



INTERNATIONAL ROLEX REGATTA 2006



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND APPENDIX A St. Thomas U.S. Virgin Islands

March 24-26 2006



► **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

► **1-RULES**

1.1 - The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

1.2 - Competitors are requested to respect brand exclusivity of the official sponsors of this event. Their participation enhances the event for all competitors.

1.3 - Where applicable, the 2006 CSA rules will apply.

1.4 - For all classes except Beach Cats, the minimum number of crew shall be four. Every boat shall file and every crewmember is required to sign the Disclaimer and Waiver of Media Rights form provided at registration.

► **2 - BOAT IDENTIFICATION**

2.1 - Event stickers and "Rolex" flags will also be supplied by the organizing authority and will be displayed during the Regatta. The "Rolex" flags shall be prominently displayed from the backstay or near the stern of the boat at all times while racing, except for the Beach Cats. The event stickers shall be approximately 10 inches aft of the bow numbers and 6 inches below the deck. Boats failing to display event stickers, "Rolex" flags or bow numbers are subject to protest by the Race Committee only.

2.2 - The organizing authority will assign bow numbers to each participating boat. The numbers will be available at registration. These numbers shall be affixed to both the port and starboard sides in the following manner; the leading edge of the forward number shall be 6 inches aft of the "Rolex" sticker and 3 inches below the deck. The leading edge of the aft number shall be 3 inches aft of the aft edge of the forward number and 3 inches below the deck. All bow numbers shall be on a contrasting

background. Beach Cats will not carry bow numbers

► **3 - NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to the competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at St. Thomas Yacht Club

► **4 - CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

4.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted before 0800 on the Official Notice Board on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

4.2 Changes to the Sailing Instructions may be made orally on the water by hail in accordance with rule 89.2 (c).

► **5 - SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

5.1 - Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at St. Thomas Yacht Club.

5.2 - Broadcasts of Race Committee intentions will be made on designated VHF Fleet channels

5.3 - When flag AP is displayed ashore, no warning signal will be made less than 90 minutes after the AP is lowered.

► **6 - SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1 - Races are scheduled on March 24, 25 and 26, 2006.

6.2 - The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day is 1000.

6.3 - On Sunday March 26th there will no warning signal made after 1500.

Day 1, Friday, March 24 - All Classes except Non Spinnaker Racing and Large Multihulls are scheduled to sail a series of not more than five Windward / Leeward Races on the south side of

St. Thomas. Non Spinnaker Racing and Large Multihulls will sail the Buck Island Race and will be the first start of the day on the Jersey Bay Circle.

Day 2, Saturday March 25, 2006 - Two races will be held on the south side of St. Thomas for all classes. Race 1 will start at Ocean Circle starting area and finish in Charlotte Amalie Harbour. Race 2 will start in Charlotte Amalie Harbor and finish near Cowpet Bay. If the Race Committee deems the conditions inappropriate for the scheduled races on Day 2 a numeral 1 pennant will be displayed by 0800 from the flagpole at St. Thomas Yacht Club and the schedule will revert to the same race schedule as Day 1 of the Regatta.

Day 3, Sunday March 26, 2006 - All classes except IC 24's will sail one of the Pillsbury Sound Courses. If the Race Committee deems the conditions inappropriate for the scheduled races on Day 3 a numeral 1 pennant will be displayed by 0800 from the flagpole at St. Thomas Yacht Club and the schedule will revert to the Day 1 race schedule. IC 24's will sail windward / leeward courses in Jersey Bay.

► **7-CLASS FLAGS**

7.1 - Class flags used in accordance with rule 26 will be the class pennant designated in the starting sequence posted on the Official Notice Board by 1800 Thursday, March 23, 2006.

7.2 - Class flags will be distributed by the Race Committee at registration on March 23, 2006 and shall be prominently displayed from the backstay, or near the stern of the boat, at all times while racing.

► **8 - THE COURSES**

8.1 - See Appendix A.

8.2 - Course signals and designations will be displayed by the Race Committee signal boat no later than the warning signal for each class.

8.3 - The Race committee will attempt to broadcast course signals on the designated VHF channel.

► **9 - MARKS**

9.1 - The regatta will use government mark, designated rocks, and inflatable buoys as indicated in Appendix A.

9.2 - Change marks will be a different color.

9.3 - When there is a gate, boats shall sail between the gate marks from the direction of the previous mark and round either gate mark.

► **10 - THE START**

10.1 - Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 - The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee signal boat and a nearby inflatable buoy.

10.3 - A boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

10.4 - In the event of an individual recall, the Race Committee will attempt to announce the sail numbers or bow numbers of any boat or boats that are OCS on the designated VHF channel .Failure of a boat to see or hear her recall notification, the timing and order of such hails will not be grounds for redress. This changes rules 29.1 and 60.1 b.

► **11-CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

A change of course after the start will be signaled before the leading boat has begun the leg, although the new mark may not then be in position. Any mark to be rounded after the new mark may be

relocated to maintain the original course

► **12 - THE FINISH**

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on a Race Committee boat and a nearby mark.

