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INTERNATIONAL ROLEX REGATTA 2008



NOTICE OF RACE
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

March 28-30, 2007

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YACHT CLUB

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WELCOME SAILORS,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the 35th annual **International Rolex Regatta**. On behalf of the St. Thomas Yacht Club and our principal regatta sponsors, Rolex and A. H. Riise, we are honored to offer sailors from around the world three days of unparalleled competition and shore side fun.

The fourth weekend of March is now etched into every racer's calendar as the time when the "Crown Jewel" of Caribbean racing takes place – where sailors can enjoy our reliable breezes, warm azure waters and world-renowned island hospitality. If you've joined us in the past, you know that the competition and the camaraderie are unsurpassed. If you are contemplating making the trip for the very first time, please know that we will do our utmost to make it a special regatta for you.

This year the first day of round-the-buoys racing will be held in the Caribbean Sea, south of Cowpet Bay. The second day's racing will be from Cowpet Bay to Charlotte Amalie Harbor and back, giving the racers an opportunity to see St. Thomas' beautiful and historic capital and to showcase for Islanders and visitors the excitement of competitive racing. The final day's racing will be held on scenic Pillsbury Sound, in and around our beautiful cays. The Rolex Awards Ceremony, which takes place on the beach Sunday evening, will again be of epic memory-making proportions.

We are delighted to welcome back Principal Race Officer Dave Brennan, along with a team of top-tier international judges. As always, the dedicated and hard-working volunteers from St. Thomas Yacht Club will provide the "people power" for the events on land and at sea. Having hosted a long tradition of competitive sailing at our club – including the oldest of all the world's Rolex regattas – we are very proud of our own sailing stars who represented us around the world this year. Our young sailors continue to sail well and score high wherever they travel. In 2007, STYC juniors won the North American Championship in both Laser and 420 classes and placed second in the Optimist North American's. The USVI also had their best finish ever at the Optimist Worlds with Ian Barrows scoring 13th. Past Commodore, Peter Holmberg, served as back-up skipper for Alinghi's successful Americans Cup defense. How will we keep him out of the IC 24's now that he's back as a simple "island boy"? Thomas Barrows was selected All-American as a freshman at Yale and Taylor Canfield finished second at the US Nationals and 420 North Americans. Anthony Kotoun and Cy Thomas pursue an Olympic bid in the 49er while Cy continues scoring well in the Laser. There must be something in the island water.

All of these sailors have participated in the International Rolex Regatta over the years. We thank Rolex for providing a great source of racing action to prepare them for world-class sailing competition. Please join us for our celebration of yacht racing and West Indian hospitality in our unique locale in St. Thomas, United States Virgin Islands.

Cordially,

John Sweeney and **Bill Canfield**, Regatta Directors



DEAR FRIENDS,

On behalf of the Flag Officers, Governors, and members of the St. Thomas Yacht Club, it is my distinct honor to welcome you to the 35th International Rolex Regatta. Since 1974, we have proudly hosted this prestigious sailing event, known as the "Crown Jewel of the Caribbean." Over three days, the finest yachtsmen and yachswomen from around the Caribbean, United States, and Europe join in world-class racing in the spectacular environment and on the warm, clear waters surrounding our Club. The culmination of this lively competition is presentation of a coveted Rolex timepiece to the winner of each class.

The 2007 Regatta was a resounding success on which this year's Rolex Committee intends to build. Each entrant received a DVD to relive that exciting event. The hotly contested one-design racing on the inner circle will be back and we expect to add grand-prix IRC classes to the outer circle. The distance races from the East End of St. Thomas to Charlotte Amalie Harbor and back are a new tradition. The Pillsbury Sound Race in and among the cays between St. Thomas and St. John, as always, is a highlight of the regatta.

On the beaches of beautiful Cowpet Bay, the volunteers and staff of the St. Thomas Yacht Club will again demonstrate the personal touch and generous hospitality for which our yacht club is famous. You will again find the very best in food, parties, and entertainment when our Club transforms itself into a welcoming place for sailors and their families to re-establish old friendships and forge new ones.

I look forward to seeing you at the 2008 International Rolex Regatta. Please enjoy our Yacht Club, our hospitality, and our island home.

Mike Williams

Commodore

St. Thomas Yacht Club



Martin Jacobson's Swan 44 **CRESCENDO**, leading Spinnaker Racing Cruising class



The International Rolex Regatta three-day weekend in the U.S. Virgin Islands is a high point for many yachtsmen and yachtswomen from around the world. Known as the “Crown Jewel of the Caribbean” it represents an opportunity to shake off the winter dust in preparation for a hard summer’s racing. For others, it is a chance to mix sailing and racing with a family vacation in one of the Caribbean’s favorite locations. Whatever the reason, once experienced, the International Rolex Regatta becomes an annual mark on the calendar. The warm clear waters, beautiful surroundings and excellent competition draws sailors back year after year.

