55th ISCA OPEN WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP

November 8-14, 2026

Race Days: November 10-13, 2026

Organizing Authority: St. Croix Yacht Club, Christiansted, US Virgin Islands (SCYC)
Venue: The Hotel on the Cay, Protestant Cay, Christiansted, USVI
Endorsed by International Sunfish Class Association™ (ISCA)

NOTICE OF RACE

(This Notice of Race may be amended from time to time pursuant to RRS 89.2b)

Posted May 8, 2026
Amendment #1 May 26, 2026
Amendment #2 September 2, 2026
Amendment #3 October 29, 2026

DP	Rules for which the International Jury may assign penalties. Depending on the seriousness of the breach of point 1.h, the penalty may be from a minimum of 1 point to a DNE.
NP	Rules that may not be grounds for protests between boats and for which the International Jury may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1 (a) and 63.1.

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY: The St. Croix Yacht Club (SCYC), US Virgin Islands www.stcroixyc.com

1. RULES

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028 and ISCA Class Rules including the Ethics and Code of Conduct (https://www.sunfishclass.org/iscagovernance).

1.2 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42 will apply.

1.3 The official notice board will be located at the venue – The Hotel on the Cay at the Regatta Office. The NOR, SI and other notices will be posted on ISCA Open Worlds - https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50806 event page as a courtesy. In case of conflict between NOR, SI and notices, the SI and the following notices shall prevail (this change RRS 63.7). Failure to post a notice electronically will not be grounds for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 61.1 (a). As a courtesy, race officials intend to post notice board information on the regatta's WhatsApp group. Failure to post or publish such information on the WhatsApp group shall not be subject to protest, request for redress, or request for reopening by any boat, this changes RRS 60.1, 61.1(a), and 63.7(b).

1.4 ~~The Open World Championship is a Men's Dinghy Regional ISCA Class country qualifier (1 allocation) for the Pan-American Games 2027 as outlined in the PAG Sailing Document https://www.sunfishclass.org/2027panamgames.~~ For purpose of country qualification for the 2027 Pan American Games, the Qualifying System and Regatta Schedule, Sailing -2027 Pan American Games, Lima, Peru (Qualification System), shall apply. See http://panamsailing.org

1.5 This event is designated as a qualifier for the Pan American Games shall conform with formats approved by Panam Sailing.

1.6 A competitor may qualify a country for the 2027 Pan American Games only when eligible to represent that country under IOC and Panam Sports and World Sailing rules and shall provide their valid World Sailing ID number to the organizer.

1.7 Class Rules requiring competitors to be members of the relevant Class Associations shall apply.

1.8 Advertising is allowed in accordance with WS Advertising Code.

1.9 [DP] [NP]Boats may be required to display Event Advertising provided by the OA.

1.10 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take precedence.

2. ELIGIBILITY

2.1 Eligibility will be determined as per the ISCA International Class Notice posted LINK.

2.2 All competitors must comply with all rules provided by their National ISCA Class Association (NICA) Authorities about membership and shall be members of the ISCA.

2.3 National ISCA Class Associations with current 2026 ISCA membership can secure berths per the ISCA Class Notice (LINK). No Country berths will be 'held' without payment in full registration and charter.

2.4 Qualified competitors will receive a unique registration link directly from the Class Administrator.

2.5 Each sailor under 18 years old on the first day of the regatta shall bring at registration a completed parent/guardian consent form found on the Event Website. For the duration of the regatta, each sailor under 18 years old shall be supervised by the responsible adult named on the parent/guardian consent form.

3. ENTRIES and ENTRY FEE

3.1 Event Registration on ISCA Open Worlds - Yacht Scoring (https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50806) will open **May 25** with the intent of accommodating ~~73~~ 74 competitors.

3.2 On July 15, 2026, any open spaces will be distributed to the waitlist by ISCA.

3.3 Registration closes October 1st or when ~~73~~ 74 competitors have registered, whichever is first.

3.4 Shirts are not guaranteed after October 1, 2026.

3.5 ISCA World Championship entry fee:

Event Fees	Amount	Notes/Details
2026 World Championship Entry Fee:	USD 575	includes at a minimum shirt, all events, ferry pass, 4 dinners *(If doing both World Championships a discount of $100 will be applied, must register for Youth/Masters/Women's World Championship first).*
Guest/Coach/Support Persons ALL Event Passes:	USD 225	includes events, ferry pass, shirt and 4 dinners
Extra Event Shirt:	USD 45	last day to purchase is October 1, 2026

3.6 Event registration fees are non-refundable. If the regatta is full, 50% of the registration fee may be refunded.

3.7 Charter Boat and Sails fees are paid directly to Zim Sailing. Event registration is not confirmed until your charter reservation has been paid in full. Link for Zim Sailing Charter boats https://zimsailing.com/isca-charter-2026-world-championship/

3.8 Each competitor chartering a boat will be required to complete a "Charter Waiver & Agreement Form" which includes a damage and liability waiver and outlines modifications allowed prior to the regatta. Minors need to have a parent or guardian sign this form.

