



**St. Croix Yacht Club**  
**31st International Regatta**  
Teague Bay, St. Croix US Virgin Islands  
**April 18 - 21, 2024**

## **Sailing Instructions**

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the racing rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
- 1.2 The CSA Rating Rule for CSA class boats.
- 1.3 The relevant one-design class rules for boats racing in one-design classes.

### **2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day of racing.

### **3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the SCYC flagpole.
- 3.2 It is the intention of the Race Committees to use VHF 72 for announcements concerning the location of the starting area, order of starts, boats identified as OCS, and other courtesy announcements. Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 3.3 If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal of the first class will be made not less than 60 minutes after the AP flag is lowered.

### **4 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

Friday April 19	First Warning	1100
Saturday April 20	First Warning	1100
Sunday April 21	First Warning	1100

- 4.1 Notice of the last race to be sailed each day will be made via VHF channel 72.
- 4.2 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as

practical after the finish of the last boat in the preceding race.

4.3 On Sunday 16 April, no warning signal will be made after 1400 hours.

## **5 Class Flags and Intended Start sequence for the first race of the day**

<b>Class</b>	<b>Flag</b>
CSA Non-Spinnaker	White
Beachcat	Purple
Rhodes 19	Lime Green

These are the intended order of starts for the first race of the day. Subsequent starting sequences will be announced by the Race Committee over VHF Channel 72.

## **6 Racing Area**

6.1 The racing area will be the waters north of St. Croix. The Race Committee intends to make courtesy announcements identifying the location of the starting area beginning approximately 1015 each racing day.

## **7 COURSES**

7.1 No later than the preparatory signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed. This changes rule 27.1.

7.2 Buoy Course diagram is attachment A.

7.3 Distance Racecourse descriptions are attached.

## **8 MARKS**

8.1 Laid marks will be tetrahedrons and balls.

8.2 Additionally, government marks including National Park Service (NPS) marks may be used as marks.

## **9 OBSTRUCTIONS**

9.1 A boat shall not sail through the starting line or finish line unless starting or finishing. A boat that breaks this rule shall not correct her error. However, she will be exonerated if she takes a One-Turn Penalty (see rule 44.2). For reasons of safety, on legs of the course that pass the start/finish line, the start/finish line shall be considered an obstruction and therefore rules 19 and 20 may apply between boats while they are approaching and passing it.

9.2 No vessel shall sail between Green Cay Island and St. Croix, unless designated on the race diagram B. The water between Green Cay Island and St. Croix shall be considered an obstruction for all courses except race diagram B.

## **10 THE START**

10.1 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the RC signal boat and a nearby

mark. Any buoy or dinghy attached to the signal boat shall be an extension of the signal boat.

10.2 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

Breach of this sailing instruction may only be protested by the Race Committee.

10.3 Classes may be started together.

10.4 The warning signal for each succeeding start may be made with the starting signal of the preceding class (rolling start).

## **11 THE FINISH**

11.1 The finishing line will be between a blue flag on the RC Signal boat and a nearby mark.

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

12.1 For all classes, RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that the Two-Turn Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.

## **13 TIME LIMITS**

13.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the second boat in her class sails the course will be scored TLE and will be given points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus one. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2, A6 and A10.

## **14 HEARING REQUESTS**

14.1 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee signal boat arrives at St. Croix Yacht Club, which time shall be posted at the Protest Desk.

14.2 Hearings will be held at the St. Croix Yacht Club in approximately the order of receipt and as soon as possible. Hearings may be open to the public.

## **14 SCORING**

14.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A, will apply.

14.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. No races will be excluded.

## **15 Prizes**

15.1 First through third place prizes will be awarded in all classes.

15.2 The STX International Perpetual Award and Skippers Weight in Rum will be awarded to the overall winner for the combined CSA Spinnaker and CSA Cruising classes.

