



**January 2024 Town Trip**  
**January 28, 2024**  
Organizing Authority: St. Croix Yacht Club

## **Sailing Instructions**

**1 RULES** The Regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The racing rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
- 1.2 The relevant one-design class rules for boats racing in one-design classes, excepting,
- 1.3 Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's) shall always be worn by competitors under the age of 16 while on the water except for brief periods while adjusting personal gear.

### **2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0800 on Sunday.

### **3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

Notice to competitors will be announced at the Skipper's meeting at 0900, at the Hotel on the Cay prior to the second race, or on VHF Channel 72.

### **4 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

#### ***Sunday January 28***

0900	Skippers Meeting	East Room, SCYC
1000	Warning Signal for Race to the Cay	
1200ish	Lunch at Hotel on the Cay	
1300ish	Warning Signal for race back to the SCYC	

\*\*Awards will be given shortly after the Race Committee (RC) has returned to shore.

### **5 Racing Area**

The racing area will be the coastal waters north of St. Croix between Teague Bay and Christiansted harbor.

## **6 COURSES**

The courses for the races are contained in Attachment A.

## **7 THE START and FINISH LINES**

7.1 The starting line for the first race, from the St. Croix Yacht Club to Christiansted Harbor, will be between a laid mark and an orange flag on the signal boat.

7.2 The finish line for the first race will be a blue flag on the Hotel on the Cay dock and the Fort Christiansted flagpole.

7.3 The starting line for the second race, from Christiansted Harbor to the St. Croix Yacht Club, will be a Le Mans start between an orange flag and a Race Committee flag on the Hotel on the Cay beach. Each boat will be required to have one crew member start on foot on the beach. All other members may be on their boats. When the designated crew member is fully on the boat, and not before, boats may raise sails and anchors.

7.4 The finish line for the second race will be a blue flag on the SCYC dock and laid mark

## **8 PENALTY SYSTEM**

For all sailors, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty. Alternatively, a penalty may be replaced by paying the current bar tab of the fouled boat.

## **9 TIME LIMITS**

9.1 Time will expire thirty minutes after the first boat finishes.

9.2 If two or more boats fail to finish within the time limit, they will be scored in place.

## **10 HEARING REQUESTS**

10.1 A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat promptly.

10.2 Protests shall be decided by a simple majority of the other boats in an open protest hearing.

10.3 Protests will be heard on the east patio as soon as possible.

## **11 SCORING**

11.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A, will apply.

11.2 The first tie breaker will be the oldest combined crew age.

11.3 The second tie breaker will be the competitor with the best finish in the last race.

## **12 SAFETY**

12.1 All sailors are to check-in with the Race Committee each time they sail from shore to the Course.

12.2 Any sailor that retires from racing is to try and contact the Race Committee or if that is not possible, another competitor.

### **13 RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

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.

# Attachment A