3.9 Each competitor chartering a boat will be required to present a credit card for damage through the damage and liability waiver; if they are unable to provide a credit card, they may present a cash USD $500 damage deposit to Zim Sailing at the event. Cash deposits returned when one's charter boat is returned to Zim Sailing if there are no deductions needed. Participating in Saturday morning pack up November 14th is required to receive your damage deposit back.

3.10 Event registration is not complete until payment has been received in full and Charter boat and/or sail has been paid in full to Zim Sailing, see 3.7 for link. Please contact the class office for payment details at info@sunfishclass.org.

3.11 The host country (USVI) is allowed to send five (5) additional spots above its normal quota. These spots will be allocated by Organizing Authority. Any unallocated spots will be returned to ISCA to distribute after July 31st.

4. SCHEDULE

Sunday, November 8

1200-1800: Early Check-in and Equipment Inspection

Monday, November 9

0800-1700: Check-in and Equipment Inspection
1200: Competitors Brief
1400: Practice

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1900: Opening Ceremony and dinner

Tuesday, November 10

1000: Skipper Meeting
1030: Pre-race Snack pick up
1200: First Warning Signal, three races scheduled
1900: Dinner
1930: Technical Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 11

1000: Competitors Brief & Snack pick up
1200: First Warning Signal Races, three races scheduled
1900: World Council Meeting

Thursday, November 12

1000: Competitors Brief & Snack pick up
1200: First Warning Signal Races, three races scheduled
1900: Dinner

Friday, November 13

0900: Competitors Brief & Snack pick up
1100: First Warning Signal Races, two races scheduled
1300-1900: Boat Return and check out
2000: Awards Ceremony and dinner

Saturday, November 14 Boat Return and Check out available, ***all sailors are required to participate in boat pack up Saturday morning to get full damage deposit returned.***

4.1 One extra race per day may be sailed, provided that no more than one race becomes ahead of schedule.
4.2 On Friday November 13, no warning signal will be made after 1400.
4.3 If the time for the Warning Signal for the next day changes, that new time will be posted on the official board before 20:00 the previous night.

5. SAILS

5.1 All competitors are required to use the 2026 ISCA World Championship North Racing Sail. Sails must be chartered from Zim Sailing.
5.2 [DP] The sails for this event will not carry the Country Code per Appendix G1.1 (b) because all the sails are supplied. This changes ISCA Class Rules 3.6.6.

6. BOATS

6.1 All foreign competitors (non-USVI) will use charter boats provided by Zim Sailing. National (USVI) Competitors using the Host allocation (5 spots) will use boats provided by themselves. All competitors will use the sails provided by Zim Sailing. Section 3.7 for Charter Boat LINK.
6.2 [DP] [NP]Boats shall be kept at the regatta site and in designated spots assigned by the Organizing Authority.
6.3 All boats will be required to pass a measurement check prior to racing.
6.4 Competitors registered for both ISCA World Championship events (YMW and OPEN), shall be assigned the same boat for both events.

7. EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

7.1 The ISCA Technical Committee designees will inspect boats for compliance with class rules and any provisions in the NOR or Sailing Instructions (SI) during scheduled hours prior to the regatta. At the discretion of the ISCA Technical Committee designees, Race Committee or the International Jury, boats may be inspected at any time during the regatta and violations may be subject to protest.
7.2 Following inspection, any additions, or changes to a competitor's boat and/or its equipmentmay only be done with the approval of the Race Committee. Competitors must advise the Race Committee of any such changes at their first reasonable opportunity.
7.3 All boats must carry a 25-foot tow rope in case of a breakdown and towing is needed.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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The Sailing Instructions will be available online prior to the event at the regatta website on ISCA Open Worlds - https://yachtscoring.com/emenu/50806.

9. RACE AREA

Northeast of launching area at the The Hotel on the Cay, Christiansted, USVI, see Appendix A.

