

2013
NOTICE
of RACE



INTERNATIONAL ROLEX REGATTA
COWPET BAY • ST. THOMAS, VI

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years



Welcome SAILORS,

It is hard to believe this is the 40th International Rolex Regatta and I have been fortunate to be involved with 39 of these wonderful events. I believe the only person more senior is our Registrar, Lyn Reid, who has been a major part of all 40.

Both Lyn and I were fortunate to sail in those early days with Caribbean sailing legends like Rudy, Thompson of "Fun Hog" and "Cold Beer" fame and Dick Avery, who pretty much created the "bareboat industry" renting Pearson sailboats to his friends from New England. We were on the beach when Gary Hoyt rowed his newly designed Freedom 40 into Cowpet Bay. We remember well Tom Hill's first Titan a Ranger 28.

Our big boats in the early years were Jamie Torres' Jibaro who went against Cavier a Carter 37, owned by Lee Kelbert and skippered by Dick Johnson. These vessels fought titanic battles year after year. I still visualize Paul Adamswaith reaching back and forth in front of Cowpet Bay on Stormy Weather in 40 kts challenging the fleet to come sailing when racing was abandoned for the day. We were all affected by the delivery of the first "rule beaters" J 24's Sting (Dick Johnson / Walter Fischer) and Antidote (John Foster) who planed away with new Rolex's for a few years until the rest of the fleet and the West Indies Rule (now CSA) caught up.

I miss the days when five of us would pile on a Pearson 26 like Jalapena or Fun Hog and journey to BVI or Puerto Rico with no thoughts of a hotel room but rather who got to sleep in the sail locker on the spinnaker bag. Our sport has changed mostly for the better but I still the miss our early adventures. The beer seemed colder, we wore fewer cloths and had a hell of a good time.

Sorry to bore you with these nostalgics thoughts but I wanted to thank all involved in the early years for those wonderful memories!

On to the business of today, welcome to our 40th International Rolex Regatta hopefully the best yet, with loads of new memories waiting to happen.

Think fun,

Bill Canfield, Regatta Director
International Rolex Regatta



The International Rolex Regatta, not the largest but undeniably the finest Caribbean Regatta.



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1 MANAGEMENT

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

2 RULES

- 2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016.
- 2.2 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 a. 2013 IRC Rule Parts A, B & C.
- 2.4 Minimum safety requirements found in Appendix A of this Notice of Race.
- 2.5 Multihull Advisory Committee as assigned by the O.A., for Multihull Classes.
- 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 At its discretion the jury may impose a penalty other than disqualification for breaches of non Part 2 rules. This changes RRS 64.1

3 ADVERTISING

- 3.1 Advertising is allowed in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20. Rolex's participation enhances the event for all competitors; competitors are therefore required to respect the brand exclusivity of the title sponsor.
- 3.2 As prescribed in the Regatta Sailing Instructions, boats shall display the event bow stickers and Rolex flags for the duration of the Regatta. Other advertising shall not conflict with this display.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The International Rolex Regatta 2013 is extending an invitation to CSA; IRC; 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 www.yachtscoring.com

4.3 Entry Fees are as follows:

- a. Early entry: For all entries received and paid in full by 1700AST January 31, 2013: US\$250
- b. Entries received and paid between February 1, 2013 and 1700AST March 15, 2013: US\$400 for all boats except: Beach Cats: US\$250; IC24s and CSA (unmeasured): US\$300.