NOTICE OF RACE

1-MANAGEMENT

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

2-RULES THAT APPLY

2.1 - The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2005-2008.

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 - Minimum safety requirements found in Appendix A of this Notice of Race.

2.4 - Multihull Advisory Committee, for multihull classes.

2.5 - Portsmouth yardstick, for Beach Cats.

2.6 - The minimum number of crew aboard each boat shall be four, except for Beach Cats which shall have a minimum of two crew aboard.

3-ADVERTISING

3.1 - The 35th International Rolex Regatta 2008 is designated Category C, regulation 20.

Competitors are requested to respect the brand exclusivity of the Official Sponsor of this event. Rolex's participation enhances the event for all competitors.

3.2 - All boats shall display the event bow stickers on their bow while racing.

4-ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 - International Rolex Regatta 2008 is extending an invitation to CSA, IRC, Multihulls, Beach Cats and One-Design classes with a minimum length of 24' with current rating certificates. One-design classes and groups of boats wishing to race level will have a separate class or will be scored as a separate sub-class within their class at the discretion of the STYC Rolex Regatta Committee based on the number of entries and the event classes that are established.

4.2 - You are encouraged to register on-line at www.rolexcupregatta.com.

4.3 - Entry Forms will be available from:

St. Thomas Yacht Club,
6224 Estate Nazareth 8-58
St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands 00802-1104
Tel: 340-775-6320
Fax: 340-775-4701

4.4 - The entry fee for the regatta is as follows:

\$400.00 (US) for all boats except Beach Cats and **\$225.00** (US) for the Beach Cats for all entries received before March 6, 2008; **\$500.00** (US) for all late entries received until 1700 on Tuesday, March 25, 2008.



4.5 - The completed entry form, and appropriate fees must be received at STYC no later than 1700 on Tuesday, March 25, 2008. No entries will be accepted after 1600 hours on Wednesday, March 26, 2008.

4.6 - Registration will take place at St. Thomas Yacht Club from 1000 - 1800 on Thursday, March 27, 2008.

4.7 - As part of the registration process, each boat must complete a crew list form and each individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting a disclaimer of liability.

4.8 - Requests for crew substitutions shall be made in writing to the Chief Judge.

4.9 - Email regatta questions to: styc@vipowernet.net.

5-SCHEDULE

Tuesday March 25
1700 Deadline for all entries

Wednesday March 26
1200 Class assignments will be made

1600 Registration deadline

Thursday March 27
1000 - 1600 Yacht Check-in and Final registration at STYC

1600 Welcome Party at STYC
1800 Skipper's Meeting

Friday March 28
0700 Continental breakfast
0955 First Signal for Racing
Lunch and dinner buffets, afternoon and evening festivities and regatta party at the club.

Saturday March 29
0700 Continental breakfast
0955 First Signal for Racing
Lunch and dinner buffets, afternoon and evening festivities and regatta party at the club.

Sunday March 30
0700 Continental breakfast
0955 First Signal for Racing
Two or more races may be conducted each day. On Sunday, March 30th there will be no warning signal after 1400.

Lunch buffet
1800 Awards Ceremony and Final Awards Presentations hosted by Rolex and STYC, with regatta party (food, music, and dancing) continuing into the evening at the yacht club.

6-SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be provided in each Entry Packet distributed at registration. In addition sailing instructions will available on the regatta web site at: www.rolexcupregatta.com.

7-THE COURSES

The Regatta Committee intends to conduct a varied and challenging schedule of races including both windward-leeward and distance courses in the waters surrounding the archipelago of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

8-PENALTY SYSTEMS

8.1 - Rule 44.2 is changed such that the penalty shall be one turn including one tack and one gybe that in all other respects complies with rule 44.2.

8.2 - Rule 44.3, Scoring Penalty, is also available to boats that may have broken a rule of Part 2.

9-PROTESTS

An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with rule 90(b) and Appendix N. Decisions of the International Jury will be final in accordance with rule 70.4.

10-SCORING

10.1 - A maximum of 18 races are scheduled for the One-design classes competing on the Jersey Bay Circle.

10.2 - A maximum of 12 races are scheduled for the classes competing on the Ocean Circle.

10.3 - A boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores without a discard.

10.4 - One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

11-RADIO COMMUNICATION

All competing boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of receiving communications from the Race Committee on channels 71 and 72.

