

2012 NOTICE OF RACE

International Rolex Regatta





Welcome Sailors,

It is with great pleasure that we invite you to the **39th annual International Rolex Regatta**.

On behalf of the St. Thomas Yacht Club and the title sponsor Rolex, we are honoured to offer sailors from around the world three days of unparalleled competition and shore side excitement.

The last full 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 experience 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 trek for the first time, please know that we will do our utmost to make it a special regatta just for you.

We pride ourselves on running a regatta that is easy to participate in, but a challenge to win. From registration to scoring, from complimentary breakfast to post-race island style BBQ with rum, the regatta is run by our Yacht Club. From your mooring in Christmas Cove, it's mere minutes to and from the race course each day, allowing you to take full advantage of all the Club and Islands have to offer.

Our courses are a high calibre mix of round the island distance races designed to test your skills and showcase our stunning shoreline. Reliable tradewinds ensure the excellent conditions you've come to expect year after year. We are delighted to welcome back Principal Race Officers David Brennan & Dick Neville, 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.

This year's day one morning course offers a downwind start and stretches to Charlotte Amalie Harbor, giving the racers an opportunity to see St. Thomas' beautiful and historic capital. The afternoon race starts in town and finishes back at the Club. Day two's 'round-the-rocks' racing will take you along the south shore of St. John. The final day's racing takes place 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, highlighted by the presentation of an abundance of prizes and video by t2p.tv.

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

Warm Regards,
Regatta Directors
Bill Canfield, Shep Barrows & John Sweeney
St. Thomas Yacht Club

Dear friends,

On behalf of the Flag Officers, Governors, and members of the St. Thomas Yacht Club, it is my distinct honour to welcome you to the 39th International Rolex Regatta. Since 1974, we have proudly hosted this prestigious sailing event. Over three days, the finest yachtsmen and yachtswomen 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 coveted Rolex timepieces to winners of select classes.

The 2011 Regatta was a resounding success on which the dedicated Rolex Committee will surely build. Competitors can rely on another regatta with hotly contested one-design and grand prix racing, along with spirited sailing in cruising classes. The picturesque distance races from the East End of St. Thomas to Charlotte Amalie harbour and back have established themselves as an Island tradition. The beautiful and yet tactically demanding Pillsbury Sound Race in and among the cays of St. Thomas and St. John, is a highlight of the Regatta. This 'Sunday drive' has decided final standings in most classes each of the last five years.

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 Club is famous. You will find the very best in entertainment when our Club transforms itself into a bustling place for sailors and their families and locals to re-establish old friendships and forge new rivalries. And most of all to have a great time!

I look forward to seeing you at the 2012 International Rolex Regatta. Please enjoy our Yacht Club, our hospitality, and our Island home.

Boyd Sprehn

2012 Commodore

St. Thomas Yacht Club





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 2009-2012.

2.2 Crews & Sails:

a. 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.

b. IRC Rule Part A, B & C. Crew Limitations and Maximum Crew Weight : The maximum total crew shall not exceed the Crew Number

indicated on the boat's certificate, plus one. The maximum total crew weight shall not exceed the product of the Crew Number printed

on the boat's certificate, plus one, multiplied by 85KG.

IRC Rules 21.1.5 (d), (e) and (f) are amended as follows: During the regatta the spinnakers carried may vary from day to day, but shall

remain the same for each individual race day, including days with multiple races and in the case of damage to sails.

Competitors may

change spinnakers on consecutive days provided all such sails are within the dimensions declared on the boat's IRC certificate.

c. For Yachts carrying a Regatta approved member of the press, 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.

2.3 (Spare)

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.

2.8 At its discretion the jury may impose 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

4.1 International Rolex Regatta 2012 is extending invitation to CSA, IRC, Multihull and Beach Cat classes with a current rating certificate and One-Design classes with a minimum length of 20ft. One-design classes and groups of boats wishing to race level will have a separate class or will be scored as a sub-class within their larger class at the discretion of the STYC Rolex Regatta Committee based on the number of entries and the event classes established.

4.2 You are requested to enter on-line at www.yachtscoring.com

4.3 Entry Fee for the regatta is as follows:

- Early entry: For all entries received and paid in full by 1700AST January 13, 2012 **US\$250**
- Entries received and paid between January 14, 2012 & 1700AST March 16, 2012 **US\$500** for all boats except Beach Cats, **US\$300** for Beach Cats

4.4 Final Registration will take place at St. Thomas Yacht Club, see Section 5 for schedule.

4.5 As part of the registration process, each boat shall complete a crew list form and each individual participating crewmember 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 Chief Judge or O.A. prior to racing.

