

53rd BVI Spring Regatta & Sailing Festival

March 23-March 29, 2026

Tortola, British Virgin Islands

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Royal BVI Yacht Club

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing

- (a) CSA Rating Rules
- (b) IRC Rating Rules
- (c) The Class Rules for those classes sailing as One Design

1.2 The Racing Rules of Sailing are changed as follows:

- (a) Rule 52 will not apply.
- (b) The first sentence in Rule 44.1 is changed. A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing.
- (c) Provided that rule 44.1(b) does not apply, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident may take a Post-Race Penalty (30% scoring penalty) at any time after the race until the beginning of a protest hearing involving the incident.
- (d) Rule 90.2 (c) is changed. On the water changes to the Sailing Instructions may be announced by VHF radio.
- (e) Rule 61.1 (a) and 61.4 (b). Failure to receive any race committee announcements transmitted over VHF radio will not be grounds for redress.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available at registration and online at: [53rd BVI Spring Regatta - YachtScoring.com](https://53rdBVI.com)

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be located at: [53rd BVI Spring Regatta - YachtScoring.com](https://53rdBVI.com)

3.2 Each boat shall carry a VHF radio for the purpose of safety and race committee communications.

3.3 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio. The channel will be stated in the Sailing Instructions.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The races are open to boats of the following classes:

CSA Spinnaker	CSA Multihull
IRC Spinnaker	CSA Bareboat
CSA Non-Spinnaker	One Design Classes

4.2 The organizing authority reserves the right to add, cancel, sub-divide or amalgamate classes.

4.3 A boat will be assigned to a class by the OA which reserves the right to transfer a boat to another class. Changes will be posted on the ONB.



- (a) An IRC stand-alone class will require a minimum of 4 boats.
- (b) Any boat entering in IRC will also require a CSA Rating Certificate for dual scoring purposes.

4.4 Boats may enter online at: [53rd BVI Spring Regatta - YachtScoring.com](https://53rdBVI.org/YachtScoring.com) and paying the applicable entry fee at: bvispringregatta.org/payment/

5. ENTRY FEES

Sailing Festival	Spring Regatta	Discount for Both
March 24 – March 25	March 27-29	
\$200	\$450	\$575

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

- 6.1 The minimum number of crew for each boat will be two except where class rules state otherwise.
- 6.2 Accredited journalists, photographers or cameramen who are not regular crew members may join and/or leave a boat at any time and by any means so long as their doing so does not directly affect another competitor and they play no part in the racing of the boat. This changes RRS 48.2.

7. ADVERTISING

- 7.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code.

8. SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Registration for the **Sailing Festival** and Spring Regatta will be open 1200-1800 hours on **Monday March 23** at the Registration area.
- 8.2 Registration for the **BVI Spring Regatta** will be open 1200-1800 hours **Thursday March 26** at the Registration area.
- 8.3 Dates of Racing:

<u>Date</u>	<u>Day(s)</u>	<u>Class</u>	<u>1st Warning</u>
Sailing Festival			
March 24	Tuesday	All	1000 hrs
March 25	Wednesday	All	1000 hrs
March 26	Thursday	Lay Day	
Spring Regatta			
March 27 - 29	Friday - Sunday	All	1000 hrs

9. VENUE

- 9.1 The regatta will be held at the Regatta Village located in Nanny Cay and the waters surrounding the British Virgin Islands.

10. THE COURSES

- 10.1 Windward/leeward & distance racing from multiple starting areas as illustrated on the Course Mark Card.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 An international jury will be constituted in accordance with Appendix N and rule 91(b).



12. SCORING

- 12.1 Each boat's series score will be the total of the race scores.
- 12.2 All measurement classes will be scored by Time on Time.
- 12.3 One race will constitute a series.

13. SAFETY

- 13.1 The OA may refuse to allow a boat to race if in its opinion the boat is inadequately crewed or equipped or is otherwise not seaworthy or unsuitable for the course to be sailed.
- 13.2 The race committee will have the right to inspect any boat before or after a race.
- 13.3 Bareboat: The provided anchor, chain and/or rode shall be on board when racing and may be relocated. No part of an anchor shall overhang the bow or forward cross arm while racing.

14. RISK STATEMENT / LIABILITY

- 14.1 As a condition of entry into this Regatta, the entrant accepts that it is their sole and inescapable responsibility for the management and safety of their yacht, and the BVI Spring Regatta Committee, BVI Chamber of Commerce and Hotel Association, Royal BVI Yacht Club, Sponsors or any of their members and employees accept no responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants or others or the loss of, or damage to, any yacht however caused, before, during or after the Regatta.
- 14.2 The Skipper/Owner of each yacht participating in the Regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of their yacht. In the case of any destruction of property, any breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by skipper or any crew member, or the failure to comply with any reasonable request of any officer or agent of the BVI Spring Regatta Committee directed to any member of any participating yacht, that yacht may be disqualified from participating in any future races in the Regatta.

15. INSURANCE

- 15.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

16. PRIZES

- 16.1 Prizes for each class will be given after racing on Sunday, March 29.
- 16.2 Additional Prizes may be awarded.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta Chairman: Chris Haycraft: info@bvispringregatta.org
 Regatta Manager: Cayley Smit: info@bvispringregatta.org

