUAL marks**" may be used:

- Cas Cay Mark                      18° 17.6N 64° 51.5W
- Reef Bay North Mark            18° 19.1N 64° 45.0W
- Reef Bay South Mark            18° 17.8N 64° 45.0W
- VWM (Virtual Windward Mark)    Coordinates to be posted

The following "**Islands**" may be used:

- Dog, including Dog Rocks
- Little St. James
- Great St. James
- Buck & Capella
- Steven Cay
- Two Brothers
- Turtleback Rock                    18° 20.8N 64° 51.5W
- Henley Cay

The following Government Buoys "**Buoys**" may be used:

- Packet Rock R N "2"            18° 17.8N 64° 53.4W
- Cabrita Point G C "1"            18° 19.3N 64° 49.8W
- Moravian Point R "2"            18° 19.4N 64° 48.2W

## **A2 IC24 WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSES See SI 5.3**

- Course “2” consisting of 2 legs: Start; Windward Mark; Finish to leeward.  
Course “4” consisting of 4 legs: Start; Windward Mark; Leeward Mark/Gate; Windward Mark; Finish to leeward.
- The Finish Line will be on the opposite side of the Race Committee Signal Boat from the Starting Line.
- The Race Committee will broadcast distance and bearing to the windward mark on VHF 71.
- With the windward mark there may also be an offset mark. The windward mark and the accompanying offset mark shall be left to port. A single windward mark shall be left to port. A changed windward mark may not have an offset.
- A Gate may be used in place of a Leeward Mark. If a gate is not in place, boats shall leave the leeward mark to port. The Gate or Leeward Mark will be located between 0.1nm – 0.2nm to windward of the Starting Line.