- 4.4 All crewmembers will be required to sign a disclaimer of liability and media release. Crew substitutions shall be submitted in writing, with updated disclaimer and media release, to the Organizing Authority prior to racing.
- 4.5 Please email any regatta questions to: irregatta@gmail.com

5 REGATTA SCHEDULE

1700AST FRIDAY JANUARY 31, 2013

Deadline for early entry

1500AST TUESDAY MARCH 20

Deadline for all entries

WEDNESDAY MARCH 21

1100-1500 Registration Desk open at STYC

THURSDAY MARCH 21

1000-1600 Registration Desk open at STYC

FRIDAY MARCH 22

1100 First warning signal for racing

SATURDAY MARCH 23

1000 First warning signal for racing

SUNDAY MARCH 24

1100 First warning signal for racing. There will be no warning signal for racing after 1400.

1830 Rolex Awards Presentation, STYC Dinner & Dancing immediately following Awards.

6 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be provided in each registration package distributed at registration. Sailing Instructions will be available on the regatta scoring web site: www.yachtscore.com. Amendments to Sailing Instructions and other Notices will be available on the regatta scoring web site. 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 AT THE TIME OF AN INCIDENT

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 RRS 44.1

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 24, 2013. Prizes will be awarded to first place, second place and third place in each class. A Rolex timepiece will be awarded to the winner of select spinnaker racing classes at the discretion of the O.A. as determined prior to the first warning signal for racing on Friday March 22.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors agree to be bound by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2012/2016, 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 are to be acquainted with ISAF RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: "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, in particular ROLEX S.A., 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 ROLEX S.A. and 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.



APPENDIX A

MIMIMUM SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL ROLEX REGATTA

In the event of a conflict between these requirements and applicable class rules, the class rules apply.

1. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR IRC, CSA, MULTIHULL CLASSES

- 1.1 Softwood plugs, or other suitable materials, tapered to fit into all thru hull fittings.
- 1.2 Lifelines and bow and stern pulpits, or lifelines secured in such a way as to form a stern pulpit, of not less than 18" in height, except lifelines may be split at the bow to facilitate sheeting. Lifelines shall be taut with not more than seven feet between supports, taut being defined as no apparent sag between the supports. Lifelines shall be attached securely and in such a way that no part of the system is elastic in nature.
- 1.3 Fire extinguisher, charged and in date, accessible from the deck.
- 1.4 Two buckets, of not less than two gallons capacity, fitted with lanyards of suitable strength and length.
- 1.5 One anchor with chain of suitable size for boat's length and displacement with a suitable rode of at least 150 feet in length. No part of the anchor shall overhang the ends of the boat while racing.
- 1.6 A First Aid kit suitable for rendering treatment in minor medical emergencies.
- 1.7 Charts for navigation covering the area to be raced.
- 1.8 U.S. Coast Guard approved Personal Floatation Devices of a suitable size for the intended wearer and readily accessible for each person on board, with attached whistle.
- 1.9 U.S. Coast Guard approved throwable floatation device, positioned above deck such that it is available for immediate deployment in an emergency.
- 1.10 Heaving line at least 50 feet in length, capable of floating, positioned above deck such that it is immediately available for use in an emergency.
- 1.11 Four red hand flares and two orange smoke flares.
- 1.12 VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on emergency and race committee channels.
- 1.13 A compass suitable for navigation.
- 1.14 A shutoff valve, in working order fitted to each fuel tank.
- 1.15 Hatches, companionways and ports capable of being made watertight while racing.
- 1.16 Cockpits to be self-bailing and fitted with adequate drains.
- 1.17 Sufficient water shall be carried on board so that at the finish of a race there remains at least one pint per person.

2. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR BEACH CATS

- 2.1 U.S. Coast Guard approved PFD to be worn at all times during racing by each crew member.
- 2.2 Independent righting line. (Not the jib sheet.)
- 2.3 International Orange Distress flag, of min. 2' x 2'.
- 2.4 Minimum of one quart drinking water for each crew member.
- 2.5 50 foot towing line.
- 2.6 USCG approved emergency strobe light.
- 2.7 Three (3) USCG approved emergency aerial signal flares.
- 2.8 A VHF radio is required, in accordance of Section 11.

3. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR IC-24 AND OTHER ONE-DESIGN CLASSES

The safety requirements for One-design Classes are as specified in their respective Class Rules. A Class representative shall present Class Rules to the Chief International Judge.