



St. Thomas Yacht Club St. Thomas International Regatta

March 22 - 24, 2019

Organizing Authority (OA) – St. Thomas Yacht Club (STYC) International Regatta
Committee, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS_{v2}

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing (rules)*.
- 1.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 The US Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) Nearshore shall apply for all boats except IC24 and Beach Cat classes. These requirements will be posted on the website.
- 1.4 The following rules shall apply:
 - a) The Caribbean Sailing Association (CSA) Rule (www.caribbean-sailing.com);
 - b) The Portsmouth Yardstick Rule for non- one-design Beach Cats.
 - c) For One-Design classes, the relevant Class Rules, except as may be changed as permitted by rule 87:
- 1.5 The minimum number of crew for all classes is four except the minimum number of crew for the Beach Cats is two. For boats carrying a Regatta approved member of the press, this member of the press will not be included in the crew number provided that he/she does not contribute in any way to the boat's competitiveness, other than changing position.
- 1.6 The number of crew on a boat shall remain the same for all races. In the case of an emergency, a request for an exception shall be made to the race committee.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

The Official Notice Board will be electronic:

<https://www.yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=5994> As a courtesy, Notices may be posted on the Notice Board at the St. Thomas Yacht Club

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1900 on the day before it will take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole at St. Thomas Yacht Club.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1 Races are scheduled on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 22, 23 and 24, 2019
- 5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1100.

5.3 The daily schedule is as follows:

All classes are scheduled to sail a minimum of two races.

CSA Spinnaker and Non-Spinnaker classes will start in the St. James starting area located West of Little St. James Island and South of Cow and Calf Rocks.

IC24 class will race up to five races in either Great Bay or Jersey Bay. The first 4 races will be W/L, followed by a short distance race. The location of the starting area and the distance race course will be posted by 0830 each day and announced on VHF 71.

One-Design Beach Cat Class is scheduled to race multiple races in Cowpet Bay. Separate Sailing Instructions will be provided.

5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1430.

6 BOAT IDENTIFICATION

6.1 Class flags will be colored flags provided by the Organizing Authority (OA). Class assignments and flags will be posted on the Official Notice Board. While racing, class flags shall be conspicuously displayed from the backstay no less than 6 feet above deck. For boats without backstays, the class flag shall be displayed from the starboard shroud or the mainsail leech or starboard lifelines.

6.2 Sponsor flags may be provided and shall be flown above the class flag or on the aft lifelines at all times during the regatta.

6.3 Bow numbers may be provided by the OA for some classes and will be issued at registration. The numbers shall be affixed to both the port and starboard sides of the bow with the leading edge of the forward number placed 20 inches aft of the bow stem and 3 inches below the deck. The aft number shall be 3 inches aft of the forward number.

6.4 Sponsor decals may be provided by the OA at registration and shall be displayed during the regatta. The decals shall be placed 6 inches aft of the bow numbers, if applicable, or otherwise in place of the bow numbers. The top of the decal shall be placed 3 inches below the deck.

6.5 Event banners may be available at registration. Competitors are encouraged to display the banner from their forestay in an appropriate manner when not racing.

6.6 Competitors are requested to respect brand exclusivity of the Regatta sponsors.

7 RACING AREAS

Will be at the East end of St. Thomas, including Cowpet Bay, Pillsbury Sound, the coast of St. John, Great Bay and Jersey Bay.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 St. James Courses will be posted each morning at 0830 and announced on VHF 72 before the warning signal. IC24 W/L Courses are described in Appendix 1.

8.2 A boat that is racing shall not cross the starting or finishing line except when maneuvering to start, starting or finishing.

9 MARKS

9.1 **ST. JAMES Courses:** Marks may include a combination of islands, government buoys and inflatable marks as described in Appendix 1. Inflatable marks will be orange or yellow balls, tetrahedrons or cones.

9.2 **IC 24 Windward/Leeward Courses:** Will be inflatable marks - to be orange or yellow balls, tetrahedrons or cones.

9.3 Change marks may be a different color than the original mark.

10 Intentionally deleted.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26.

11.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and the course side of the starting mark.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

11.4 A boat starting later than five minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.

11.5 In the event of an Individual Recall, the race committee will attempt to notify boat(s) that are OCS via the designated VHF channel. Failure to make a broadcast or broadcast it timely will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).

12 THE FINISH

12.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee boat and a nearby finishing mark. The Finish Line for the St. James area and the IC24 Class W/L courses will be on the opposite side of the Race Committee Signal Boat, from the Starting Line.

