

# St. Thomas Yacht Club

## ROUND THE ROCKS RACE

March 25, 2021

### NOTICE OF RACE<sub>v1</sub>

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 [www.caribbean-sailing.com](http://www.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](http://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 IC24, ORC or PHRF. 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 will apply.

1.9 Racing rules will be changed as follows:

Rule 44.1 see NOR 8.1

Rule 52 does not apply

Rule 64.1 see NOR 8.2

## **2 Advertising**

Boats may be required to display the event bow stickers and sponsor flags for the duration of the Regatta. Other advertising shall not conflict with this display.

## **3 Eligibility and Entry**

3.1 The 2021 St. Thomas Round The Rocks Race is extending an invitation to CSA; ORC; CSA Bareboat; 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 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=14277>

3.3 All crewmembers shall be required to sign a waiver of liability and media release, which may be completed on-line.

## **4 Entry Fee**

\$50 per boat

## **5 Schedule**

### **Wednesday March 24**

1700ast: Deadline for all entries

1300-1700 Registration Desk open at STYC

### **Thursday March 25**

1100 First warning signal for racing

## **6 Sailing Instructions**

Sailing instructions will be available on-line. Amendments to Sailing Instructions and other Notices will be available on-line. For email alerts to all postings, please provide desired email recipient with your online entry.

## **7 The Course**

The course will be around the island of St. John in either a clockwise direction or a counter clockwise direction to be determined and announced before the start.

If conditions do not permit a race around St. John, alternative courses may be provided.

## **8 Penalty System**

8.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a OneTurn 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**

One race will be sailed and scored in accordance with rule Appendix A.

## **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 beach at St. Thomas Yacht Club commencing at 1830, Thursday, March 26. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place in each class with a minimum of 5 boats.

Unless an alternative course has been used, a perpetual trophy will be awarded for the best elapsed time sailing around St. John.

## **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 3: 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 shall 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 shall 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 shall 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](mailto:stycsailingcenter@gmail.com)