10. THE COURSES

The courses will be windward – leeward as described in the Sailing Instructions

11. INTERNATIONAL JURY

An International Jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b) its decisions will be final as stated in RRS 70.3 (a).

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

As described in the Sailing Instructions.

13. RADIO COMMUNICATION

13.1 The Race Committee will utilize VHF radio communication with competitors. The channel will be stated in the SIs. [NP] World Sailing, under RRS 87, has authorized ISCA to apply changes to Class Rules 3.1.9. as follows: "Competitors are permitted to use VHF radios while racing for the sole purpose of monitoring the Race Committee and emergency needs. While racing, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats, this includes any type of VHF, cellular phone and GPS capable device."

14. SCORING

14.1 Three (3) races are required to constitute a series.

14.2 A maximum of eleven (11) races will be sailed.

14.3 When fewer than six (6) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores.

14.4 When six (6) to eleven (11) races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of its race scores, excluding its worst race.

15. SUPPORT VESSELS [DP] [NP]

15.1 Support persons are required to have a Guest/Coach/Support Personnel Event Passes pass that includes access to the events and the dinners on site. See NOR 3.2 for purchase.

15.2 Coaches/Support personnel that will be on the water are required to check in during event registration for Flag to be displayed on support vessels.

15.3 Coaches/Support persons are required to wear a PFD (Personal Flotation Device) while afloat.

15.4 Support vessels shall have a working VHF radio.

15.5 A limited amount of Support vessels are available for charter directly. Link for available boats: https://www.sunfishclass.org/worldssupportcharters.

15.6 Support vessels shall stay outside the racing area from the time of the preparatory signal until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. The racing area is defined as no less than 100 meters from any boats that are racing and 100 meters outside the laylines from the marks defining the course.

15.7 Support vessels shall remain 100 meters below the starting line between the preparatory and starting signals. After the starting signal, they may only proceed to the windward mark up the leftside of the course and must return to the leeward mark via the same side. At the finish line, they must remain 100 meters to windward of the extensions of the finish line.

15.8 Unless otherwise approved by the Race Committee, no competitors shall be towed to or from the race area by support vessel. All sailors must sail to and from the racecourse on their own.

15.9 If a support vessel does not comply with applicable rules, restrictions and/or instructions, a discretionary penalty may be applied by the International Jury to the support person or some or all associated competitors and may include restrictions on the movement of their support vessel. This changes RRS 62.4. When complying with 15.9, NOR 15.5 does not apply.

15.10 Support person vessels may be required to assist in the event of an emergency when requested or when the race

committee displays code flag V with one sound in accordance with RRS 37.

16. [DP] SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 [DP] each competitor shall wear a personal floatation device that is 100% dependent on foam for flotation and the appropriate size for the competitor, at all times while on the water, except for brief periods while adding and removing clothing. RRS 40.1 is in effect.

17. RIGHT TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

Competitors automatically grant to the Organizing Authority and the sponsors of the Event the full right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the competition in this event in which the competitor participates and, in all material, related to the said event without compensation.

18. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- World Champion (perpetual trophy will be delivered to event venue by ISCA)
- Top ten finishers
- Highest placed female unless Championship is won by a female.
- Highest placed Youth
- Highest placed Apprentice Master (40-49), Master (50-59), Grand Master (60-69), Great Grand Master (70-79), Senior Master (80+)
- Each race winner (max 11)
- Youngest Participant
- Oldest Participant
- The Marco Polo Prize (for participant from the farthest away)
- Sportsmanship Award (will be determined by ISCA Board)

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Sailing is an activity that has an inherent risk of damage and injury. Competitors and Support Persons are participating entirely at own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. The race organizers (organizing authority, race committee, International Jury, host club, sponsors, volunteers or any other organization or official) will not be responsible for damage to any boat or other property or the injury to any competitor, including death, sustained as a result of participation in this event. By participating in this event, each competitor agrees to release the race organizers from any and all liability associated with such competitor's participation in this event to the fullest extent of the law.

20. LODGING / TRANSPORTATION / AREA INFORMATION

20.1 Local Hotels and Area Information recommended can be found here: Welcome to St. Croix, US Virgin Islands | GoToStCroix.com

20.2 Event Venue: The Hotel on the Cay, Christiansted is the regatta venue host. Boats will be stored here and launched off the beach. www.thehotelonthecay.com There are limited number of rooms available. Event discount code is SUNFISH. There is a ferry that runs often to the venue (10 min) and it is included in registration and event passes. See Appendix B for location reference of Ferry Dock.

