



**2013 St. Croix Yacht Club
21st International Regatta
November 15 - 17, 2013**



St. Croix Yacht Club
Teague Bay, St. Croix, US Virgin Islands

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2013 - 2016*.
- 1.2 The regulations of the Caribbean Sailing Association (CSA), the Virgin Islands Sailing Association (VISA), and the CSA Minimum Safety Requirements will apply.
- 1.3 The CSA 2013 Rating Rule applies to all classes except Rhodes 19 and Multihulls.

The Multihull Rating Advisory Committee shall determine Multihull handicaps.

2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at **The St. Croix Yacht Club**.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 or be announced verbally on VHF channel 06 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

4 COMMUNICATION

- 4.1 Communications on the water between Committees and competitors will take place on VHF channel 06.
- 4.2 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the SCYC flagpole
- 4.3 The Race Committees will attempt to use the VHF radio for announcements of the order of races after the first race of each day and general information. It is strongly suggested competitors have reliable radios with back ups. Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes RRS 62.1.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Racing is scheduled as follows:

Date

15 November 2013

16 November 2013

17 November 2013

There may be as many as five races a day. Notice of the last race to be sailed each day will be made via VHF.

5.2 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1000.

5.3 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as possible after the finish of the last boat in a class or fleet in the preceding race.

5.5 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400.

6 FLEETS, CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

<i>Class</i>	<i>Flag</i>
A) CSA Spinnaker Racing	Dark Blue
B) CSA Non-Spinnaker	Yellow
C) Jib & Main	White
C) Multihull	Pink
D) Rhodes 19	Lime Green

7 RACING AREAS

The racing area will be the waters north of St. Croix.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 No later than the first warning signal (this changes rule 27.1), the Race Committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded on a white course board by listing the marks in order. A mark listed in red shall be rounded to port; a mark listed in green shall be rounded to starboard.

- 8.2** The race committee will endeavor to broadcast the course to be sailed, and the approximate range to a laid windward mark, if used, on the designated VFH channel.
- 8.3** No boat, after starting, shall sail through the finishing line except when finishing.

9 MARKS

- 9.1** Marks will be orange and yellow tetrahedrons, permanent yellow cylindrical National Park Service (NPS) boundary marks I through O and white west beach No Wake Buoy, Green Cay Island, and USCG Mark 13 (inside Christiansted Harbour, off Gallows Bay) .

GPS coordinates of the NPS and USCG marks are Attachment A.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 10.1** No passage between Green Cay island and St. Croix .
- 10.2** Competitors are strongly urged to honour Government marks.

11 THE START AND START SEQUENCE

- 11.1** The starting line will be between an orange flag on the RC signal boat and a nearby mark. Any buoy or dinghy attached to the signal boat shall be an extension of the signal boat.
- 11.2** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. Breach of this sailing instruction may only be protested by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.
- 11.3** The start sequence for the first start of each day will be as follows:
- 1) Spinnaker Racing
 - 2) CSA Non-Spinnaker
 - 3) Jib & Main
 - 4) Multihull
 - 5) Rhodes 19
- 11.4** Subsequent starts will be for individual classes in approximately the order in which the classes complete the previous race. Classes may be started together.
- 11.5** The warning signal for each succeeding start may be made with the starting signal of the preceding class.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a blue flag on the RC Signal boat and a nearby mark.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes RRS 44.1 and RRS 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

14 TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the **second** boat in her class sails the course will be scored DNF and awarded points equal to the place of the last finisher plus one. This changes RRS 35 and RRS A4.1.

15 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Committee arrives at St. Croix Yacht Club, which time shall be posted at the Protest Desk.

15.2 Hearings will be held at the St. Croix Yacht Club in approximately the order of receipt and as soon as possible. Hearings may be open to the public.

15.3 On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
- b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule RRS 66.

15.4 When the Protest Committee decides that a boat that is a party to a protest hearing has broken a rule, it shall have discretion in imposing a penalty, except when the rule broken is a rule of Part 2 of the RRS. This changes RRS 64.1(a).

16 SCORING

16.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.

16.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.3 No series scores will be excluded unless 10 or more races have been completed, then one throw out will be allowed.

7 PRIZES

Prizes will be given at the St. Croix Yacht Club at 1500 hours on Sunday, 17 November 2013.

Prizes will be given for 1st place through 3rd place for each class for the Commodore's Race, Friday 15 November 2013.

