



St. Croix Yacht Club Hospice Regatta  
February 11-13, 2011  
St. Croix Yacht Club  
Teague Bay, St. Croix, US Virgin Islands

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### Buck Island Channel Courses

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012* (RRS).
- 1.2 The regulations of the Caribbean Sailing Association (CSA) the Virgin Islands Sailing Association (VISA), and the CSA Minimum Safety Requirements will apply.
- 1.3 A 2011 measured CSA rating is required of all boats entering the designated CSA Classes.
- 1.4 Boats entering the Fun Racing Class will be handicapped by ARS PHRF-Modified (Applied Rating System), the Organizing Authority may modify individual ratings based on previous day's performance.
- 1.5 Multihulled boats will be handicapped by the Race Committee based on all available comparative information.

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

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

##### 1. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0830 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.

##### 2. COMMUNICATION

- a. Communication on the water between Committees and competitors will take place on VHF channel 6.
- b. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the SCYC flagpole.
- c. Race committee broadcasts concerning its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, OCS boats, course changes, etc. are a courtesy only. Failure of the race committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under rule 62.1(a).

##### 3. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- a. Racing is scheduled as follows:  
12 February 2011  
13 February 2011

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 scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 0955.
- 5.3 The warning signal for each succeeding race will be made as soon as possible after the finish of the last boat in a class.
- 5.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 1400.

## 6 FLEETS, CLASSES AND CLASS FLAGS

Class flags, to be flown from the backstay or the leech of the aftermost sail will be

| <b>CLASS</b>               | <b>FLAG</b> |
|----------------------------|-------------|
| A) CSA Spinnaker Racing 1  | GREEN       |
| B) CSA Performance cruiser | YELLOW      |
| C) PHRF Fun Racing Class   | WHITE       |
| D) Multihull               | BLUE        |

## 7 RACING AREA

The racing area will be in the waters outside of the reef northwest of the St. Croix Yacht Club for all classes.

## 8 THE COURSES

8.1 The diagrams in Attachment A show the Channel courses outside the reef.

8.2 All rounding marks shall be left to port.

8.3 The course number will be displayed on a board on the Race Committee Signal Boat with or before the warning signal for each start.

8.4 The "Around Buck Island Course" will proceed from the start to the nearest NPS buoy to windward and proceed clockwise around all NPS buoys to "N". The course proceeds around the north side of Buck Island and around white or orange NPS buoys marking the western edge of the Buck Island reef and then around NPS buoy "I" and to the finish. Racers are advised to use caution around the north and west sides of Buck Island and its reef. See attachment C.

## 9 MARKS

9.1 Marks for the Channel courses will be orange and yellow tetrahedrons.

## 10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

10.1 Start / finish line is closed: 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. This changes rule 28.1 and rule 44.2. On a leg of the course from W to L or from L to W, boats may leave the line between S and F either to port or to starboard.

10.2 NPS white or orange buoys mark areas with reef and / or partially submerged rock and indicate continuing obstructions. RRS 19.2 and 20.1 apply.

## 11 THE START AND START SEQUENCE

11.1 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the RC Signal boat and a nearby mark. Any buoy or dinghy attached to the signal boat shall be an extension of the boat.

11.2 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 or the Protest Committee.

11.3 The start sequence for the first start of each day for boats racing in the channel circle will be as follows:

- 1) Multihull
- 2) CSA Spinnaker Racing 1
- 3) CSA Performance Cruiser
- 4) Fun Racing Class

11.4 Subsequent starts will be for individual classes in approximately the order in which the classes complete the previous race.

11.5 For the channel courses, races will be started using a five-minute sequence per RRS 26.

11.6 The warning signal for each succeeding start may be made with starting signal of the preceding class.

## 12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a blue flag on the RC Signal Boat and a nearby mark.

## 13 PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes RRS 44.1 and 44.2 are changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one jibe, is required. However, if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 within the three length zone of any rounding or finishing marks her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty in compliance with rule 44.2.

## 14 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Signal Boat is docked at the St. Croix Yacht Club, said docking 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.

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 RRS 66.

14.4 When the Protest Committee decides that a boat that is a party to a protest 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 RRS 64.1(a).

## 15 SCORING

15.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply with the modification that no scores may be excluded. This changes RRS A2.

15.2 One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

## 16 PRIZES

16.1 Prizes will be awarded at the St. Croix Yacht Club beginning at 1600 hours on Sunday, February 13, 2011.

16.2 Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each class.

16.3 The Perpetual trophy and the "Rum Trophy" will be awarded to the overall winner of the spinnaker racing class.