20.3 International Airport: Henry E. Rohlsen Airport (STX) flights travel mainly through San Juan, PUR and Miami, FL, other Cities have weekly options. You can fly into St. Thomas, USVI and get on a smaller jumper plane to St. Croix. There is a Ferry between the Islands, but it is not recommended.

20.4 Transportation: From Airport STX to Christiansted can be done via taxi. If you are staying in Christiansted, a rental car is not necessary as everything is within walking distance.

21. WEATHER CONDITIONS

Weather conditions for St Croix average conditions is high of 85^{O}F low of 74^{O}F, average wind 12kts – 14kts and average water temperature is approximate 82^{O}F.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

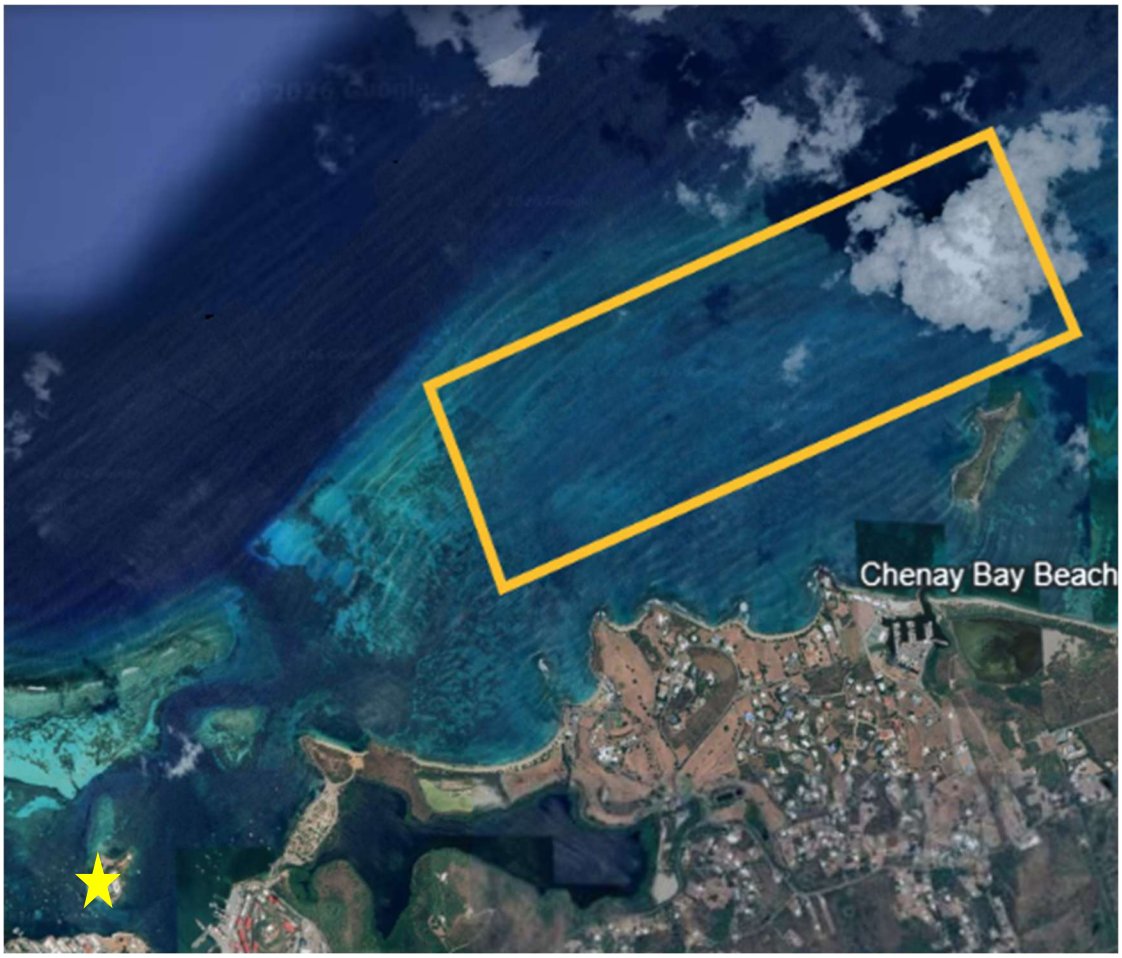
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22.1 For further information check the Worlds website: https://www.sunfishclass.org/2026iscaworlds

