



Sixth Annual

Three Sheets Race & Rally

Organizing Authority: Virgin Islands Sailing Association, Inc.

April 8 – 11, 2027

United States Virgin Islands

Notice of Race

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

1. RULES

The Racing portion of the regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028. This Notice of Race applies only to the racing portion of the Three Sheets Regatta. The Rally runs concurrently but is not governed by the RRS. Rally guidance will be posted at threesheetsvi.com
- 1.2 For boats racing under a rating rule, the current rating rule will apply.
- 1.3 For boats racing in a one-design division the current division rules will apply.
- 1.4 Vessels not having a rating or a member of a one-design class may sail in the Rally (non-rated) class for which the Organizing Authority may organize a time trial.
- 1.5 The US Sailing Safety Equipment Requirements (USSER) for Near Shore and associated Appendices: ussailing.org.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 The Sailing Instructions will be online at yachtscoring.com and on the Official Notice Board (ONB) located at the St. Thomas Yacht Club. Amendments to the SIs and other official notices will be posted on the ONB. The Organizing Authority (OA) may distribute courtesy copies by email; failure to receive an email will not be grounds for redress.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The ONB, online entry, and event documents are located at yachtscoring.com.
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on U.S. marine channels.

- 3.3** On the water, the race committee may make courtesy broadcasts to competitors by VHF radio. The channel(s) will be stated in the SIs. Failure to make or receive a courtesy broadcast will not be grounds for redress.

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1** All sailing vessels wishing to visit the three Virgins as part of a fun regatta are eligible to enter.
- 4.2** The race committee may at its discretion create or combine classes to support fair and enjoyable racing.
- 4.3** Early registration is encouraged. Register online at yachtscoring.com or in person at the April 8 Opening Reception.
- 4.4** [NP] Each competitor shall complete the event waiver of liability and media release before racing. Electronic completion may be offered through the event registration system.

5. FEES

- 5.1** The entry fee for regatta alumni who have participated in one or more of the previous Three Sheets Regattas is \$150.
- 5.2** The entry fee for first-time regatta participants is \$200.
- 5.3** Payment is due upon registration on or before April 8, 2027.
- 5.4** Entries are not complete until all required information and fees have been received by the OA. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the OA.

6. ADVERTISING

- 6.1** [NP][DP] Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the OA in accordance with the World Sailing Advertising Code.

7. SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 7, 2027

1500 - 1800	Opening Reception and Registration	St. Thomas Yacht Club
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Thursday, April 8, 2027

1700 – 2000	Opening Reception and Registration	St. John – Location to Be Announced
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Friday, April 9, 2027 – Race & Rally from STJ to STX

0800	First Warning Signal	Pillsbury Sound
1600	Time Limit Expired (TLE)	Christiansted, St. Croix
1600	Reception and Prize Giving	Christiansted Boardwalk

Saturday, April 10, 2027 – Race & Race from STX to STT Charlotte Amelia

0900	First Warning Signal	Christiansted Harbor, STX
1400	Time Limit Expired (TLE)	Charlotte Amelia, STT
1700	Reception and Prize Giving	Yacht Haven Grande

Sunday, April 11, 2027 – Race from Charlotte Amelia to STYC

1000	First Warning Signal	Charlotte Amelia, STT
1600	Time Limit Expired (TLE)	St. Thomas Yacht Club
When racing is complete.	Final Awards Ceremony	St. Thomas Yacht Club

8. VENUE

8.1 The racing area will be the waters between St. John, St. Croix, and St. Thomas in the United States Virgin Islands (USVI).

9. COURSES

9.1 The courses will be between and around the islands of the United States Virgin Islands.

10. SCORING

10.1 The race committee will record elapsed times.

10.2 Entrants with a valid CSA rating will be rated by their corrected times.

10.3 Entrants without a valid CSA rating will be scored in order of their penalty-corrected elapsed times, using the method stated in the Sailing Instructions.

11. RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITIES

11.1 RRS 3 states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to 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.

12. INSURANCE

12.1 [NP] Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with minimum coverage of US \$500,000 per incident, or the equivalent.

13. PRIZES

13.1 An assortment of prizes will be awarded.

Three Perpetual Prizes will be awarded for the fastest elapsed times in each category:

St. John to St. Croix	STJ/STX
St. Croix to St. Thomas	STX/STT
Regatta Combined	STJ/STX//STX/STT

The current Perpetual Prize record holders:

STJ to STX	Michael Wilkinson	<i>Paroma</i>	4:03:16 (2022)
STX to STT	Frank Fenoglio	<i>Bermuda High</i>	4:24:47 (2024)
Regatta	Warren Stryker	<i>Despacito</i>	9:06:07 (2023)

14. PHOTOGRAPHIC AND MEDIA RIGHTS

14.1 By participating in the event, competitors grant the OA and its sponsors the unrestricted right and permission to use their names, images, likenesses, and images of the boats on which they sail in photographs, video, audio, livestreams, and other media produced during the event for editorial, promotional, and advertising purposes, without compensation. Each participating competitor may be required to acknowledge these rights as part of event registration.

15. TRAVEL AND VISITOR INFORMATION

15.1 Visitor information for the U.S. Virgin Islands is available at [VisitUSVI.com](https://www.visitusvi.com).

16. RALLY AND RACE

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