15.3 The Richard Newick Perpetual Award will be given for first place in the Multihull class.

15.4 The Jerome A. Urban Memorial Award will be given for first place in the Rhodes 19 Class.

## **16 RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

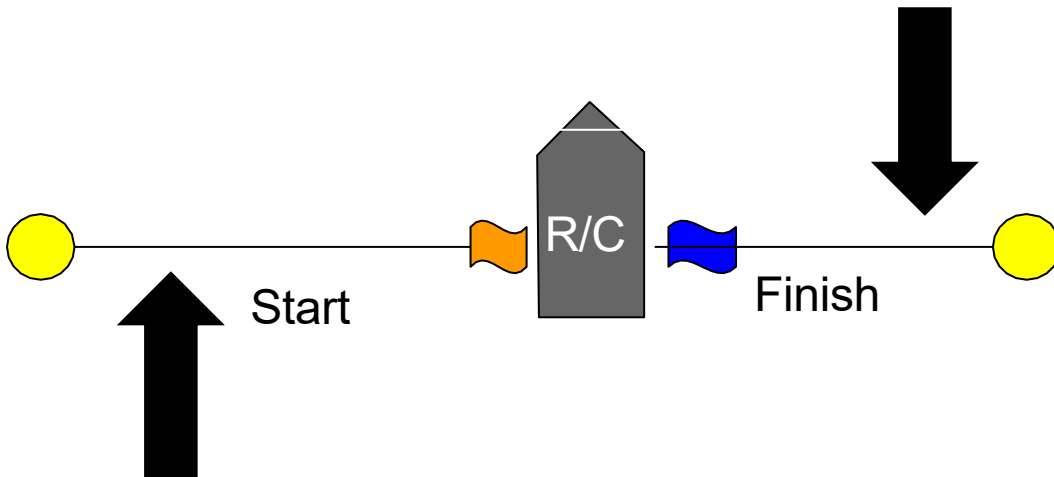
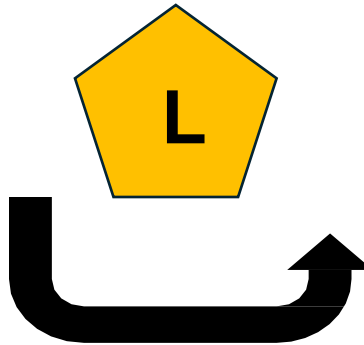
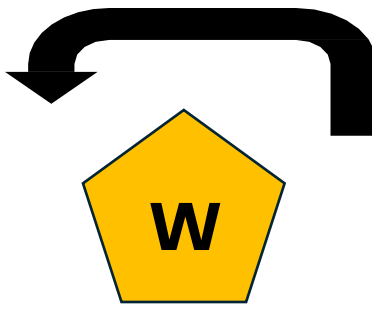
16.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and 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.

# Attachment A

Windward/Leeward

- A1: Start - W - L - Finish
- A2: Start - W - L - W - L - Finish
- A3: Start - W - L - W - L - W - L - Finish