4.6 Email regatta questions to: irregatta@gmail.com



5 REGATTA SCHEDULE



1700AST Friday January 13, 2012

Deadline for early entry

see Section 4 for entry requirements

1500AST Tuesday March 20

Deadline for all entries

Wednesday March 21

1100-1500 Registration desk open at STYC

1500 Preliminary class assignments

Thursday March 22

1000-1600 Registration desk open at STYC

1500 Final class assignments

1600 Skipper's Meeting at STYC, class flags shall be distributed

1800 Cocktails, Dinner & Music at STYC

Friday March 23

1000 First warning signal for racing

1800 Dinner & Dancing at STYC

Saturday March 24

1000 First warning signal for racing

1800 Regatta Party at Yacht Haven Grande

Sunday March 25

1000 First warning signal for racing

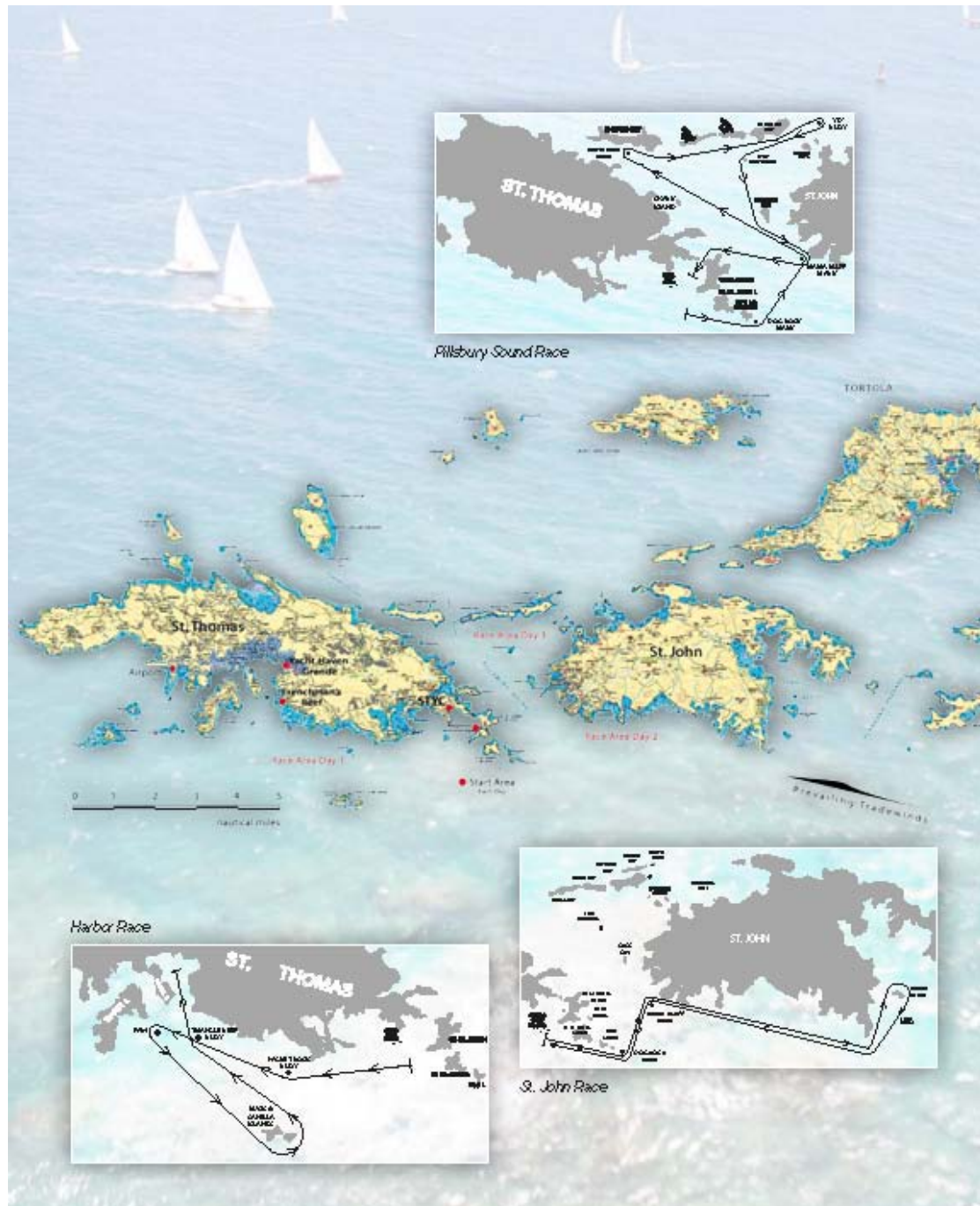
1400 There will be no warning signal for racing after 1400

1800 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.yachtscoring.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 18:00 Sunday March 25, 2012. 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 23.

