



54th BVI Spring Regatta & Sailing Festival

29 March to 4 April, 2027

Tortola, British Virgin Islands

NOTICE OF RACE

The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Royal BVI Yacht Club and the BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing and;
 - (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.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions (SIs) for each event will be available at Registration and online on Yacht Scoring.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be located at: [54th BVI Spring Regatta](#)
- 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 Boats may enter online at: [54th BVI Spring Regatta on YachtScoring.com](#) and by paying the applicable entry fee at: [bvispringregatta.org/payment/](#)
This link will register you for the Sailing Festival events **and** BVI Spring Regatta, please un-check events if you do not intend to compete in them.
- 4.2 The races are open to boats of the following classes:

CSA Spinnaker	CSA Non-Spinnaker	CSA Bareboat
IRC Spinnaker	CSA Multihull	One Design Classes
- 4.3 To make event specific class selections please go to your registration on Yacht Scoring:
BVI Spring Regatta – [select class within BVISR](#)
Nanny Cay Cup (Round Tortola Race) - [select class within Nanny Cay Cup](#)
Scrub Island Invitational - [select class within Scrub Island](#)
- 4.4 The organizing authority reserves the right to add, cancel, sub-divide or amalgamate classes.



- 4.5 The OA 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.

5. ENTRY FEES

Sailing Festival - March 30-31	BVI Spring Regatta - April 2-4	Discount for Festival & BVISR
\$7 / ft	\$11 / ft	\$15 / ft

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

Date		Time/1 st Warning Signal
Monday March 29	Registration – Sailing Festival & BVISR	1200-1800
Tuesday March 30	Racing - Scrub Island Invitational	1000
Wednesday March 31	Racing - Nanny Cay Cup (Round Tortola Race)	1000
Thursday April 1	<i>Lay Day</i>	
	Registration – BVI Spring Regatta	1200-1800
Friday April 2-Sunday April 4	Racing - BVI Spring Regatta	1000

9. VENUE

- 9.1 The event 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 provided at registration.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

12. SCORING

- 12.1 Sailing Festival Races are scored separately.
- 12.2 All measurement classes will be scored by Time on Time.
- 12.3 BVI Spring Regatta: A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 12.4 BVI Spring Regatta: 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 will be awarded daily after racing. The overall BVISR prize giving will be on Sunday April 4.
- 16.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the OA, including:
- (a) Guy Eldridge Award for Spirit and Enthusiasm – Awarded by the OA;
 - (b) Best BVI Boat – Awarded by the OA to the boat in 1) the most competitive class 2) with a spinnaker.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

Regatta Chairman: Chris Haycraft: info@bvispringregatta.org
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