*All marks to be left to port*



# Attachment B

# Big T

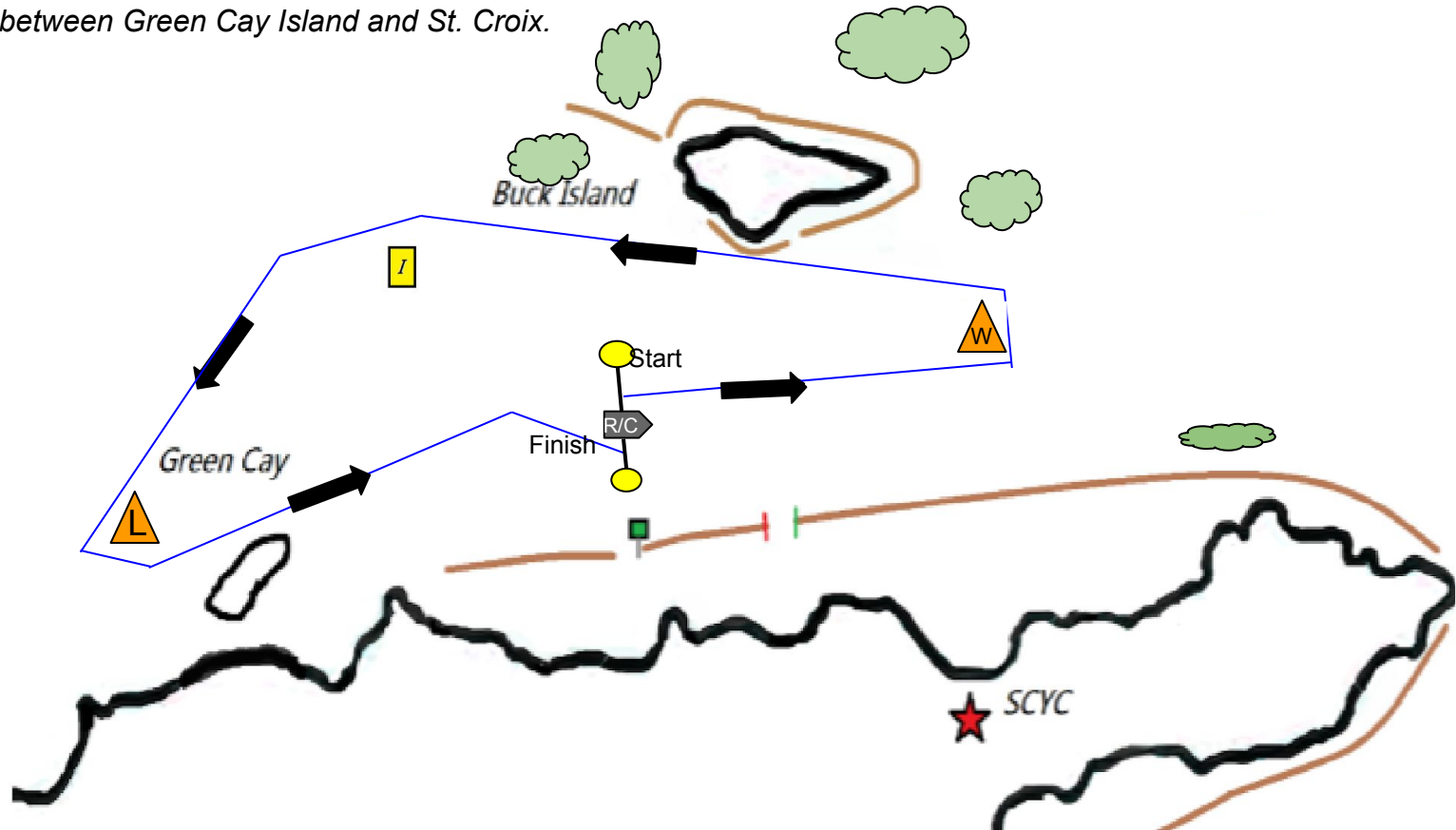
B: Start - W - "I" - L - Finish

All marks are to be left to port.

"I" is a Government Mark.

L and W are laid marks.

No passing between Green Cay and St. Croix.