► **13 - PENALTY SYSTEM**

13.1 - A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing may take a penalty by either making one complete 360 Degree Turn including one tack and one gybe that, in all other respects, complies with rule 44.2 or by taking a 20% Scoring Penalty in compliance with rule 44.3 as adopted by these Sailing Instructions. However, if a boat breaks a rule of Part 2 within the two-length zone of any rounding marks, her penalty shall be either a Two-Turns Penalty in compliance with rule 44.2 or a 40% Scoring Penalty in compliance with rule 44.3 as adopted by these Sailing Instructions. This changes rule 44.3.

13.4 - The 20% Scoring Penalty shall not be less than two (2) places. All boats that have taken a Scoring Penalty in compliance with rule 44.3 shall submit a written declaration on a form available at the Protest Desk. Submitting a written declaration within the protest time shall satisfy the requirement of rule 44.3(a) to inform the Race Committee at the finish line. This changes rule 44.3(a).

► **14-TIME LIMITS**

14.1 - Time limits are as follows:

Racing Day 1: Windward / Leeward Courses time limit will be three (3) hours for each race. Cruising Class Course time limit six (6) hours.

Racing Day 2: Harbour and Cowpet Course time limit will be three (3) hours.

Racing Day 3: Pillsbury Sound Course time limit

stated, plus each boat's corrected time difference. Boats failing to finish in these time limits will be scored equal to the number of boats that have finished within the time limit plus one. This changes rules 35 and A4.

► **15-PROTESTS, ARBITRATION AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

15.1 - Protest forms are available at the Protest Desk at the St. Thomas Yacht Club. Protests shall be delivered in writing within the protest time limit. The protest time will be posted at the Protest Desk
15.2 - For each class the protest time limit is 60 minutes after its respective race committee signal boat reaches the St Thomas Yacht Club Dock or Mooring.

15.3 - Protests will be heard as soon as possible at the St. Thomas Yacht Club after each day's racing. Protest notices will be posted and heard in the approximate order of receipt. Failure of a party to appear at a protest hearing following the posting of protest notification will be considered as grounds for the Jury to proceed under Rule 63.3 (b).

15.4 - Any measurement disputes will be filed by the end of racing on the first day of the Regatta in accordance with Sailing Instructions 15.1 and 15.2

15.5 - For protests involving a breach of a rule of Part 2 of the RRS, a short arbitration hearing will be held prior to a jury hearing. This changes Part 5, Section B of the RRS.

15.6 - A party that accepts the arbitrator's opinion that she broke a rule of part 2 will be assessed a 40% scoring penalty as computed by RRS 44.3 (c). The 40% scoring penalty shall not be less than four (4) places.

15.7 - Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in rule 70.4.

► **16-SCORING**

- 16.1 - All races sailed will be scored without a discard.
- 16.2 - One race will constitute a series.

► **17 - SAFETY REGULATIONS and CHECKIN**

- 17.1 - Each boat shall check in with the Race Committee signal boat before the first warning signal of the day by sailing on starboard tack past the signal boat and being acknowledged. Failure to check in with the race committee is subject to protest only by the race committee. This changes rules 60.1 and 60.3.
- 17.2 - A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 17.3 - A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the safety requirements listed in the notice of regatta.

