Round the Rocks Race & Rally

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

Thursday, April 8, 2027
Cowpet Bay, St. Thomas, USVI

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(a).

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 Round the Rocks Race & Rally. 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 racing rule will apply.

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

1.4 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 The event is open to eligible boats racing in CSA, IRC, multihull and accepted one-design classes. Eligible boats shall enter through yachtscoring.com.

4.2 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.

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

5. FEES

5.1 Entry fee is $50 per boat.

6. CREW LIMITATIONS

6.1 Crew limitations for one-design classes shall be in accordance with the applicable class rules.

7. ADVERTISING

7.1 [NP] [DP] Boats may be required to display event advertising approved by the organizing authority.

8. SCHEDULE

Wednesday, April 7, 2027	1500–1800	Registration Desk open at STYC
Thursday, April 8, 2027	0800–0900	Late Registration, Desk open at STYC
Thursday, April 8, 2027	1100	First warning signal for racing

9. VENUE

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

10. COURSES

10.1 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, Arbitration, and U.S. Sailing Prescription Appendix 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

12.1 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 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

14.1 [NP] 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

15.1 Prizes will be awarded at St. Thomas Yacht Club after the race on Thursday, April 8, 2027. 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

16.1 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

17.1 For information regarding travel to the U.S. Virgin Islands, visit www.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.