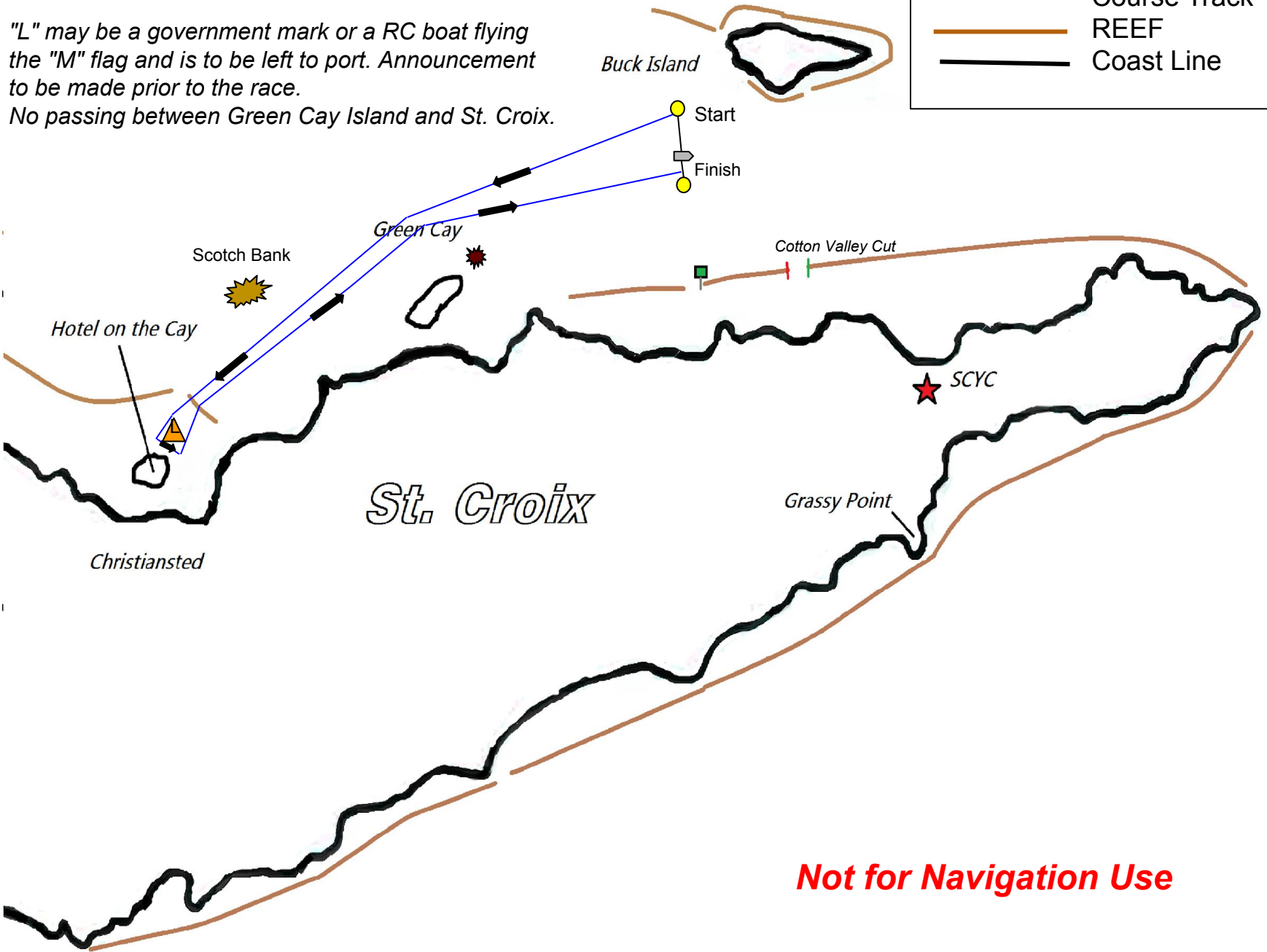
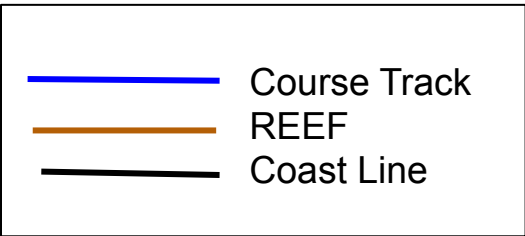
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# Attachment C Town and Back

C: Start - L - Finish

"L" may be a government mark or a RC boat flying the "M" flag and is to be left to port. Announcement to be made prior to the race.