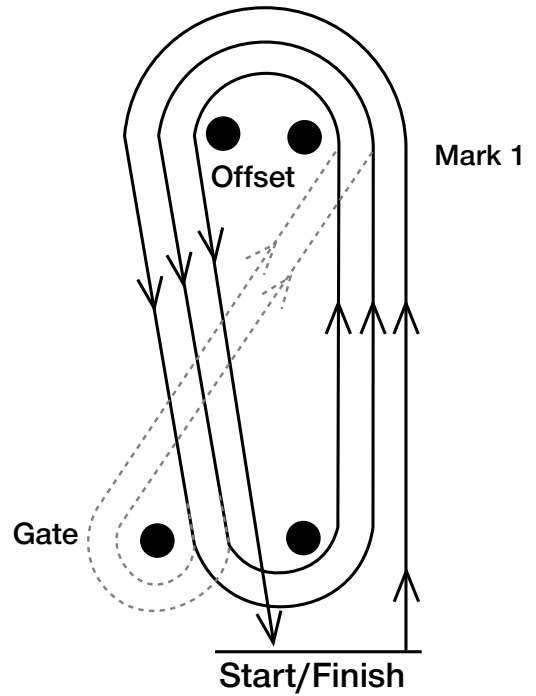
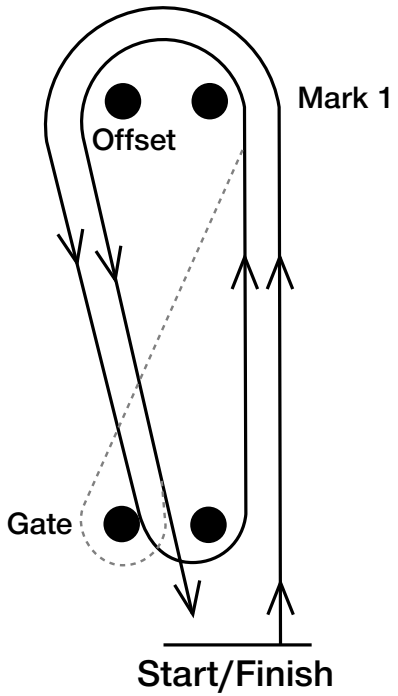
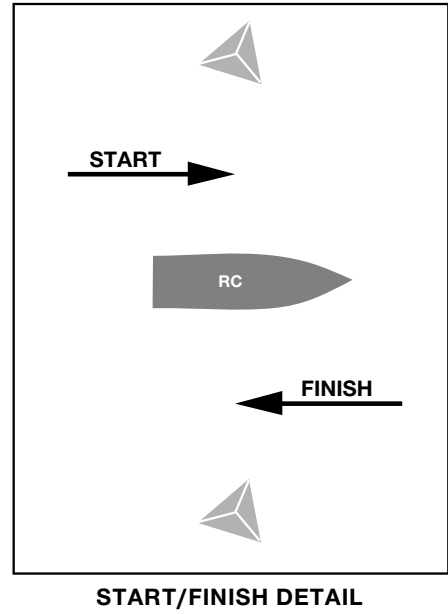
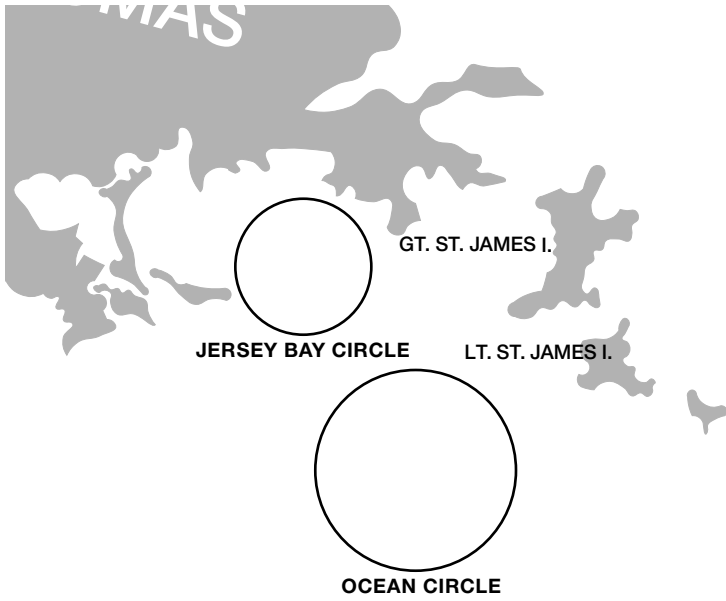
► **18-RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- Radio communication is limited to safety issues and to receive regatta information from the Race Committee. Each boat is strongly urged to have a working VHF radio aboard.
- 18.1 - Jersey Bay Circle designated channel is VHF 71
 - 18.2 - Ocean Circle designated channel is VHF 72
 - 18.3 - Harbor and Cowpet Race designated channel is VHF 72
 - 18.4 - Pillsbury Sound Race designated channel is VHF 72

► **19 - PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded following the racing on Sunday, March 26, 2006. Prizes will be given to first place, second place and third place in each class. The Commodores Trophy will be awarded to the yacht that has shown the greatest dignity and style in the face of impending disaster. The Johnson's Reef Trophy will be awarded to the yacht that has had the Most Ignominious Calamity

APPENDIX A



► **W4 Windward / Leeward Course (4 legs)** Start - mark1 - offset - gate - mark1 - offset - finish. Leave Mark 1 and Offset to port. Bearing and distance to mark 1 will be posted on the committee signal boat.

► **W6 Windward / Leeward Course (6 legs)** Start - mark1 - offset - gate - mark1 - offset - gate - mark1 - offset - finish. Leave mark 1 and offset to port. Bearing and distance to mark 1 will be posted on the committee signal boat.

► **COURSE MARKS**

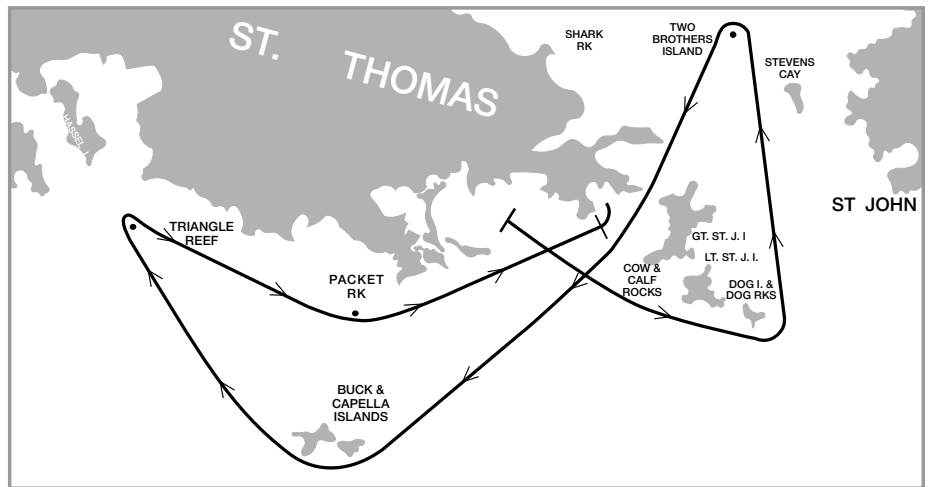
(all mark positions are approximate)

