

# St. Thomas Yacht Club

Cowpet Bay, St. Thomas, USVI

## ROUND THE ROCKS RACE

Thursday, April 2, 2026

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

### NOTICE OF RACE <sup>v1</sup>

*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 race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing. No National Prescriptions will apply except US Sailing prescriptions Appendix T and 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/rating/](http://www.caribbean-sailing.com/rating/)

1.3 The 2026 IRC Rules and Regulations

1.4 The IC24 class rules and any other One Design class rules for One Design classes entering.

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

1.6 The US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for Near Shore and associated Appendices:

[www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/](http://www.ussailing.org/competition/offshore/safety-information/ser-world-sailing-special-regulations/)

#### 2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions (SIs) and Amendments to Sailing Instructions and other Notices will be available 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: [2026 St. Thomas Yacht Club - Round The Rocks Race - YachtScoring.com](http://2026.St.ThomasYachtClub-RoundTheRocksRace-YachtScoring.com)

3.2 [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on US channels.

3.3 On the water. The race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio.

## **4 ELIGIBILITY and ENTRY**

4.1 The St. Thomas International Regatta Committee is extending an invitation to CSA; IRC; Multihull, and One Design classes. You are requested to enter online via the Yacht Scoring website in SI 3.1

4.2 All crew members will be required to sign a waiver of liability and media release, which may be completed online.

## **5 FEES**

Entry fee is \$50 per boat.

## **6 CREW LIMITATIONS**

One Design classes class per class rules. Other classes, minimum of four.

## **7 ADVERTISING**

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

## **8 SCHEDULE**

<b>1500-1800 AST Wednesday, April 1:</b>	Registration Desk open at STYC
<b>0800-0900 AST Thursday, April 2:</b>	Late Registration, Desk open at STYC
<b>1100 AST Thursday, April 2:</b>	First warning signal for racing

## **9 VENUE**

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

## **10 COURSES**

The course will be around the island of St. John in either a clockwise direction or a counter-clockwise direction to be determined and announced before the start. If conditions do not permit a race around St. John, alternative courses may be provided.

## **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 64.1.

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

## **12 SCORING**

IRC classes will be scored TOT.

## **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**

Prizes will be awarded at St. Thomas Yacht Club after the race on Thursday, March 27. Unless an alternative course has been used, a perpetual trophy will be awarded for the best elapsed time sailing around St. John.

## **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 RECOMMENDATIONS**

For information regarding travel to the U.S. Virgin Islands, visit [www.visitusvi.com](http://www.visitusvi.com).

## **18 FURTHER INFORMATION**

All regatta questions should be submitted to Regatta Co-Director, Pat Bailey,  
Cell/WhatsApp (340) 690-6607, Email [simpleislandboy51@gmail.com](mailto:simpleislandboy51@gmail.com).