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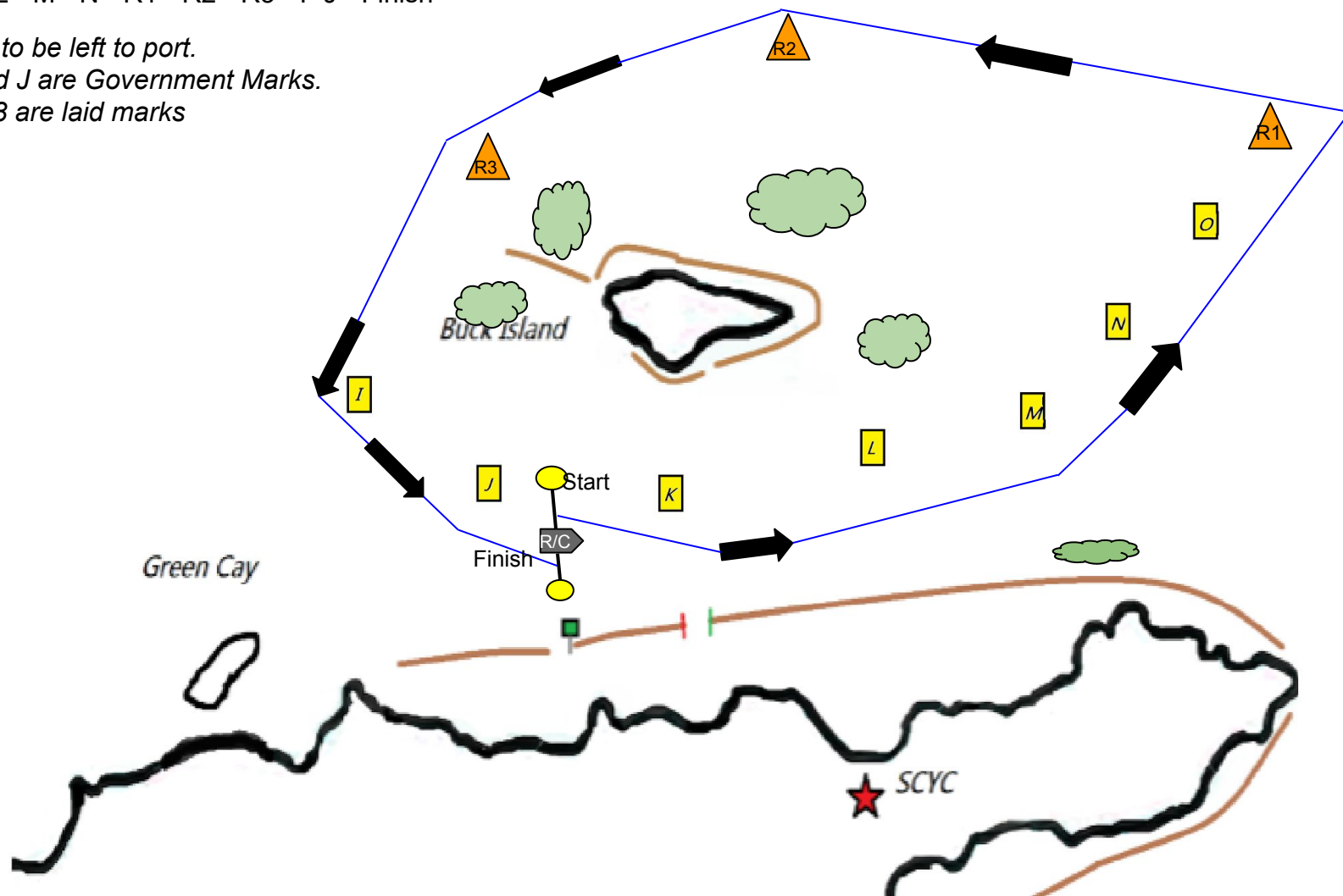
# Attachment D Around Buck Island

D: Start - K - L - M - N - R1 - R2 - R3 - I - J - Finish

All marks are to be left to port.

K,L,M,N, I and J are Government Marks.

