



St. Thomas International Regatta

Cowpet Bay, St. Thomas, USVI

March 26 –28, 2021

NOTICE OF RACE v5

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

1 Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing. No National Prescriptions will apply. Rule Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.2 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 caribbean-sailing.com
- 1.3 The IC24 Class Rules
- 1.4 The Class Rules of any other One Design Class that enters.
- 1.5 The 2021 ORC Rating System
- 1.6 PHRF Racing for Spinnaker, Cruising and Jib & Main Classes using the 2020 South East Florida PHRF handicap system. Certificates can be obtained at phrfsef.com. Boats sailing in Cruising Class may sail with two headsails. One spinnaker pole is allowed. Boats in Jib & Main Class must sail with one headsail only. The use of the spinnaker pole is allowed. Genoas larger than 150% will not be allowed for all Cruising and Jib & Main Classes.
- 1.7 The crew for the IC24 class shall be two. There is no minimum or maximum requirement for ICSA and ORC. Crew limits are subject to change up to 30 days before the event.
- 1.8 The US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for Near Shore and associated Appendices:
<https://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/>
In the event of a conflict between these regulations and applicable class rules, the class rules shall apply.
- 1.9 Racing rules changed are as follows:
 - 44.1 see NOR 8.1
 - Rule 52 does not apply
 - 64.1 see NOR 8.2
 - A2.1 see NOR 9.1

2 Advertising

Boats may be required to display the event bow stickers and /or sponsor flags for the duration of the Regatta. Boats shall conform to World Sailing Regulation 20.4.1: Advertising Code and may only display event advertising approved by the organizing authority.

3 Eligibility and Entry

- 3.1 The St. Thomas International Regatta is extending an invitation to CSA; ORC; CSA Bareboat; and One Design classes with a minimum length of 20 feet and PHRF Classes with PHRF handicaps no greater than 190. One design classes and groups of boats wishing to race level, will have separate classes or may be scored as a sub-class within a larger class at the discretion of the Regatta committee.
- 3.2 You are requested to enter on-line at: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eid=14270>
- 3.3 All crewmembers will be required to sign a waiver of liability and media release, which may be completed on-line.

4 Entry Fees

Entries received and paid in full by January 31, 2021: US\$150.

Entries received and paid between February 1, 2021 and March 25, 2021: US \$300.

5 Schedule

5.1

January 31	Deadline for early entry
March 25	Deadline for all entries
March 25	10:00-16:00 Registration Desk open at STYC
March 26-28	11:00 First warning signal for racing

- 5.2 A maximum of 15 races are scheduled for the one-design classes.
- 5.3 A maximum of 7 races are scheduled for all other classes.
- 5.4 On Sunday there will be no warning signal for racing after 14:30

6 Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available on-line. Amendments to Sailing Instructions and other Notices will be available on-line and an effort will be made to email these to all entries. An email address, representing the boat entry contact, is required with your online entry.

7 The Courses

The Regatta committee intends to conduct a varied and challenging schedule including short 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 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark, other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty'.
- 8.2 The Jury may impose a penalty other than disqualification for breaches of non-part 2 rules. This changes rule 64.2.
- 8.3 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

9 Scoring

- 9.1 A boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores without a discard. This changes appendix A2.1.
- 9.2 One completed race shall constitute a series.

10 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.

11 Prizes

Prizes will be awarded on the lower deck at St. Thomas Yacht Club commencing at 18:30, Sunday March 28. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place in each class with a minimum of 5 boats.

12 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors agree to be bound by the 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.

This provision shall include expressly and without limitation, any risk of contracting COVID-19, and its possible attendant complications, including from any participant, counselor, director or employee of STYC, as well as its members, invitees, guests or

the general public who may be upon the grounds of STYC.

13 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.

14 COVID-19 Guidelines

All travelers to the USVI must comply with the travel restrictions listed on <https://usvitraportal.com/>. These may include providing a negative COVID screening result from within 5 days of arrival and self-quarantining if a result is not available on arrival. 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 including, but not limited to, wearing a face covering, observing social distancing, and limiting exposure to individuals outside of your immediate crew and your guests.

15 Further Information

All regatta questions should be submitted to stycsailingcenter@gmail.com.