12-PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded following the racing on Sunday, March 30, 2008.

Prizes will be given to first place, second place and third place in each class.

A Rolex timepiece will be awarded to the winner of each qualifying class.

The Commodore's Trophy will be awarded to the yacht that has shown the greatest dignity and style in the face of impending disaster.

The Johnson's Reef Trophy will be awarded to the yacht that has suffered the Most Ignominious Calamity.



TEAM PAUL MITCHELL finished 2nd overall in Spinnaker Racing Cruising class



Carlo Falcone's **CACCIA ALLA VOLPE** in Spinnaker Racing 1 class

13-DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors agree to be bound by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005/2008, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the nautical qualities of their yacht, the rigging, 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
MINIMUM SAFETY
REQUIREMENTS FOR THE
35TH ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL
ROLEX REGATTA**

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

**SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR
CSA AND MULTIHULLS 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 rope 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 First Aid treatment in minor emergencies.
- 1.7** - Charts covering the area to be raced.
- 1.8** - Lifejackets constructed to an accepted standard, for each person on board, with a whistle attached. Lifejackets shall be of a suitable size for the intended wearer and readily accessible.

- 1.9** - One life ring capable of supporting the largest member of the crew in the water and positioned above deck such that it is immediately available for use 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, shall be fitted to each fuel tank.
- 1.15** - Hatches, companionways and ports shall be 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** - Life jacket to be worn by each crew member.
- 2.2** - Independent righting line. (Not the jib sheet.)
- 2.3** - Distress flag, 2' x 2', International orange.
- 2.4** - One quart drinking water for each crew member. (This water must be present at the start of the race.)
- 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 or cellular phone is required.

**3-SAFETY REQUIREMENTS FOR
IC-24 CLASS**

The safety requirements for the IC-24 Class are as specified in the IC-24 Class Rules.



Christopher Curreri's IC-24, **BRAND-NEW SECONDHAND**



Jack Desmond's Frers 49, **AFFINITY**, in Non-Spinnaker Racing class

INTERNATIONAL ROLEX REGATTA 2008
APPLICATION FOR ENTRY



Please also complete the reverse side of this Entry Form | For on-line entry, please visit www.rolexcupregatta.com

ENTRY FORM 35th INTERNATIONAL ROLEX REGATTA
 MARCH 28 - 30 ST. THOMAS USV

YACHT NAME: Sail number:

LOA (ft): Yacht Type:

Owner / Charterer:

Address (please complete all lines):

Street: City:

State: Postal Code:

Country: Telephone:.....

Email: Contact (while on St. Thomas):

DESIRED CLASS

Classes may be combined or further subdivided according to entries

- CSA
- Spinnaker Racing
- Spinnaker Racing | Cruising
- Performance Cruising
- Non-Spinnaker Racing (jib & main)
- IRC
- Large Multihull
- Beach Cats (Portsmouth)
- One-Design
- Gulf Stream Series (IRC only)

Yacht Rating: All yachts must provide a valid Rating Certificate.

For CSA Rating information visit: www.caribbean-sailing.com
 For IRC Rating information visit: www.ussailing.org/offshore/IRC
 U.S. boats: www.rorcrating.com
 All other boats:

ENTRY FEE

Entries received and paid before March 6, 2008: **\$400 US (Beach Cats \$225)**
 Late entries: **\$500 US**

Deadline for entries: Tuesday March 25, 2008, 1700
 Checks payable to St. Thomas Yacht Club
 Final Registration will be held at St. Thomas Yacht Club Thursday, March 27, 2008, 1000-1800



DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

As part of the registration process, each owner, skipper, and individual participating crewmember will be required to sign a declaration accepting the following disclaimer of liability: I agree to be bound by International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005/2008, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. I agree that the sole and inescapable responsibility for the nautical qualities of any yacht participating in the International Rolex Regatta 2007, her rigging, the safety equipment on board and the competence, behavior and dress of her crew is that of the Owner/Charterer of the yacht.

I also agree to take any and all responsibility for all damages whatsoever caused to third persons or their belongings, to myself or to my belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of my participation in the regatta, and hereby relieve from any responsibility, and agree to indemnify on a full indemnity basis and hold harmless, the St. Thomas Yacht Club, its servants, agents and sponsors (in particular but not only ROLEX SA, ROLEX WATCH USA, and affiliated companies) and their representatives in respect of any claim arising therefrom.