13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors agree to be bound by the International Sailing Federation Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009/2012, by the Sailing Instructions and this Notice of Race. Competitors agree to take any and all responsibility for the seaworthiness 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

MINIMUM 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.

EVENT COMMITTEE

Honorary Chairman

Alexandre Tabary-Devisme

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Bill Canfield, John Sweeney, Shep Barrows

2012 STYC Commodore

Boyd Sprehn

STYC Liaison

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David Brennan, Dick Neville

Arbitrator

Arthur "Tuna" Wullschleger

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Geography

The United States Virgin Islands are part of the Lesser Antilles of the Caribbean. The three principal islands – St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas – are magnificent tropical environments, each distinguished by its own personality. Collectively they frame some of the world's finest sailing waters.

Language

English is the primary spoken language, but Spanish and French Creole are also heard throughout the three islands. Many locals speak in a distinct dialect, as a result of the European and African influences on the islands.

Weather

The U.S. Virgin Islands offers year-round warm temperatures with averages of 77°F (25°C) in winter and 82°F (28°C) in summer.

Time Zone

St. Croix, St. John and St. Thomas all fall within the Atlantic Standard Time zone, one hour ahead of Eastern Standard Time (except during Daylight Savings Time, USVI does not observe DST).

Currency

The U.S. Dollar is the currency used in the U.S. Virgin Islands. Most locations accept credit cards and travelers checks. There are ATMs located throughout the islands.

Political History

Seven flags have flown over St. Thomas, St. John and St. Croix since Christopher Columbus discovered them in 1493. The islands have been ruled in succession by the Spanish, English, French, Knights of Malta, French (for a second time), the Danish and now, the U.S. Virgin Islands is a territory of the United States. This eclectic historical path has influenced the development of all three islands, particularly during the Danish reign. Street, town and area names, architecture and former plantations all reveal the vast influence on the islands still remaining after 251 years under Danish rule.

GENERAL TRAVEL INFORMATION

Passport Requirements

No passport is required for U.S. citizens travelling to the U.S. Virgin Islands. U.S. citizens travelling without a passport may present a birth certificate with raised seal and a valid, government issued photo ID to board flights and gain entry to the Territory. Entry requirements for non-U.S. citizens are the same as for entering the United States from any foreign destination. All laws and regulations in the U.S. Virgin Islands are the same as they are in the mainland U.S.



2011 PODIUM RESULTS

Boat Name	Type	Skipper	Homeport
IRC Spinnaker Racing 1 (Six Entries)			
1. Vesper	TP 52	James Swartz	Edgartown YC
2. Vela Veloce	Souther Cross 52	Richard Oland	Royal Kennebecasis YC
3. Interlodge	JV 52	Gwen & Austin Fragomen	New York YC
IRC Spinnaker Racing 2 (Nine Entries)			
1. Antilope	Grand Soleil 43	Willem Wester	Zeeland Ned
2. Three Harkoms	Farr 44	James Hudleston	Royal BVI YC
3. Arethusa	Club Swan 42	Phil & Wendy Lotz	New York YC
IC-24 One-Design (Sixteen Entries)			
1. Intac	IC24	William Bailey	St. Thomas YC
2. Orion	IC24	Fraito Lugo	Puerto Rico
3. Soggy Dollar	IC24	Chris Curreri	St. Thomas YC
CSA Spinnaker Racing 1 (Six Entries)			
1. Intac	Melges 32	Mark Plaxton	Royal BVI YC
2. Budget Marine/Gill	Melges 24	Andrea Scarabelli	St. Maarten YC
3. Jurakan	Melges 32	Dave West	Royal BVI YC
CSA Spinnaker Racing 2 (Eleven Entries)			
1. Elandra of Hamble	Beneteau 40.7	Calvin Reed	Davis Island YC
2. Smile and Wave	Beneteau 40	Jaime Torres	Club Nautico de Fajardo
3. El Ocaso	J120	Richard Wesslund	Coral Reef YC
CSA Spinnaker Racing 3 (Six Entries)			
1. Wild At Heart	JOD 35	Timothy Molony	Southern YC
2. Otrakosa	J 80	Kike Gonzalez	San Juan YC
3. Mag 7	J 27	Paul Davis	St. Thomas YC
CSA Non-Spinnaker Racing (Ten Entries)			
1. Lost Horizon	J 122	Jamie Dobbs	Antigua YC
2. Cayennita Grande	J 36	Tony Sanpere	Naval Academy SS
3. Candela	J 110	Juan Bosch	Puerto del Rey YC
Beach Cats (Nine Entries)			
1. Universal	Hobie 16	Jorge L Ramos	San Juan YC
2. Time Out	Hobie 16	John Holmberg	St. Thomas YC
3. Island Girl	Hobie 16	Teri McKenna	St. Thomas YC



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March 23-25, 2012