Mark Name	Lat.	Lon	Bearing	From	Distance
Coculus Buoy	18.17.8N	64.55.0W	232 deg T	Coculus Pt.	1.33nm
Flamingo Buoy	18.17.3N	64.58.8W	222 deg T	Flamingo Pt	1.6nm
Stragglers Bouy	18.17.70N	64.50.00W	236deg T	SW Pt. Little St. James	0.31nm
Turtle Rock Buoy	18.21.15N	64.51.21W	58 deg T	Turtle Rock	0.5nm
Maria Bluff Bouy	18.18.62N	64.47.43W	216 deg T	Maria Bluff	0.30nm
Shark Island Buoy	18.20.02N	64.50.58W	149 deg T	Lt Shark Rock	0.29nm

Packet Rock, Triangle Reef, 1JR and WR1 are government marks.

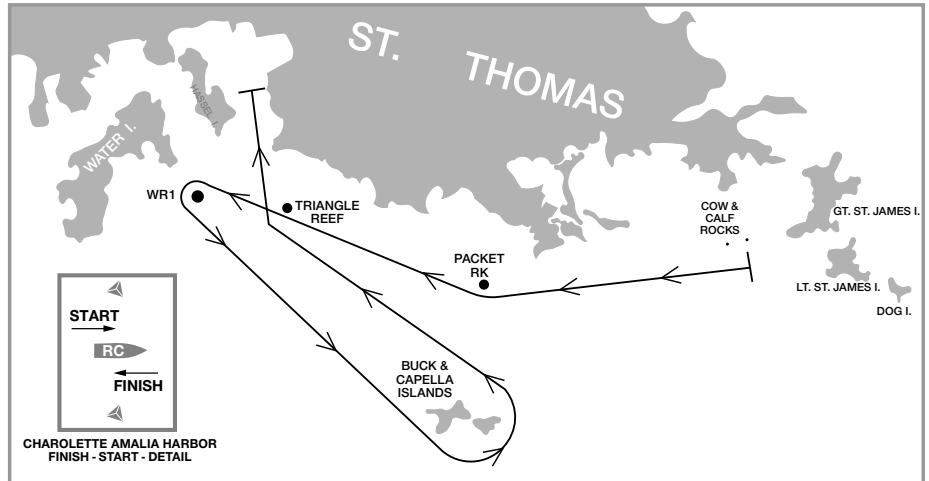
► **BI Buck Island Course** (20 nm, start area Jersey Bay Circle.

Start between RC boat and nearby mark and proceed to Dog Island and Dog Rocks round to Port. Leave Little St. James and Great St. James Islands to Port. Proceed to Two Brothers round to Port. Proceed to Capella and Buck Islands leave to Starboard. Proceed to Triangle Reef buoy round to starboard. Proceed to Packet Rock buoy, leave to port. Proceed to Finish (located on outer edge of Cowpet Bay).



► **SH1 South Harbor Course 1** (15 nm)

Start between RC boat and nearby mark (approx. 0.5nm SE of Cow Rock) and proceed To Packet Rock and Triangle Reef buoys leave to Starboard. To WR1 buoy round to Port To Buck and Capella Island round to Port Leave Packet Rock and Triangle Reef buoy to Starboard. To Finish in the Charlotte Amalia Harbor west of Cruise Ship Dock near entrance to Careening Cove on Hassel Island.



► **SH2 South Harbor Course 2** (10 nm)