I am acquainted with ISAF Part I Fundamental Rule 4: " A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing". In any case, I agree that the ST. THOMAS YACHT CLUB, its servants, agents and sponsors (in particular, but not only ROLEX SA, ROLEX WATCH USA, and affiliated companies) and their representatives 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.

MEDIA RELEASE

Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, the ST. THOMAS YACHT CLUB, ROLEX SA, ROLEX WATCH USA and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any media (being television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information regarding the INTERNATIONAL ROLEX REGATTA (" the regatta") and the competitors' and crew members' participation in the regatta.

Competitors and crew members on the competing yachts also grant, at no cost, ROLEX SA, ROLEX WATCH USA and affiliated companies, the absolute right and permission to use their name, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in the " Perpetual Spirit by ROLEX" magazine, edited by ROLEX SA.

Competitors' and crew members' name, voice, image, likeness, and biographical material shall not be used by ROLEX SA, ROLEX WATCH USA and affiliated companies in a way which constitutes an endorsement of ROLEX's products by said competitors and crew members, unless the relevant competitor or crew member is engaged by ROLEX SA or ROLEX WATCH USA or affiliated companies to endorse ROLEX's products or gives his/her prior written consent to such use.

Please fill out all information completely and return to:

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Tel: +1 (340) 775-6320 | Fax: +1 (340) 775-4701 | registration@rolexcupregatta.com

For acceptance of the Notice of Race and the rules and the regulations quoted therein:

NAME:
(print)

SIGNATURE: **DATE:**
(Owner | Charterer)

Please Note: All crew members will be required to execute a copy of the "Media Rights" release set forth above prior to racing.



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2007 OVERALL RESULTS

Boat	Type	Skipper
Spinnaker Racing 1 (CSA - 6 boats)		
1. Caccia Alla Volpe	Vallicelli 44	Carlo Falcone
2. Mad IV	Grand Soleil 48	Clive Llewellyn
3. Yeoman XXXII	Rogers 46	Barry Lewis
Spinnaker Racing 2 (CSA - 9 boats)		
1. Devil 3	Melges 24	Chris Stanton
2. Crash Test Dummies	Melges 32	Tim Kimpton, Diego Martin
3. Expensive Habit	J/100	Robert Armstrong
Spinnaker Racing 3 (CSA - 17 boats)		
1. J Bird 4	Olson 30	Doug Baker
2. The Good The Bad and The Ugly	Kirby 25	John Foster
3. SP MRI & CT Center/Tax Return	J/24	Carlos Feliciano
Non-Spinnaker Racing 1 (17 boats)		
1. Three Harkoms	Modified Beneteau 442	Christopher Lloyd
2. Affinity	Frers 49	Jack Desmond
3. El Presidente	Thomas 35	Jeffrey Fangmann
Spinnaker Racing Cruising (9 boats)		
1. Crescendo	Swan 44	Martin Jacobson
2. Team Paul Mitchell	Beneteau First 40.7	Mark Palermo
3. Shamrock V	J/120	Thomas Mullen
IC-24 One Design (19 boats)		
1. Mio Broadband	IC-24	Robby & Michael Hirst
2. Orion	IC-24	Fraito Lugo
3. Bambooshay	IC-24	Chris Rosenberg
Beach Cats (12 boats)		
1. DRD/Suzuki/Red Bull	Tornado 20	Enrique Figeroa
2. Heineken	Hobie 16	Francisco Figueroa
3. Fitness Warehouse	Hobie 16	Dennys Junco



Skippers Robby & Michael Hirst leading the fleet on IC-24, MIO BROADBAND



RORC Commodore David Aisher's Rogers 46, **YEOMAN XXXII**



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The Islands are in the 340 Area Code

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Continental	(800) 231 - 0856
Delta	(800) 221 - 1212
Spirit	(800) 777 - 7117
U.S. Airways	(800) 428 - 4322
Seaborne	888 - FLY TOUR

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Chris Stanton's Melges 24, **DEVIL 3**, winner of Spinnaker Racing 2 class

A WARM WELCOME FROM THE U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS

The U.S. Virgin Islands form part of the Lesser Antilles Island chain, separating the Atlantic Ocean and the Caribbean Sea. Many of these fifty islands are just rocks or islets set in shimmering turquoise waters. The three largest of the U.S. Virgin Islands are: St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John – each distinguished by their unique personalities.

