



March 27 - April 2, 2023
Warm Water, Hot Racing

Tortola, British Virgin Islands
March 27 – April 2, 2023

NOTICE OF RACE

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

1. RULES

1.1. The Regatta will be governed by:

- a) The rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- b) CSA Rating Rules
- c) The Class Rules for those classes sailing as One Design
- d) Each boat shall carry a VHF radio to be used exclusively for the purpose of safety and race committee communications.

1.2. The Racing Rules of Sailing are changed as follows:

- a) Rule 52 will not apply.
- b) Rule 44.1 is changed. The penalty for a boat breaking a rule of PART 2 will be One-Turn.
- c) Rule 90.2 (c) is changed. On the water changes to the sailing instructions will be announced by VHF radio.
- d) Rule 63.1 is changed. For protests involving an alleged infringement of a rule of PART 2, an arbitration hearing will be offered prior to a jury hearing.
- e) Rule 62.1 (a) is changed. Failure to receive any race committee announcements transmitted over VHF radio will not be grounds for redress.
- f) Rule 76.1 is changed to delete "Before the start of the first race".

2. ADVERTISING

2.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority in accordance with World Sailing regulation 20.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

3.1. The Organizing Authority 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.

3.2. The race committee will have the right to inspect any boat before or after a race.

3.3. Boats having a valid rating certificate may enter by completing an official entry form and submitting the applicable entry fee. An official entry form may be obtained at www.bvispringregatta.org.

4. CLASSES

4.1. The races are open to boats of the following classes:

- CSA Spinnaker including Racer/Cruiser
- Offshore Multihull and Sport Multihull
- CSA Performance Cruiser, Jib and Main, Bareboat, Multihull, Cruising Multihull
- One Design Classes

4.2. The organizing authority reserves the right to create additional classes at any time.

4.3. A boat will be assigned to a class by the organizing authority which reserves the right to transfer a boat to another class after the first day's racing and before the start of the second day's racing. Changes will be posted on the official notice board at the Registration area.

4.4. The minimum number of crew for each boat will be two except where class rules state otherwise.

4.5. CSA Rule 8.9.1.2 is changed. 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.

5. FEES

	Sailing Festival March 28/29	Spring Regatta March 31-April 2	Discount for Both
Monohull & Multihull	\$150	\$400	\$500

6. SCHEDULE

6.1. Registration for the **Sailing Festival** will be open 1200-1800 hours on **Monday 3/27/2023** at the Registration area. (Accepting Registration for BVI Spring Regatta as well)

6.2. Registration for the **BVI Spring Regatta** will be open 1200-1800 hours **Thursday 3/30/2023** at the Registration area.

6.3. The order of starts, the starting area, and the finishing area for the first race each day will be posted by 0800 hours on the day of the race.

6.4. Dates of Racing:

Date	Day(s)	Class	1st Warning
Sailing Festival			
March 28	Tuesday	All	10:00 hrs
March 29	Wednesday	All	10:00 hrs
BVI Spring Regatta			
March 31–April 2	Friday - Sunday	All	10:00 hrs

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1. The sailing instructions will be available at registration area and online at bvispringregatta.org

8. VENUE

8.1. Racing will be in the Sir Francis Drake Channel and adjacent waters.

9. THE COURSES

9.1. Windward/leeward & distance racing from multiple starting areas as illustrated on the Course Mark Card.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

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

11. SCORING

11.1. Each boat's series score will be the total of the race scores.

11.2. All measurement classes will be scored by Time on Time.

11.3. One race will constitute a series.

12. PRIZES

12.1. Prizes for each class will be given after racing on Sunday, April 2, 2023.

12.2. Additional Prizes may be awarded

13. RISK STATEMENT

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. The Organizing Authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

14. COVID-19 NOTICE

By taking part in the BVI Spring Regatta, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that they are responsible for complying with any regulations in force at the time of the event with respect of COVID-19 and for complying with Spring Regatta COVID-19 procedures. The latest information about COVID-19 concerns and travel protocols can be found, <https://www.bvitourism.com>

15. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information contact the BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival at: admin@bvispringregatta.org