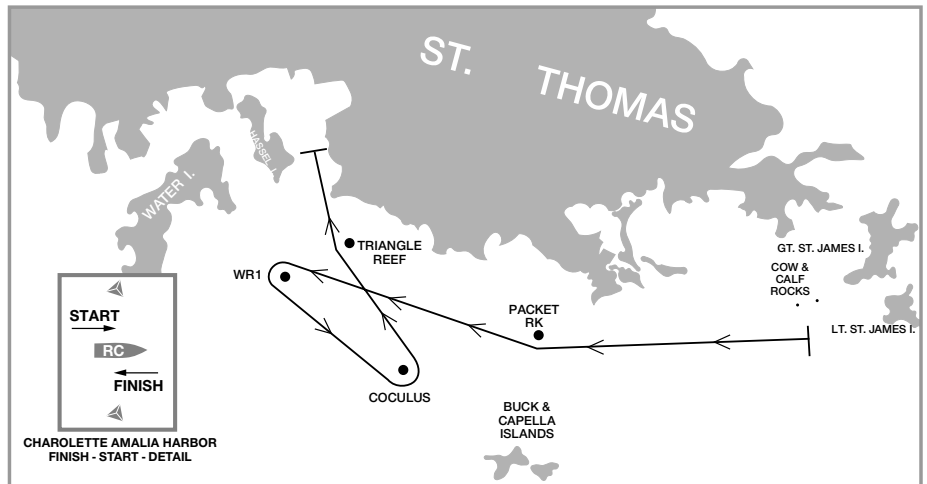
Start between RC boat and nearby mark (approx. 0.5nm SE of Cow Rock) and proceed To Packet Rock and Triangle Reef buoys leave to Starboard.

To WR1 buoy round to Port.

To Coculus buoy located approx. 1.5 nm southeast of WR1 buoy, round to Port.

Leave Triangle Reef buoy to Starboard.

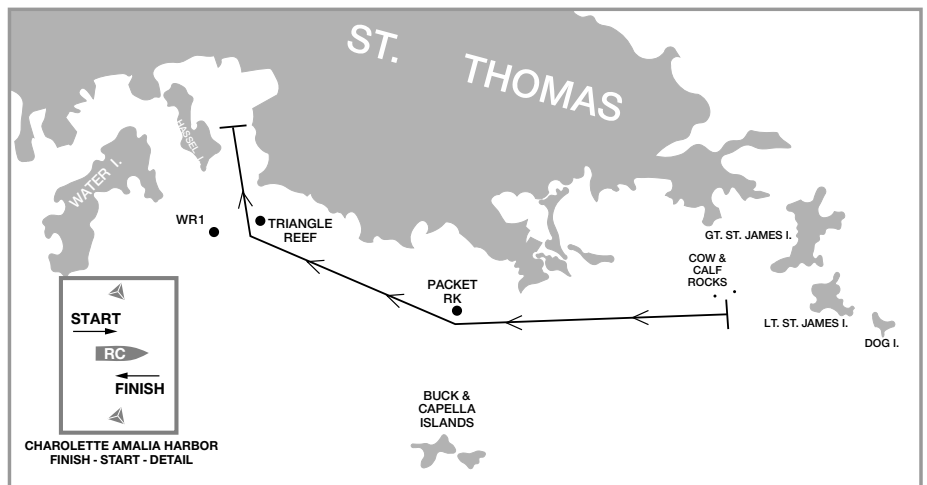
To Finish in the Charlotte Amalie Harbor west of Cruise Ship Dock near entrance to Careening Cove on Hassel Island



► **SH3 South Harbor Course 3** (5 nm)

Start between RC boat and nearby mark (approx. 0.5nm SE of Cow Rock) and proceed To Packet Rock and Triangle Reef buoys leave to Starboard.

To Finish in the Charlotte Amalie Harbor west of Cruise Ship Dock near entrance to Careening Cove on Hassel Island



► **NH1 North Harbor Course 1** (15 nm)

Start between RC boat and nearby mark (approx. 0.5nm SE of Cow Rock) and proceed To Packet Rock buoy leave to Starboard

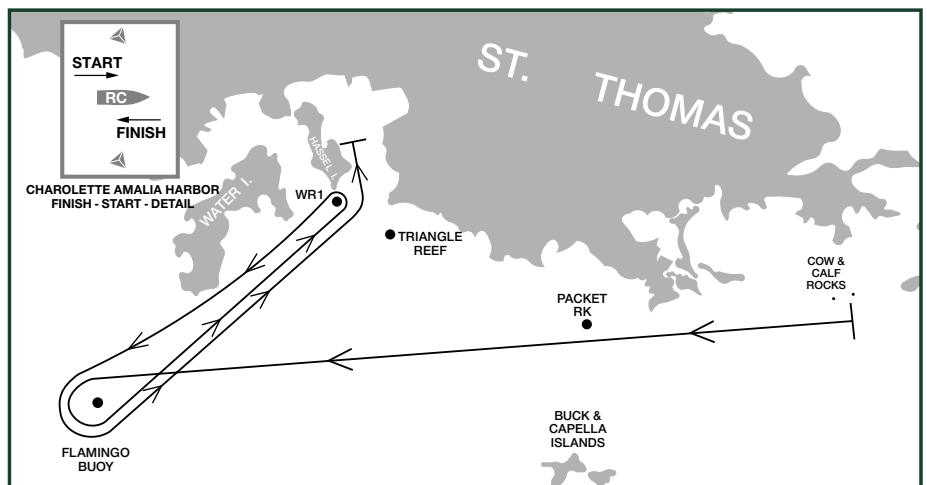
To Flamingo buoy round to Port.

To WR1 buoy round to Port.