R1,R2 and R3 are laid marks



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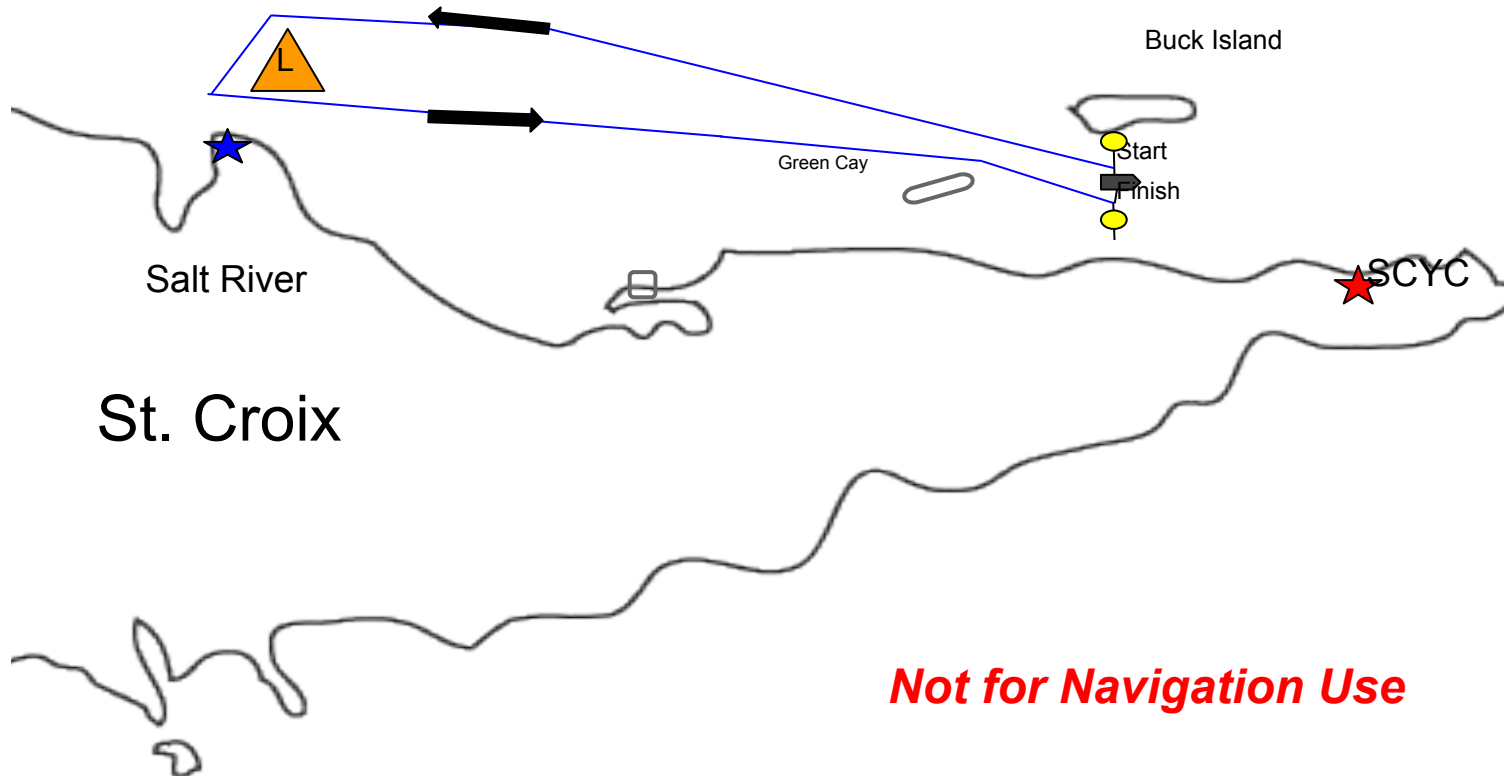


