St. Thomas International Regatta

Organizing Authority: St. Thomas Yacht Club (STYC) International Regatta Committee

April 8 – 11, 2027

Cowpet Bay, St. Thomas, U.S. 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.

The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

1. RULES

1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028.

1.2 The prescriptions of U.S. Sailing will not apply except Appendix V1, Penalty at the Time of an Incident, to the extent permitted by RRS 88.2.

1.3 For boats racing under a rating rule, the current racing rule will apply.

1.4 For boats racing in a one-design division, the current one-design rule will apply.

1.5 For rated boats whose valid rating certificate accounts for a canting keel, water ballast, or powered systems, RRS 51 and RRS 52 are changed to permit use of those systems only to the extent permitted by the applicable rating rule and reflected in the boat's valid rating certificate.

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 [DP] Except for Hobie Wave, ISCA, and wingfoil competitors, 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 The regatta is open to eligible boats racing under CSA, ORC, IRC, Offshore Multihull, CSA Multihull, CSA Bareboat, Class40, IC24, Hobie Wave, wingfoil, and accepted one-design classes with a minimum hull length of 19 feet, except where a class or discipline is expressly exempted from that length requirement by the OA.

4.2 Separate Notices of Race. Distance Racing Classes and Rally participants shall refer to the Three Sheets Notice of Race for eligibility, entry requirements, schedule, courses, scoring, and other applicable provisions. Class40 entries shall refer to the Class40 Notice of Race for eligibility, entry requirements, schedule, courses, scoring, and other applicable provisions. Where a separate Notice of Race applies, its provisions shall govern that subdivision. Unless otherwise stated in the applicable Notice of Race, competitors remain participants in the St. Thomas International Regatta.

4.3 The race committee may, at its discretion, create or combine classes, score a group as a subclass within a larger class, or reassign entries to an appropriate class. Five entries are required to constitute a class.

4.4 A limited number of IC24s and Hobie Waves will be available for charter, and wingfoil equipment will be available for rental. Inquiries: info@stthomassailingcenter.com.

4.5 Eligible boats shall enter through Yacht Scoring at the website identified in NoR 3.1 and complete all required registration information by the applicable deadline.

4.6 [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.

4.7 Eligibility is subject to World Sailing regulations, policies, and guidance in force at the time of the event, including any restrictions applicable to participation by Russian or Belarusian athletes or support personnel.

5. FEES

Class	Final Registration
	April 7, 2027, 1800 AST
IC24	$250
Hobie Wave	$150
ISCA	$100
Wingfoil	$100
All other classes (CSA, ORC, IRC, Offshore Multihull, CSA Multihull, CSA Bareboat, Class40)	$350

5.1 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. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 Crew limitations for IC24 and Class40 entries shall be in accordance with their applicable class rules. Hobie Wave entries are limited to a maximum of two competitors. For other classes, crew limitations shall be in accordance with the applicable class or rating rule; where no crew minimum is otherwise specified, a minimum of four persons shall be carried.

6.2 A media representative approved in advance by the OA will not be counted in the crew number, provided that person does not assist the boat competitively other than by occupying a seated position as directed for safety and balance.

7. ADVERTISING

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

8. SCHEDULE

Date	Time (AST)	Activity
Jan. 31, 2027	1700	Early-entry deadline
Apr. 1, 2027	1700	Final standard entry deadline
Wed., Apr. 7	1500 - 1800	Registration desk open at STYC
Thu., Apr. 8	1100	First warning signal
Fri., Apr. 9	1100	First warning signal
Sat., Apr. 10	1100	First warning signal
Sun., Apr. 11	1100	First warning signal
Sun., Apr. 11	1430	No warning signal will be made after this time

8.1 A maximum of 15 races is scheduled for one-design and wingfoil classes.

8.2 A maximum of 8 races is scheduled for all other classes.

8.3 The race committee may run races back-to-back. The SIs will describe the sequence and class assignments for each racing area.

8.4 Distance Racing Classes and Rally participants shall refer to the Three Sheets Notice of Race for their racing schedule. Class40 entries shall refer to the Class40 Notice of Race for their racing schedule.

9. VENUE

9.1 Racing will take place in Cowpet Bay and the waters surrounding the U.S. Virgin Islands archipelago. The SIs will identify the racing areas.

10. COURSES

10.1 Courses will be varied and may include windward-leeward, round-the-buoys, island, coastal, and short-distance courses appropriate to the class and conditions.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 RRS Appendix T, Arbitration, and U.S. Sailing Prescription Appendix V1 will apply.

11.2 [DP] For breaches of rules other than Part 2, the protest committee may impose a penalty other than disqualification when it considers that penalty appropriate.

11.3 An international jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b). Its decisions will be final as provided in RRS 70.3.

12. SCORING

12.1 Except for the IC24 class, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores with no score excluded. This changes RRS A2.1.

12.2 For the IC24 class, when more than seven races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. This changes RRS A2.1.

12.3 One completed race is required to constitute a series.

12.4 ORC classes will be scored Time-on-Time using the applicable All-Purpose Single Number rating unless otherwise stated in the SIs.

12.5 Scoring methods for CSA, IRC, multihull, and other handicap classes will be stated in the SIs and will use the applicable valid rating or handicap certificate.

13. RISK STATEMENT

13.1 RRS 3 states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing 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, equipment failure, 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

14.1 [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.

15. PRIZES

15.1 Daily awards may be presented at official sponsor functions. Overall awards will be presented following racing on Sunday, April 11, at a time and location announced on the ONB.

15.2 Overall prizes are planned for first, second, and third place in each class with at least five boats. Additional trophies and sponsor awards may be presented at the discretion of the OA.

16. PHOTOGRAPHIC AND MEDIA RIGHTS

16.1 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.

17. TRAVEL AND VISITOR INFORMATION

17.1 Visitor information for the U.S. Virgin Islands is available at VisitUSVI.com.

18. FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1 Regatta inquiries should be directed to Regatta Co-Directors Greer Scholes and Bobby Brooks. Greer Scholes can be reached at manager@stthomasyachtclub.com or by phone at (340) 775-6320. Bobby Brooks can be reached by Cell/WhatsApp at (340) 690-3681 or by email at info@stthomassailingcenter.com. Charter and equipment-rental inquiries should be directed to the St. Thomas Sailing Center by Cell/WhatsApp at (340) 690-3681 or by email at info@stthomassailingcenter.com.