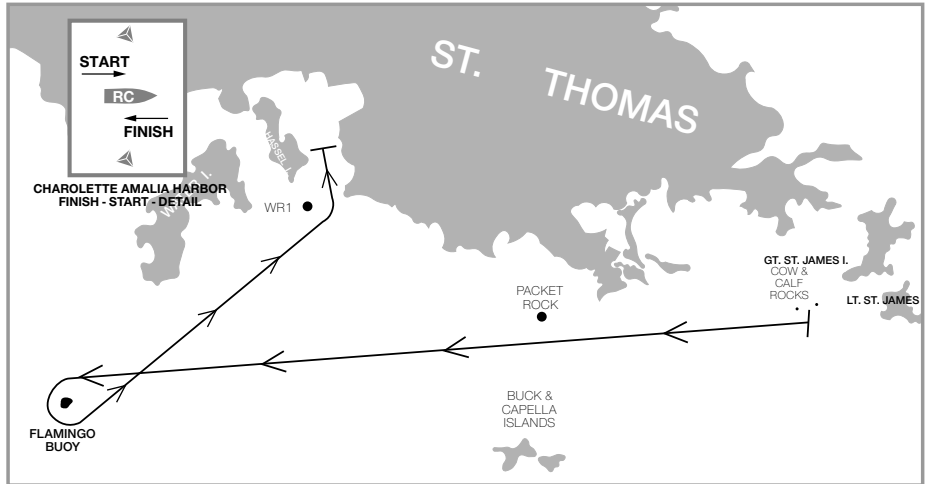
To Flamingo buoy round to Port.

To WR1 buoy leave to Port.

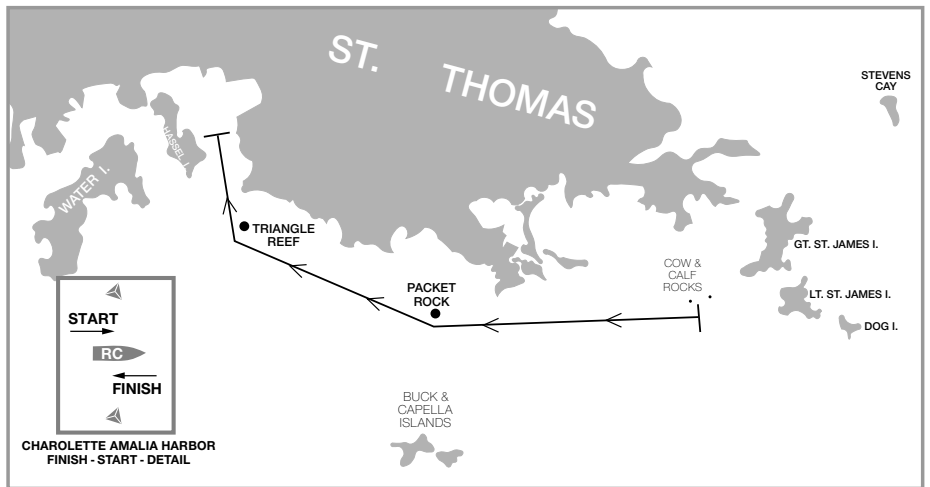
To Finish in the Charlotte Amalie Harbor west of Cruise Ship Dock near entrance to Careening Cove on Hassel Island



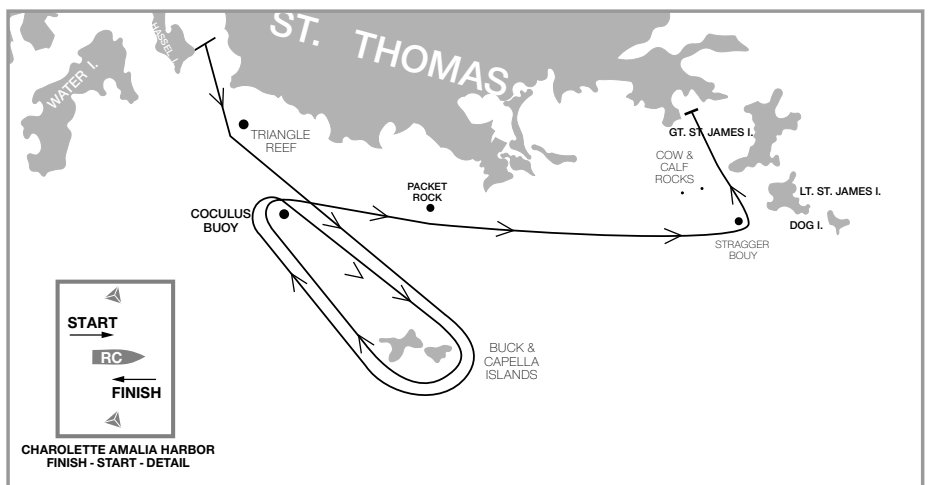
- ▶ **NH2 North Harbor Course 2** (10 nm)
 Start between RC boat and nearby mark (approx. 0.5nm SE of Cow Rock) and proceed To Packet Rock buoy leave to Starboard. To Flamingo buoy round to Port. To WR1 buoy leave to Port. To Finish in the Charlotte Amalie Harbor west of Cruise Ship Dock near entrance to Careening Cove on Hassel Island



