

St. Thomas International Regatta

Cowpet Bay, St. Thomas, USVI

March 27 –29, 2020

NOTICE OF RACE^{v1}

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 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

1.3 The IC24 Class Rules

1.4 The Class Rules of any other One Design Class that enters.

1.5 The 2020 IRC Rule, parts A, B & C. Rule 21.1.5 (d) will not apply.

1.6 The ORC Rating System

1.7 For Offshore Multihulls, the Offshore Multihull rating system. For other multihulls, the CSA Multihull Rule.

1.8 Portsmouth Yardstick rule for Beach Cats.

1.9 The minimum number of crew aboard each boat shall be four, except for beach cats which shall have a minimum of two. For yachts carrying a Regatta approved member of the press, this member of the 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).

1.10 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 shall apply.

1.11 Racing rules changed are as follows:

44.1 see NOR 8.1

Rule 52 does not apply

64.1 see NOR 8.2

A2.1 see NOR 9.1

2 Advertising

Boats may be required to display the event bow stickers and /or sponsor flags for the duration of the Regatta. Boats shall conform to World Sailing Regulation 20.4.1: Advertising Code, and may only display event advertising approved by the organizing authority.

3 Eligibility and Entry

3.1 The St. Thomas International Regatta is extending an invitation to CSA; IRC; ORC; Multihull; CSA Bareboat; Beach Cats 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=9666>

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

4 Entry Fees

Entries received and paid in full by 1700ast January 31, 2020: US\$150. Entries received and paid between February 1, 2020 and 1700ast March 25, 2020: US \$300.

Entry fee for IC24s: US\$200. Entry fee for Beach Cats: US\$200.

5 Schedule

5.1

1700ast January 31 Deadline for early entry

1700ast March 24 Deadline for all entries

Thursday March 26 1000-1600 Registration Desk open at STYC

Friday, Saturday, Sunday March 27, 28, 29 1100 First warning signal for racing

5.2 A maximum of 15 races are scheduled for the one-design classes.

5.3 A maximum of 7 races are scheduled for all other classes.

5.4 On Sunday, there will be no warning signal for racing after 1430

6 Sailing Instructions

Sailing instructions will be available on-line. Amendments to Sailing Instructions and other Notices will be available on-line and an effort will be made to email these to all entries. An email address, representing the boat entry contact, is required with your online entry.

7 The Courses

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

8 Penalty System

8.1 The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn 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 64.1.

8.3 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

9 Scoring

9.1 A boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores without a discard. This changes rule A2.1.

9.2 One completed race shall constitute a series.

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, Sunday March 29. Prizes will be awarded to first, second and third place in each class with a minimum of 5 boats.

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 4: 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 will be required to sign a declaration accepting this disclaimer of liability.

13 Photographic and Media Rights

Competitors will 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 will be required to sign a declaration accepting this waiver of rights.

14 Further Information

All regatta questions should be submitted to stycisv@gmail.com