



**St Croix Yacht Club**  
**24th International**  
**Regatta**  
**11 – 13 November 2016**



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**St. Croix Yacht Club**  
**Teague Bay, St. Croix, US Virgin Islands**

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**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**<sup>v2.1</sup>

**1 RULES**

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2** The CSA 2016 Rating Rule applies to all classes except Rhodes 19 and Multihulls.

**2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at **The St. Croix Yacht Club**.

**3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 or be announced verbally on VHF channel 06 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

**4 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed on the SCYC flagpole.
- 4.2** It is the intention of the Race Committees to use VHF 06 for announcements concerning the location of the starting area, order of starts, boats identified as OCS, and other courtesy announcements. Failure to make these broadcasts or failure to hear them shall not constitute grounds for granting redress. This changes rule 62.1(a).
- 4.3** If a postponement is signalled ashore, the warning signal of the first class will be made not less than 60 minutes after the AP flag is lowered.

**5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

- 5.1** Racing is scheduled as follows:

*Date*

11 November 2016    Captain Nick's Race    First warning 1000 hours

12 November 2016    International Regatta    First warning 1000 hours

13 November 2016    International Regatta    First warning **0930** hours

There may be as many as five races a day. Notice of the last race to be sailed each day will be made via VHF.

- 5.2 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as practical after the finish of the last boat in the preceding race.
- 5.3 On Sunday, 13 November 2016, no warning signal will be made after 1400 hours.
- 5.4 Class flags and intended order of starts for the **first race** of the day:
- | <b>Class</b>             | <b>Flag</b> |
|--------------------------|-------------|
| CSA 1 (Spinnaker Racing) | Dark Green  |
| CSA 2 (Non-Spinnaker)    | White       |
| Multihull                | Purple      |
| Rhodes 19                | Lime Green  |

**These are the intended order of starts for the first race of the day, subsequent starting sequences will be announced by the Race Committee over VHF Channel 06**

## 6 RACING AREAS

The racing area will be the waters north of St. Croix. The Race Committee intends to make courtesy announcements identifying the location of the starting area beginning approximately 0915 hours each racing day.

## 7 THE COURSES

- 7.1 No later than the preparatory signal (this changes rule 27.1), the Race Committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be rounded on a white course board by listing the marks in order. A mark listed in red shall be rounded to port; a mark listed in green shall be rounded to starboard.
- 7.2 After completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross the starting line. A boat shall not cross the finishing line until she is completing the last leg of the course and finishes. A boat that breaks this rule shall not correct her error. However, she will be exonerated if she takes a One-Turn Penalty (see rule 44.2). For reasons of safety, on legs of the course that pass the start/finish line, the start/finish line shall be considered an obstruction and therefore rules 19 and 20 may apply between boats while they are approaching and passing it.

## 8 MARKS

- 8.1 Laid marks will be orange and yellow tetrahedrons and balls.
- 8.2 The Race Committee may also use USCG Mark 13 (inside Christiansted Harbour, off Gallows Bay); a laid tetrahedron designated East End Tetrahedron, as marks; and National Park Service (NPS) Buck Island marks.
- 8.3 The Race Committee may set inner (W1) and outer (W2) weather marks.
- 8.4 Approximate GPS coordinates of USCG Mark 13, the East End Tetrahedron and NPS Buck Island mark locations are found in Attachment A.

## **9 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS**

Boats are prohibited from sailing between Green Cay and St. Croix.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1** The starting line will be between an orange flag on the RC signal boat and a nearby mark. See Attachment B. Any buoy or dinghy attached to the signal boat shall be an extension of the signal boat.
- 10.2** Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. Breach of this sailing instruction may only be protested by the Race Committee.
- 10.3** Classes may be started together.
- 10.4** The warning signal for each succeeding start may be made with the starting signal of the preceding class.

## **11 THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a blue flag on the RC Signal boat and a nearby mark. See Attachment B.

## **12 PENALTY SYSTEM**

For all classes rules 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

## **13 TIME LIMITS**

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the **second** boat in her class sails the course will be scored TLE and will be given points equal to the number of boats finishing within the time limit plus one. This changes rules 35, A4.1, A4.2, A5, and A11.

## **14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 14.1** The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the Race Committee arrives at St. Croix Yacht Club, which time shall be posted at the Protest Desk.
- 14.2** Hearings will be held at the St. Croix Yacht Club in approximately the order of receipt and as soon as possible. Hearings may be open to the public.
- 14.3** On the last day of the regatta, a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- a) within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - b) no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes rule 66.
- When the Protest Committee decides that a boat that is a party to a protest hearing has broken a rule, it shall have discretion in imposing a penalty, except when the rule broken is a rule of Part 2 of the RRS. This changes rule 64.1.

## **15 SCORING**

One race is required to be completed to constitute a series. No races will be excluded.

**16 PRIZES**

**16.1** Prizes for Captain Nick's Race and the International Regatta series prizes will be given at the St Croix Yacht Club beginning at approximately 1400 hours on Sunday, 13 November 2016,

**16.2** 1<sup>st</sup> place through 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes will be awarded for the Captain Nick's Race.

**16.3** 1<sup>st</sup> through 3<sup>rd</sup> place prizes will be awarded for the International Regatta with the Perpetual Award going to 1<sup>st</sup> place in the Racing Spinnaker class. The Richard Newick Perpetual Multihull Trophy will be given to the 1<sup>st</sup> place multihull.

**16.4** The skipper's weight in rum will be awarded to the 1st place for each class with 6 or more entries in the International Regatta.

**17 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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.