- ▶ **NH3 North Harbor Course 3** (5 nm)
 Start between RC boat and nearby mark (approx. 0.5nm SE of Cow Rock) and proceed To Packet Rock and Triangle Reef buoys leave to Starboard. To Finish in the Charlotte Amalie Harbor west of Cruise Ship Dock near entrance to Careening Cove on Hassel Island

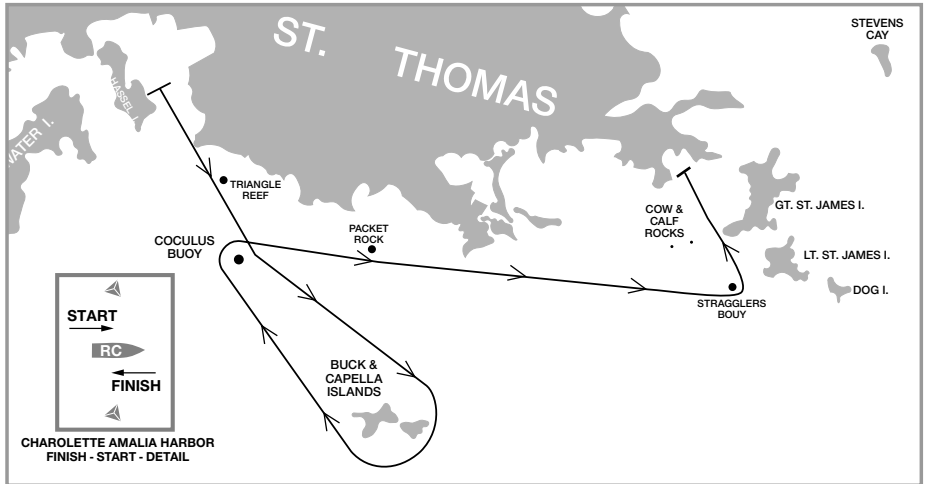


- ▶ **SC1 South Cowpet Course 1** (18 nm)
 Start in the Charlotte Amalie Harbor between the RC boat and nearby mark and proceed to Triangle Reef buoy and Packet Rock buoy passing them both to port. Proceed To Buck and Capella Islands round to Starboard on to Coculus buoy round to starboard on to Buck and Capella Islands round to starboard to Coculus Bouy round to starboard. Pass Packet Rock buoy to port on to Stragglers buoy round to port and proceed to finish outside Cowpet Bay.



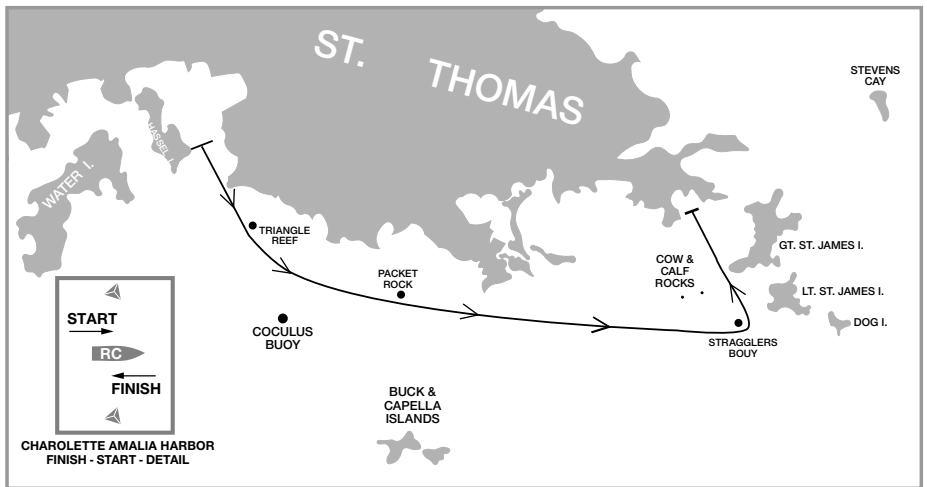
► **SC2 South Cowpet Course 2** (12 nm)

Start in the Charlotte Amalie Harbor between the RC boat and nearby mark and proceed to Triangle Reef buoy and Packet Rock buoy passing them both to Port. Proceed to Buck and Capella Islands round to Starboard on to Coculus buoy round to Starboard on to Packet Rock buoy to Port on to Stragglers buoy round to Port and proceed to Finish outside of Cowpet Bay.



