

St. Thomas Yacht Club

Cowpet Bay, St. Thomas, USVI

ROUND THE ROCKS RACE

Thursday March 23, 2023

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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS_{v2}

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

See NOR and any NOR Amendments

The following rules have been changed:

Race Signals: Will be made by radio calls and a horn. There will be no class flags, "L", "AP", "First Substitute" or "N" used by the signal boat, however, Flag "X" will be used in accordance with rule 29.1.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 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.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 The Official Notice Board will be electronic at:

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=15495>

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

3.2 The race office is located at the St Thomas Yacht Club: info@stthomassailingcenter.com

3.3 On the water, the race committee intends to monitor and communicate with competitors via VHF radio Ch 72:

3.4 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be posted on the Official Notice Board and displayed from the STYC Flag Pole.

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

One distance race is scheduled for Thursday, March 23.

7 CLASS FLAGS & BOW NUMBERS

Some classes may have class flags issued at registration,

8 RACING AREA

Will be at the East end of St. Thomas and the coast of St. John.

9 COURSES

See Attachment A. The course number will be posted on a white board on the signal boat and announced on VHF 72, prior to the warning signal.

10 MARKS

The start and finish pin will be an inflatable mark.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 using sound signals and a radio broadcast, only. This changes rule 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 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

11.4 If any part of a boat's hull is on the course side of the starting line at her starting signal and she is identified, the race committee will attempt to broadcast her bow or sail number on the designated VHF channel. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for a request for redress. Failure to hail her number, failure of her to hear such hail, or the order in which boats are hailed, will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

11.5 Starting sequence is as follows:

1100 Warning for CSA 1

1105 CSA start, warning for CSA 2

1110 CSA 2 start, warning for IC24s

1115 IC24 start, warning for CSA 3 -Multihull

1120 CSA 3 – Multihull start

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..

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

RRS Appendix T and Appendix V1 will be in effect.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit is 1700.

14.2 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 HEARING REQUESTS

- 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 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the respective race committee finish boat has reached its dock or 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.
- 15.6 Penalties for breaches of non-Part 2 rules may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. This changes rule 64.1.
- 15.7 An International Jury will be constituted in accordance with Appendix N.. The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in rule 70.5.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 CSA will be scored TOT.
- 16.2 Rule A5.3 will be in effect.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 See NOR 1.6
- 17.2 **Check-in:** Prior to the first warning signal, boats shall sail, on starboard tack, 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 on VHF channel 72, by reporting to a nearby race committee boat or by calling the St. Thomas Yacht Club at 340-775-6320.

18 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.

19 PRIZES

- 19.1 Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places in each class.
- 19.2 All prizes will be presented at the awards ceremony on Thursday after racing at the St. Thomas Yacht Club at a time to be announced.

20 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.

21 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.

22 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.

23 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.

24 FURTHER INFORMATION

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

ATTACHMENT A

COURSE 1:

Start off the northern point of Great St. James Island between the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby inflatable mark .

Leave the following to port:

St. John Island

Eagle Shoal

Leduck Island

Whistling Cay

Johnson's Reef buoy G "1JR" (Green government buoy)

Rata Cay

Two Brothers Islet

Finish off the northern point of Great St. James Island between the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby inflatable mark.

COURSE 1R:

The reverse of course 1, leaving all marks to starboard.

COURSE 2:

Start off the northern point of Great St. James Island between the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby inflatable mark.

Proceed east along the south side of St. John Island to Coral Bay, leaving Eagle Shoal* to starboard, rounding Leduck Island to port. Then leaving Eagle Shoal* to port, proceed west along the south side of St. John Island. ***Please note Eagle Shoal is on the rhumb line between Ram Head and Leduck Island and is difficult to see.**

Finish off the northern point of Great St. James Island between the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby inflatable mark.

COURSE 3:

Start off the northern point of Great St. James Island between the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby inflatable mark.

Proceed to Two Brothers Islet, leaving it to starboard.

Then to Rata Cay, leaving it to starboard and Lovango Cay to port.

Then to Y "D" buoy, FI Y 4s Priv (approximately 0.3 nautical miles North of Johnson's Reef buoy [Green JR 1]), rounding it to port.

Then to Carval Rock, leaving it to port.

Then to Middle Passage, leaving Grass Cay and Bull Rock (just southwest of Grass Cay) to port and Thatch Cay to starboard.

Finish off the northern point of Great St. James Island between the Race Committee signal boat and a nearby inflatable mark.