Our islands offer fun and adventure for every visitor – tennis, golf, horseback riding, biking, sport fishing, hiking, scuba diving, snorkeling, sailing, windsurfing, parasailing and "snuba" (a unique sport that combines snorkeling and scuba diving). The U.S. Virgin Islands are among the leaders in the development of "sustainable tourism" – protecting the beauty of the natural environment, while allowing visitors to enjoy it in its pristine wonder. St. John showcases affordable yet comfortable eco-tourism resorts, allowing visitors to experience intimate encounters with the natural beauty of the Caribbean outdoors. St. Thomas offers guided kayak tours (led by experienced naturalists and biologists) through a marine sanctuary and mangrove lagoon. Off the shores of St. Croix, Buck Island offers visitors an unparalleled snorkeling experience at the first underwater national monument in the U.S.A.

The U.S. Virgin Islands offer year-round warm temperatures with averages of 77°F in the winter and 82°F in the summer. St. Thomas, St. Croix and St. John are in the Atlantic Standard Time zone.

With our modern airports and harbor facilities, the U.S. Virgin Islands can be easily reached by air or sea. Traveling between the islands is also convenient, with regular ferry services between St. John and St. Thomas and seaplane and ferry connections between St. Thomas and St. Croix.





THREE HARKOMS, Christopher Lloyd, racing upwind off the blue waters of the Caribbean

HISTORY AND SHOPPING IN ST. THOMAS

The prominence of St. Thomas as one of the Caribbean's most renowned shopping meccas is, for many, perhaps the most alluring attraction. Unrivaled by any other Caribbean destination, shopping in St. Thomas – combined with fine dining and top quality accommodation – offers truly exceptional value.

Stretched along the waterfront, restored 17th and 18th century warehouses – that once held molasses, rum, spices and other trade goods awaiting export – now house a variety of unique shops containing modern-day treasures. Duty free bargains and exotic treasures can be found in Charlotte Amalie, Yacht Haven and Havensight and Port of Sale Malls.

Charlotte Amalie Harbor is the perfect place for visitors to begin their walking journey through St. Thomas history. Recently refurbished Fort Christian, built in 1672, is the oldest standing structure in the Virgin Islands. This brick fortress was constructed to protect the town's harbor from raiding European armadas, which sailed the Caribbean centuries ago. Having served as St. Thomas' first Government House, a church and community government center, Fort Christian today is home to the Virgin Islands Museum.

To continue your journey, stroll along the island's winding roads, away from the heart of Charlotte Amalie, to Government House. Visitors interested in getting a glimpse of local political life may tour the first two floors of the building. Continue on, climbing up the 99 Steps (actually 103), which take you to the summit of Government Hill. This vantage point offers a truly breathtaking view of the harbor.

Near the top of the 99 Steps loom the remnants of the medieval-style Fort Skjtsborg. Better known as Blackbeard's Castle, it is one of the many structures erected as part of the Danish colonial government's attempt to protect the island. While there is no evidence that pirates inhabited the tower, Fort Skjtsborg continues to hold special intrigue for legend believers. Formerly used as a residence and an observatory, Blackbeard's Castle is on the National Register of Historic Places and today doubles as both a popular restaurant and hotel.

Complete your tour with a stroll through St. Thomas Market Square or Emancipation Garden – appropriately named in the commemoration of governor Peter von Scholten's emancipation of the slaves on July 3, 1848. Whether soaking up the sun on one of our many beautiful beaches, shopping along the downtown waterfront, or touring historical sites spanning nearly three centuries, St. Thomas visitors will find plenty to fill their days.

ST. CROIX: RICH IN HERITAGE

The historical treasures of St. Croix harken back to a time when the island was a prosperous commercial port and pirates looted its coastline. Colorful shops and fine restaurants, housed in old colonial structures, line St. Croix's wide streets. The distinctly 18th Century European architecture reflects a period when seven flags - Spanish, Dutch, British, French, Knights of Malta, Danish and American – flew at different times over the island.

Away from the towns of Christiansted and Frederiksted, visitors to St. Croix can discover reminders of the days when sugar cultivation was the island's main industry. Blessed with

captivating natural beauty, extraordinary historic sites, lively cultural traditions and the Virgin Islands' only casino, St. Croix offers a mix of attractions that has visitors wanting to return.



ST. JOHN: UNSPOILED NATURE

St. John, the smallest of the most well-known U.S. Virgin Islands, is known for its unspoiled beaches and National Park. Established in the 1950's with land donated by American financier Laurance Rockefeller, the park now protects about two-thirds of the 19-square mile island, including more than 5,600 acres of offshore marine habitats. The white sandy beaches are shaded, in contrast, by green seagrape trees and coconut palms. The crystal clear waters are home to a dazzling array of coral reefs and tropical fish.

At Cruz Bay, the island's main town, visitors can take in an eclectic mix of boutiques, art galleries, bars and fine restaurants, while still enjoying the island's characteristically slow pace of life.