

Round the Rocks Race

STIR tune-up

March 23, 2017
St. Thomas Yacht Club
St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

1.1* The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at St. Thomas Yacht Club and on the STIR Regatta Website at <http://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=2909>

3 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 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at St. Thomas Yacht Club.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACING

5.1*

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the race is 1100 hours.

Boats may be divided into classes depending on the number and type of entrants. In the event of multiple classes, the order of starts for the classes will be posted before 0900 on the day of the race.

The starting signal for a preceding class will be the Warning signal for the next class.

6* CLASS FLAGS

Class flags, if any, will be distributed at the St. Thomas Yacht Club at 0900 on the day of the race.

7 RACING AREAS and COURSES

Attachment A shows course options, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

The Race Committee will signal the course to be sailed by posting it on a board at the stern of the Signal Boat and by announcing it on VHF Channel 72 at least 5 minutes prior to the initial Warning Signal.

MARKS

8 Laid marks will be Yellow Inflatable buoys.

9 THE START

9.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.

9.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Signal Boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

9.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

9.4 A boat starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rule A4.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the finishing boat and a nearby finishing mark.

10.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she should report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats and a hereby inflatable mark.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

For all boats, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

12 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12.1 Protest forms are available at the protest room, located at the STYC tennis courts. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

12.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 90 minutes after the last boat has finished.

12.3 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 in the protest room.

- 12.4** Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 12.5** Breaches of instruction 9.3 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a). Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides.
- 12.6** A request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.
This changes rule 66.
- 12.7** 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.
- 12.8** Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

13 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible on VHF channel 72.

14 EVENT ADVERTISING

Boats shall display event advertising supplied by the organizing authority at 0900 at the St. Thomas Yacht Club and shall display it in the manner directed at that time.

15 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, except to the Race Committee, nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

16 PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

1. Trophy for first boat in each class, based on corrected time.
2. Perpetual trophy for first boat overall, irrespective of class, based on elapsed time.

17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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 (Green government buoy)

Rata Cay

Two Brothers reef

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 a yellow inflatable mark south of Ram's Head. Round that mark, leaving it to port, and proceed west along the south side of St. John Island.

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 reef, leaving it to starboard.

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

Then to Y "D" buoy, Fl Y 4s Priv,(approximately 3/10 nautical miles north of Johnson's Reef buoy [Green JR 1]), leaving 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.