

St. Thomas International Regatta

Cowpet Bay, St. Thomas, USVI

March 25-27, 2022

The St. Thomas Yacht Club (STYC) International Regatta Committee is the Organizing Authority (OA) for this event.

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)^{v8}

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the sailing instructions (SIs) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification. The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

1 RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. No National Prescriptions will apply except US Sailing prescription Appendix V will apply. Rule 51 does not apply to canting keels or water ballast on boats if rated with such. Rule 52 does not apply

1.2 The Caribbean Sailing Association (CSA) Rating Rule. CSA rating information can be found at www.caribbean-sailing.com

1.3 The IC24 class rules and the class rules of any other One Design Class that enters.

1.4 The 2022 ORC Rating System

1.5 For Offshore Multihulls, the Offshore Multihull rating system. For other multihulls, the CSA Multihull Rule.

1.6 Hobie Wave class rules.

1.7 PHRF Racing for Spinnaker, Cruising and Jib & Main Classes using the 2021 South East Florida PHRF handicap system. Certificates can be obtained at phrfsef.com. Boats sailing in Cruising Class may sail with two headsails. One spinnaker pole is allowed. Boats in Jib & Main Class must sail with one headsail only. The use of the spinnaker pole is allowed. Genoas larger than 150% will not be allowed for all Cruising and Jib & Main Class

1.8 The US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for Near Shore and associated Appendices:

<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on-line. Amendments to Sailing Instructions and other Notices will be available on-line and an effort will be made to email these to all entries. An email address, representing the boat entry contact, is required with your online entry.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board (ONB) is located at:

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14738>

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 16, 71 and 72.

3.3 On the water. The race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio. The channels will be stated in the SIs.

4 ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

4.1 The St. Thomas International Regatta is extending an invitation to CSA; ORC; Multihull; CSA Bareboat; PHRF; Hobie Waves and One Design classes with a minimum length of 20 feet. One design classes and groups of boats wishing to race level, will have separate classes or may be scored as a sub-class within a larger class at the discretion of the Regatta committee. A minimum of 5 boats is required to constitute a class. If less than 5 boats enter a particular class, the OA reserves the right to move them to another class.

4.2 You are requested to enter online via the ONB

4.3 All crewmembers will be required to sign a waiver of liability and media release, which may be completed on-line.

5 FEES

5.1 Entries received and paid in full by 1700ast January 31, 2022: US\$170.

5.2 Entries received and paid between February 1, 2022 and 1700ast March 24, 2022: US \$340.

5.3 Entry fee for IC24s: US\$230.

5.4 Entry fee for Hobie Waves: US\$230.

5.5 A limited number of Hobie Waves and IC24's are available for charter. For information, please contact: info@stthomassailingcenter.com

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

IC24 class per class rules, unless changed by Covid regulations. Hobie Waves, maximum of two. Other classes, minimum of four. For yachts carrying a Regatta approved member of the press, this member of the press shall not be included in the crew Number, provided he/she does not contribute in any way (other than seated position) to the yacht's competitive position.

7 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display event advertising approved by the organizing authority.

8 SCHEDULE

8.1

1700ast January 31 Deadline for early entry

1700ast March 24 Deadline for all entries

Thursday March 24 1000-1600 Registration Desk open at STYC

Friday, Saturday, Sunday March 25, 26, 27 1100 First warning signal for racing

8.2 A maximum of 15 races are scheduled for the one-design classes.

8.3 A maximum of 7 races are scheduled for all other classes.

8.4 On Sunday, there will be no warning signal for racing after 1430

9 VENUE

The waters surrounding the archipelago of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

10 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be varied and challenging including short distance courses and one-design windward-leeward races. A pursuit start distance race may be scheduled.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 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 a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty'.

11.2 Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.

11.3 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

12 SCORING

12.1 A boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores without a discard. This changes rule A2.1.

12.2 One completed race will constitute a series.

12.3 ORC classes will be scored TOT using AP Single Number ratings.

12.4 PHRF classes will be scored TOT unless racing in a class using a pursuit start which will be calculated using TOD handicaps.

13 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to race or continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured by a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent.

15 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded on the beach at St. Thomas Yacht Club commencing at 1830, Sunday March 27. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place in each class with a minimum of 5 boats.

16 PHOTOGRAPHIC and MEDIA RIGHTS

Competitors will grant the organizing authority the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and the image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the yacht they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to press and TV advertisements or internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information; in this respect, competitors' names and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known. As part of the registration process, and as a condition for participation in the regatta, each individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.

17 COVID-19 GUIDELINES

All travelers to the USVI must comply with any travel restrictions listed on <https://usvitraportal.com/>. Please plan your travel accordingly and check the travel portal for updates regularly as requirements may change at any time.

In addition, all competitors, crew, and guests must comply with all USVI and St Thomas Yacht Club COVID guidelines at the time of the event. These will be updated on the regatta website.

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

All regatta questions should be submitted to: info@stthomassailingcenter.com