



# STYC Invitational Regatta

May 14-16, 2021

Organizing Authority (OA) – St. Thomas Yacht Club

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – IC-24 CLASS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*, the Notice of Race and by these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 Hiking shall be in accordance with IC-24 class rules.
- 1.4 Rule 5.1 has been changed to: The crew shall consist of three persons and total crew weight (in swim wear) shall not exceed 550 lbs at the weigh-in at registration prior to the start of the regatta. The crew shall remain the same throughout the event unless substitution is authorized by the race committee.
- 1.5 The event shall be a Jib and Main event. Use of Spinnakers and spinnaker poles is prohibited.
- 1.6 All entries shall use class legal jib and mainsail and in addition a Covid 2/3 sized jib will be onboard each boat.
- 1.7 Prior to the warning signal of a race, when the average wind speed exceeds 15 knots the Race Committee may discontinue the use of the class jib by all competitors by **displaying** Code Flag "O" accompanied with one sound signal and may use verbal instructions via VHF Channel 71 from the race committee signal boat. When such signal occurs, there shall be an ample delay of the start of the next race until all boats have hoisted the 2/3 Covid jib and have returned to the starting area.
- 1.8 Prior to the warning signal of a race, when the Covid 2/3 sized Jib is in use and the average wind speed is less than 15 knots the Race Committee may discontinue the use of the Covid 2/3 sized Jib by all competitors by **lowering** Code Flag "O" accompanied with one sound signal and may use verbal instructions via VHF from the race committee signal boat. When such signal occurs, there shall be an ample delay of the start of the next race until all boats have hoisted the class jib and have returned to the starting area.
- 1.9 Spinnaker poles shall not be used for winging the jib while racing.

## **2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1** There will be a competitors' meeting on Friday at 900 on the lower deck at STYC.
- 2.2** The Official Notice Board will be electronic at:  
[https://yachtscoring.com/notice\\_board\\_summary.cfm](https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm)  
As a courtesy, Notices may be posted on the Notice Board at the St. Thomas Yacht Club
- 2.3** Course information will also be broadcast to the competitors on VHF channel 71.

## **3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1** 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 BOATS AND EQUIPMENT**

- 4.1** Boats will be IC-24s supplied by the OA.
- 4.2** There will be a boat rotation.
- 4.3** All collisions resulting in damage must be reported as soon as practicable to the STSC on-the-water bosun. In addition, either a protest form or damage report form must be filled out immediately after racing.
- 4.4** If a boat or sail is damaged as a result of operator error, the skipper or skippers found to be at fault will be responsible for the cost of repairs.

## **5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 5.1** Signals made ashore will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 5.2** When flag AP is posted, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in rule race signals.

## **6 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 6.1** Races are scheduled on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 14, 15 and 16.
- 6.2** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100.
- 6.3** On Sunday, no warning signal will be made after 1300.

## **7 BOAT IDENTIFICATION**

- 7.1** Bow numbers are affixed to both sides of the bow of all IC-24s.

## **8 RACING AREA**

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

## **9 COURSES**

- 9.1** Courses will be a combination of Windward/Leeward courses and Island races.

- 9.2 Windward/ Leeward courses will consist of 4 legs: Start; Windward mark, Offset mark; Leeward Mark/Gate; Windward Mark, Offset mark; Finish.
- 9.3 The finish line will be the same as the starting line.
- 9.4 An offset mark may be located approximately 5 boat lengths to port of the windward mark (looking upwind). The windward mark and accompanying offset shall be left to port. A single windward mark shall be left to port.
- 9.5 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 0.1 nm – 0.2nm to windward of the starting line.
- 9.6 There will be 2 possible Island race courses: St. James I and St. James II. The RC will announce the course to be sailed on VHF 71 and fly a #1 or #2 flag to designate which Island race course to sail prior to an island race.
- 9.7 See **Appendix A** for course diagrams and descriptions.
- 9.8 The RC may shorten the course in accordance with RRS 32.2
- 9.9 The RC may change the next leg of the course in accordance with RRS 33.

## 10 MARKS

- 10.1 For a windward/leeward course the weather mark and leeward or gate marks will be yellow spheres approximately 4' in diameter. The starting/finishing pin will be a yellow cone about 5' tall. The offset mark will be a red sphere approximately 2' in diameter.

## 11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using sound signals and a radio broadcast, only. No flags will be flown. This changes RRS 26.
- 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 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. This changes RRS 29. Failure to make a broadcast or broadcast it timely will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 11.4 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.

## 12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be the same as the starting line.

## 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 13.1 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 PROTESTS AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1** Protest forms are available at the Protest Desk located in the Sailing Center office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.
- 14.2** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the race committee finish boat has reached its mooring.
- 14.3** 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.
- 14.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 14.5** Penalties for breaches of non-Part 2 rules may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. This changes rule 64.1.
- 14.6** On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2

**15 SCORING**

- 15.1** Two races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.2** A boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores without a discard. This changes rule A2.

**16 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 16.1** **Check-in:** Prior to the first warning signal each day, boats shall sail by the stern of the RC signal boat and check-in by hailing their sail or bow number.
- 16.2** **Retirement:** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible on VHF channel 71, or by reporting to a nearby race committee boat.

**17 CREW SUBSTITUTION**

- 17.1** Requests for crew substitution shall be submitted in writing to the race committee for their approval. Any substitute crew shall submit a completed Waiver and media release form.

**18 EQUIPMENT**

- 18.1** All equipment supplied on boats shall remain onboard.

**19 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

**19.1** All I-24s shall carry a portable VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on channels 71, and 16 at a minimum.

**19.2** Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to other boats. This applies to all forms of communication as well.

**20 PRIZES**

**20.1** Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places.

**20.2** Prizes will be presented at the awards ceremony at the St. Thomas Yacht Club following the completion of racing on Sunday.

**21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The OA will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during or after the regatta. This provision shall include expressly and without limitation, any risk of contracting COVID-19, and its possible attendant complications, including from any competitor, participant, director, or employee of STYC, as well as its members, invitees, guests or the general public who may be upon the grounds of STYC.

# Addendum A, Course diagrams

**Windward/Leeward course:** Start; Mark 1; Offset, Gate; Mark 1; Offset; Finish

Start, Mark 1, Offset, Gate, Mark 1, Offset, Finish

Offset   Mark 1

Gate  



## Island Races

**St. James I course:** Start, round Great St. James Island to port and return to the finish line. You may pass either side of Current Rock.

**St. James II course:** Start, round Little and Great St. James Islands to port and return to the finish line. You may pass either side of Current Rock.

The red marks on the chart below are reminders of shoals to be avoided. They will not be physically in place.

