

St. Thomas International Regatta

Cowpet Bay, St. Thomas, USVI

March 25 –27, 2016

NOTICE OF RACE_{v2}

1 Management

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

2 Rules

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. Rule 52 will not apply.

2.2 The Caribbean Sailing Association (CSA) Rating Rule. Crew limitations for CSA classes will be in accordance with the CSA Rating Rule. CSA rating information can be found at www.caribbean-sailing.com

2.3 The 2016 IRC Rule parts A, B & C. Rule 21.1.5 (d) will not apply.

2.4 The ORC Rating Systems

2.5 For Gunboats, the Gunboat rating system. For other multihulls, the CSA Multihull Rule.

2.6 Portsmouth Yardstick for Beach Cats.

2.7 The minimum number of crew aboard each boat shall be four, except for beach cats which shall have a minimum of two. 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).

2.8 Add as last sentence to rule 55: To help ensure the safety of a boat and crew, the definition of trash shall not include biodegradable sail ties used while setting sails. This changes rule 55.

2.9 The US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for Near Shore and associated Appendices. These regulations are available on the US Sailing web site:

<http://www.ussailing.org/safety/equipment-and-requirements/>. In the event of a conflict between these regulations and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.

3 Advertising

3.1 Advertising is allowed in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

3.2 Boats shall display the event bow stickers and flags for the duration of the Regatta. Other advertising shall not conflict with this display.

4. Eligibility and Entry

4.1 The St. Thomas International Regatta 2016 is extending an invitation to CSA; IRC; HPR, Multihull; CSA Bareboat; CSA (unmeasured) for boats from ISV, BVI and PUR; Beach Cats 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 will be scored as a sub-class within a larger class at the discretion of the Regatta committee.

4.2 You are requested to enter on-line at:

<http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=1502>

4.3 Entry Fees: Entries received and paid in full by 1700ast January 31, 2016: US\$250. Entries received and paid between February 1, 2016 and 1700ast March 22, 2016: US \$400. Beach Cats: US \$250; IC24s and CSA (unmeasured): US\$300.

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

4.5 All regatta questions should be submitted to stycisv@gmail.com

5 Regatta Schedule

1700ast January 31, 2016

Deadline for early entry

1700ast March 22, 2016

Deadline for all entries

Wednesday March 23

1100-1500 Registration Desk open at STYC

Thursday March 24

1000-1600 Registration Desk open at STYC

Friday, Saturday, Sunday March 25, 26, 27

1100 First warning signal for racing

Sunday March 27

There will be no warning signal for racing after 1400 (1430 for boats racing in Jersey Bay).

6 Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be provided in each registration package distributed at registration. Sailing Instructions, Amendments to Sailing Instructions and other Notices will be available on-line. For email alerts to all postings please provide desired email recipient(s) with your online entry.

7 The Courses

The Regatta committee intends to conduct a varied and challenging schedule including distance courses and one-design windward-leeward races in the waters surrounding the archipelago of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

8 Penalty System

8.1 A boat may take a one-turn penalty (that in all respects complies with rule 44.2) when she may have broken a rule of part 2 while racing. This changes rule 44.1.

8.2 The Jury may impose a penalty other than disqualification for breaches of non-part 2 rules. This changes rule 64.1.

9 Protests

An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b) and appendix N. Decisions of the International Jury will be final in accordance with rule 70.5.

10 Scoring

10.1 A maximum of 18 races are scheduled for the one-design or additional classes sailing w/l courses.

10.2 A maximum of 10 races are scheduled for all classes sailing distance courses.

10.3 A boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores without a discard.

10.4 One completed race shall constitute a series.

11 Radio Communication

All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting communications to and receiving communications from the Race Committee on channels 16, 71 and 72.

12 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded on the beach at St. Thomas Yacht Club commencing at 1830, Sunday March 27, 2016. Prizes will be awarded to first place, second place and third place in each class.

13 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors agree to be bound by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing, by the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race. Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the sea worthiness of their yacht, the crew's ability and the safety equipment. Competitors also agree to take any and all responsibility for damages caused to third persons or their belongings, to themselves or to their belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of their participation in the regatta, relieving of any responsibility the St. Thomas Yacht Club and all persons involved in the organization under whatever qualification and to accept full responsibility for the behavior and dress of the yacht's crew,

representatives and guests. Competitors shall be acquainted with Fundamental Rule 4: DECISION TO RACE: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone“. In any case, competitors agree that the St. Thomas Yacht Club, the sponsors and their agents, have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property. As part of the registration process, each individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.

14 Photographic and Media Rights

Competitors will be asked to 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, each individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.