12.2 If the race committee is absent when a boat finishes, she shall report her finishing time, and her position in relation to nearby boats, to the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 Except as changed by SI 13.2, a boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a One-Turn Penalty at the time of the incident. This changes rule 44.1.

13.2 If a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 within the three-length zone of any rounding or passing mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty in compliance with rule 44.2.

14 TIME LIMITS

14.1 The time limit on Friday and Saturday is 1700.

14.2 The time limit on Sunday is 1600.

14.3 Boats not finishing within the time limit shall be scored one point more than the number of boats that have sailed the course and finished within the time limit. This changes rule 35, A4 and A5.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 Protest forms are available at the Protest Desk located outside the STYC tennis courts. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.2 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the respective race committee finish boat has reached its mooring.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held as soon as possible after each day's racing in approximate order of receipt.

15.4 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

- 15.5 Measurement protests shall be filed with the protest committee by the end of protest time on the first day of racing.
- 15.6 Arbitration: Rule Appendix "T" will apply.
- 15.7 Breaches of instructions 6 and 11.3 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).
- 15.8 Penalties for breaches of non-Part 2 rules may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. This changes rule 64.1.
- 15.9 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes rule 62.2.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Two (2) races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2 A boat's series score will be the total of all her race scores, without a discard. This changes rule A2.

17 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 17.1 See NOR 1.10 and SI 1.3.
- 17.2 **Check-in:** Prior to the first warning signal each day, boats shall sail or motor by the stern of the RC Signal Boat and check-in by hailing their sail or bow number.
- 17.3 **Retirement:** A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible by the designated VHF channel, by reporting to a nearby race committee boat or by calling the St. Thomas Yacht Club at 340-775-6320.

18 CREW SUBSTITUTION

Requests for crew substitution shall be submitted in writing to the race committee for their approval. Any substitute crew shall submit a completed Disclaimer and Media Release form and the boat must comply with any eligibility requirements (e.g. weight limit or crew number limit).

19 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time by the designated technical committee for compliance with the class rules, notice of race and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by the designated technical committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

20 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 20.1 CSA classes: VHF 72; IC24 class: VHF 71; Beach Cats VHF 73.
- 20.2 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing, nor receive radio communications not available to other boats

21 PRIZES

- 21.1 Prizes will be awarded for first, second and third places in each class.
- 21.2 All prizes will be presented at the awards ceremony at the St. Thomas Yacht Club commencing at 1800 hours on Sunday.

22 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

APPENDIX 1

A 1 ST. JAMES RACE COURSE MARKS See SI 8.1

For finishes in the St James starting area, the Finish Line will be on the opposite side of the Race Committee Signal Boat from the Starting Line.

The following inflatable marks "**Marks**" may be used:

- Start and Finish Pins
- Leeward Mark located approximately 0.3nm upwind from the Starting Line
- Cas Cay Mark 18° 17.6N 64° 51.5W
- Straggler's Mark 18° 18.2N 64° 50.4W
- Reef Bay North Mark 18° 19.1N 64° 45.0W
- Reef Bay South Mark 18° 17.8N 64° 45.0W

The following "**Islands**" may be used:

- Buck & Capella
- Steven's Cay
- Two Brothers
- Turtleback Rock 18° 20.8N 64° 51.5W
- Henley Cay

The following Government Buoys "**Buoys**" may be used:

- Packet Rock R N "2" 18° 17.8N 64° 53.4W
- Cabrita Point G C "1" 18° 19.3N 64° 49.8W
- Moravian Point R "2" 18° 19.4N 64° 48.2W

A2 IC24 WINDWARD/LEEWARD COURSES See SI 5.3

- Course "2" consisting of 2 legs: Start; Windward Mark; Finish to leeward.
Course "4" consisting of 4 legs: Start; Windward Mark; Leeward Mark/Gate; Windward Mark; Finish to leeward.
- The Finish Line will be on the opposite side of the Race Committee Signal Boat from the Starting Line.
- The Race Committee Signal Boat will display the approximate bearing (magnetic) and range (in nautical miles) to the windward mark. The Race Committee will broadcast this information on VHF 71.
- With the windward mark there may also be an offset mark. The windward mark and the accompanying offset mark shall be left to port. A single windward mark shall be left to port. A changed windward mark may not have an offset.
- A Gate may be used in place of a Leeward Mark. If a gate is not in place, boats shall leave the leeward mark to port. The Gate or Leeward Mark will be located between 0.1nm – 0.2nm to windward of the Starting Line.