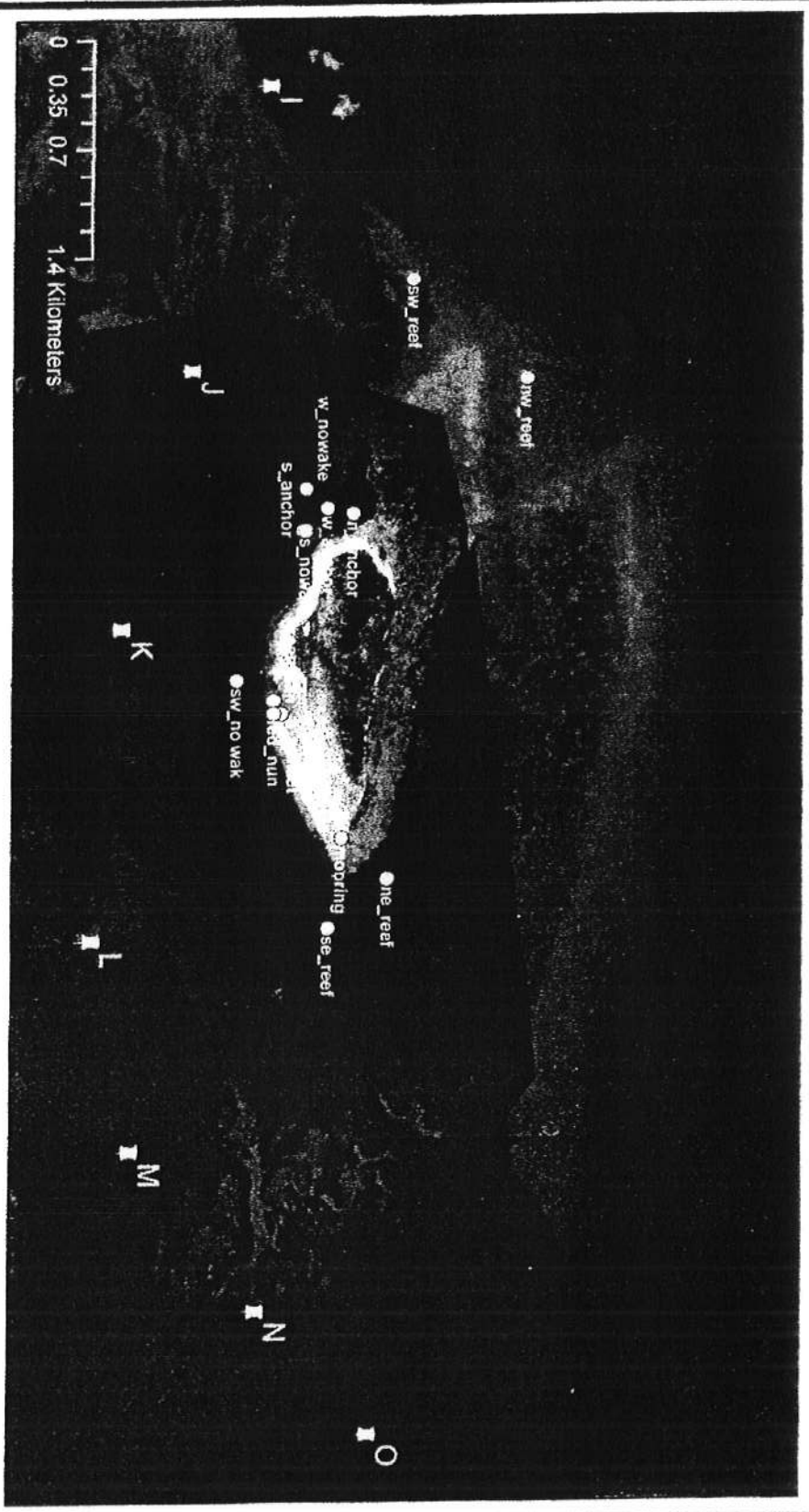
Series Prizes for the first 3 places in each class for Saturday, 16 November, and Sunday, 17 November, will be given. Skipper's weight in rum will be given for 1st place for each class with 7 or more entries.

St Croix Yacht Club International Regatta Trophy will be given to the 1st place CSA Racing Spinnaker

Dick Newick Perpetual Multihull Trophy will be given to the 1st place multihull

Attachment A – Buck Island National Park Service (NPS marks)

Buck Island Reef National Monument Current Buoy Configuration - September 2007

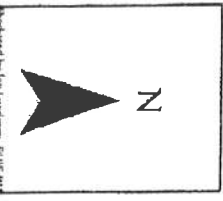


Coordinates

BUOY	TYPE	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
w_anchor	anchorage	17.78622	-64.62988
n_anchor	anchorage	17.78766	-64.62961
s_anchor	anchorage	17.78483	-64.62861
sw_reef	Coral Reef	17.79108	-64.64319
nw_reef	Coral Reef	17.79747	-64.63736
ne_reef	Coral Reef	17.78969	-64.60847

BUOY	TYPE	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
se_reef	Coral Reef	17.78631	-64.60569
mooring	mooring	17.78205	-64.61086
w_nowake	No Wake	17.99972	-64.63105
s_nowake	No Wake	17.76494	-64.62863
sw_no_wak	No Wake	17.78105	-64.62002
green_can	USCG	17.78313	-64.61883
red_nun	USCG	17.78313	-64.61813

BUOY	TYPE	LATITUDE	LONGITUDE
I	boundary	17.78252	-64.65444
J	boundary	17.77817	-64.63797
N	boundary	17.78208	-64.58374
M	boundary	17.77483	-64.59297
L	boundary	17.77255	-64.60307
K	boundary	17.77421	-64.62301
O	boundary	17.78406	-64.62865



Attachment A – Christiansted Harbor USCG Mark 13



Attachment A – Salt River Tetrahedron Location