22.2 For participation and registration questions contact the ISCA Class Administrator: info@sunfishclass.org or +1 404-4517743

22.3 Local Area Information or questions: Brian Cayne, Email: manager@stcroixyc.com or 323-640-3902

Appendix A:



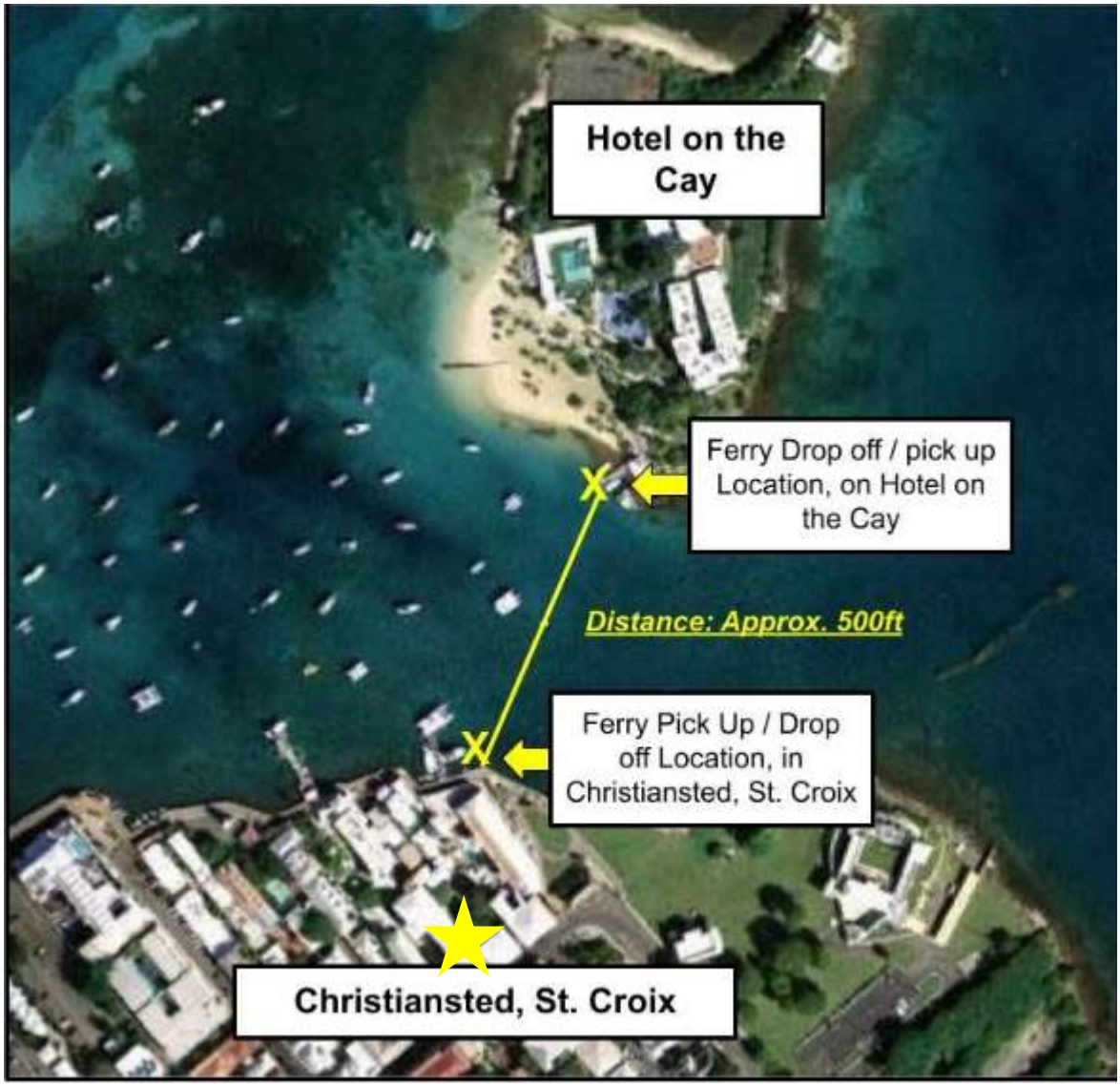
This is the Racing Area, it looks shallow, that's because the water is that clear.

20ft – 60ft in the entire area. 100ft+ in the Dark Blue waters towards the Top.

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Appendix B



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