

St. Thomas International Regatta

Cowpet Bay, St. Thomas, USVI

April 3-5, 2026

The St. Thomas Yacht Club (STYC) International Regatta Committee is the Organizing Authority (OA) for this event.

NOTICE OF RACE ^{v1}

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

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 except US Sailing prescription Appendix V1 will apply. Rule 51 does not apply to canting keels or water ballast on boats if rated with such. Rule 52 does not apply

1.2 The Caribbean Sailing Association (CSA) Rating Rule. CSA rating information can be found at www.caribbean-sailing.com

1.3 The 2021 class rules of the IC24 class; the 2025 rules for the VX One class and the Diam 24 class; and the class rules of any other One Design Class that enters. For IC24 class rules go to: <http://www.sailic24.com/rules/ratings/>

1.4 The 2026 ORC Rating System for ORC entries.

1.5 The 2026 IRC Rule for IRC entries.

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

1.7 Hobie Wave class rules.

1.8 For CSA, ORC, IRC, Offshore Multihull and CSA Multihull classes: 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/>

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions (SIs) will be available on the online Official Notice Board (ONB). Amendments to Sailing Instructions and other Notices will be available on-line on the ONB 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.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB); entry and documents are located at:

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50483>

3.2 [DP] Except for the Hobie Wave class, all boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels.

3.3 On the water, except for the Hobie Wave class, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio. The channels will be stated in the SIs.

4 ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY

4.1 The St. Thomas International Regatta is extending an invitation to CSA, ORC; IRC, Multihull; CSA Bareboat; IC24, Diam 24, Hobie Waves and One Design classes with a minimum length of 19 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. A minimum of 5 boats is required to constitute a class. If less than 5 boats enter a particular class, the OA reserves the right to move them to another class.

4.2 A limited number of Hobie Waves and IC24's are available for charter. Please contact: info@stthomassailingcenter.com

4.5 You are requested to enter online via the Yacht Scoring website – see SI 3.1.

4.3 All crewmembers will be required to sign a waiver of liability and media release, which may be completed online.

4.4 The OA is following the guidance of World Sailing regarding Russian and Belarusian participation in this regatta.

5 FEES

5.1 Entries received and paid in full by 1700ast January 31, 2026: US\$170.

5.2 Entries received and paid between February 1, 2026 and 1700ast April 1, 2026: US \$340 for all classes except IC24s, VX Ones and Diam 24s which is US\$240.

5.3 Entry fee for Hobie Waves: US\$150.

6 CREW LIMITATIONS

IC24; Diam 24 classes, per class rules. Hobie Waves, maximum of two. Other classes, minimum of four. 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.

7 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display event advertising approved by the organizing authority.

8 SCHEDULE

- 8.1 **1700ast January 31** Deadline for early entry
 1700ast April 1 Deadline for all entries
 Thursday April 2 1000-1600 Registration Desk open at STYC
 Friday, Saturday, Sunday April 3, 4, 5: 1100 First warning signal.
- 8.2 A maximum of 15 races are scheduled for the one-design classes.
- 8.3 A maximum of 8 races are scheduled for all other classes.
- 8.4 On Sunday, there will be no warning signal for racing after 1430

9 VENUE

The waters surrounding the archipelago of the U.S. Virgin Islands.

10 COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be varied and challenging including short distance courses and windward-leeward races.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1 RRS Appendix T and V1 will apply.
- 11.2 [DP] The Jury may impose a penalty other than disqualification for breaches of non-part 2 rules. This changes rule 64.
- 11.3 Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in rule 70.3.

12 SCORING

- 12.1 Except for the IC24 class, a boat's series score will be the sum of her race scores without a discard. This changes rule A2.1.
- 12.2 For the IC24, when more than 7 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 12.3 One completed race will constitute a series.
- 12.4 ORC classes will be scored TOT using A/P Single Number ratings.

13 RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to race or continue to race is hers alone." By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.**

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured by a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum coverage of \$500,000 per incident or the equivalent.

15 PRIZES

15.1 Prizes will be awarded on the beach at St. Thomas Yacht Club after racing, on Sunday.

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

16 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.

17 TRAVEL RESTRICTIONS

For information regarding travel to the US Virgin Islands, visit:

www.visitusvi.com

18 FURTHER INFORMATION

All regatta questions should be submitted to:

Regatta Co-Director, Pat Bailey: Call/WhatsApp (340) 690-6607 or email:

simpleislandbpy@gmail.com