# Attachment E Salt River Race

Course E: Start - L - Finish

*L is a laid mark to be left to port.*

*No passing between Green Cay Island and St. Croix.*






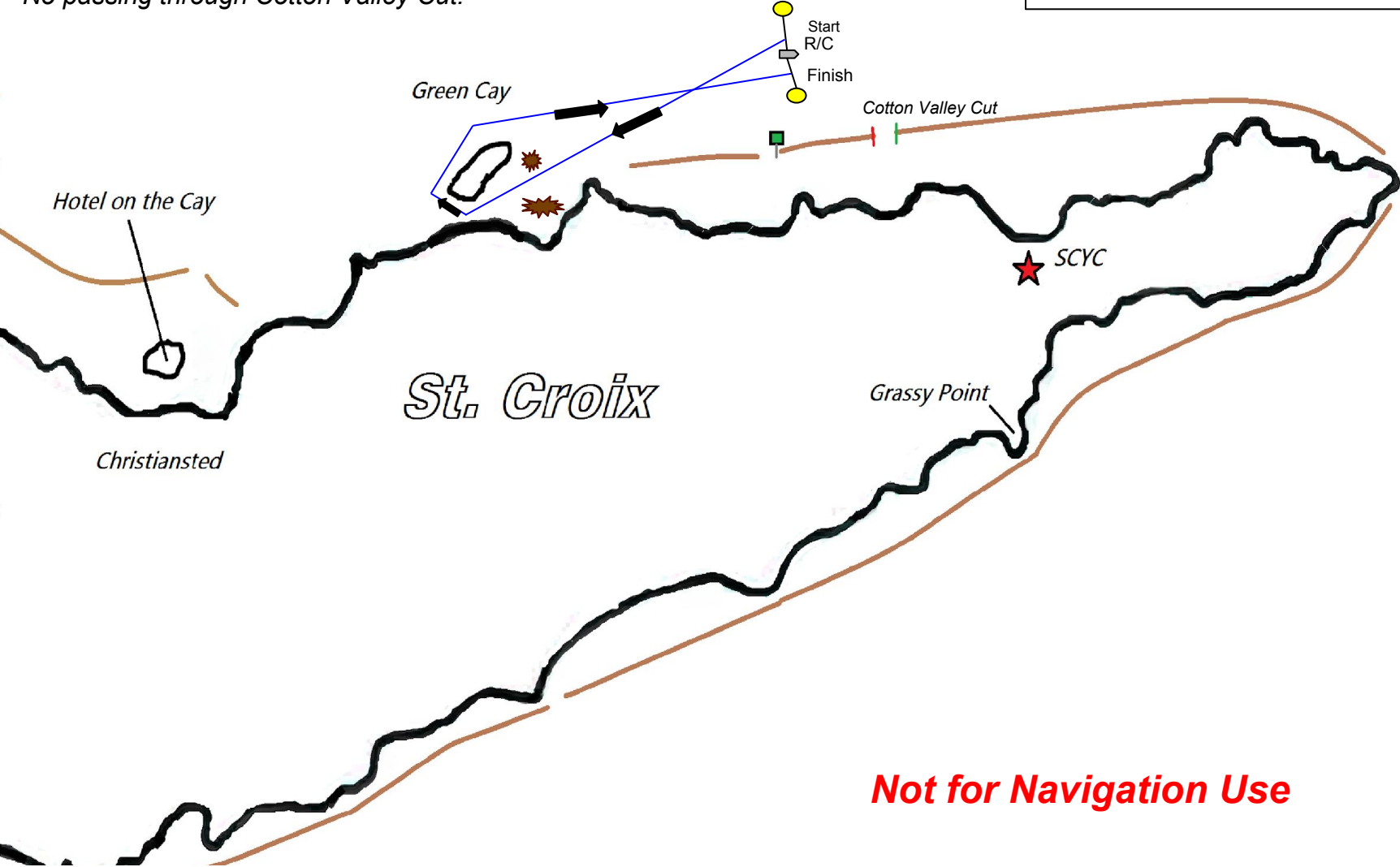
# Attachment F Green Cay

E: Start - Great Cay to Starboard -Finish

No passing through Cotton Valley Cut.



	Course Track
	REEF
	Coast Line



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