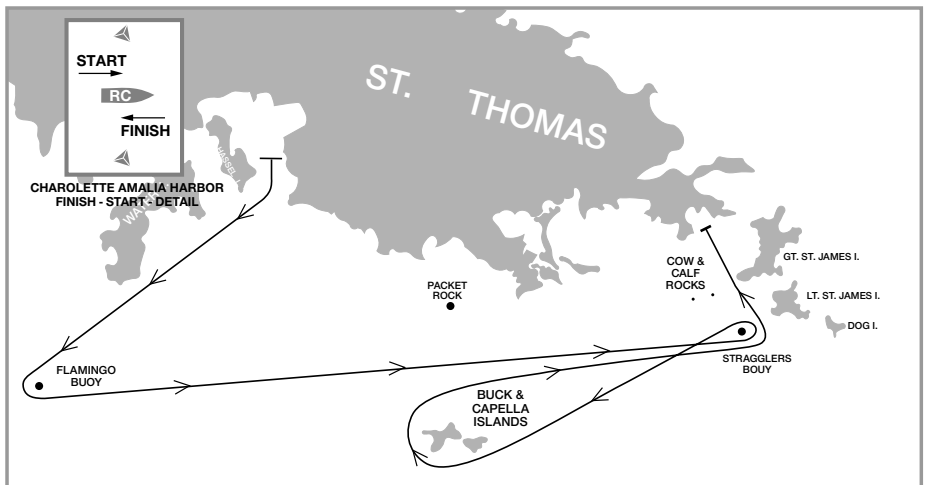
► **SC3 South Cowpet Course 3** (8 nm)

Start in the Charlotte Amalie Harbor between the RC boat and nearby mark and proceed to Triangle Reef buoy and Packet Rock buoy passing them both to Port. Proceed to Stragglers buoy round to port and proceed to finish outside of Cowpet Bay.



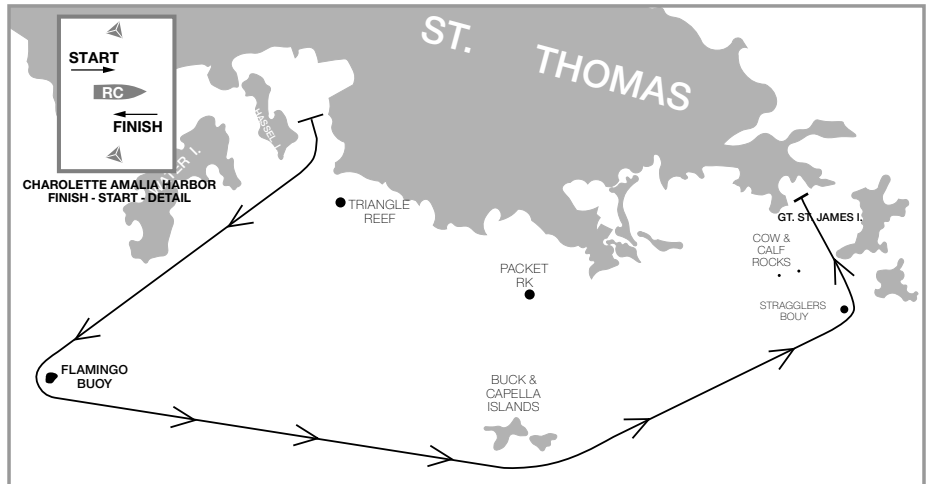
► **NC1 North Cowpet Course 1** (18 nm)

Start in the Charlotte Amalie Harbor between the RC boat and nearby buoy. Proceed To Flamingo buoy round to Port. Pass Packet Rock buoy to Port and proceed to Stragglers buoy and round to Port. Proceed to Capella and Buck Islands and round to Starboard. Proceed to Stragglers buoy round to port and proceed to finish outside of Cowpet Bay.



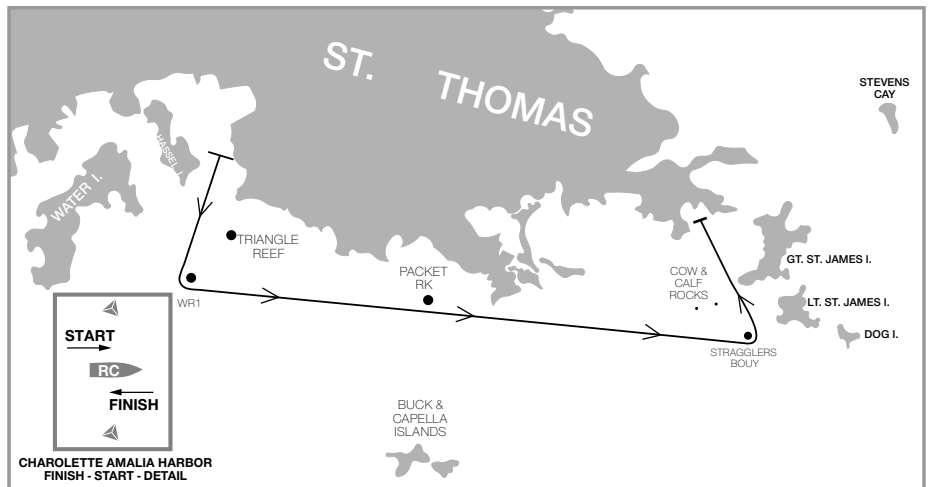
► **NC2 North Cowpet Course 2** (12 nm)

Start in the Charlotte Amalie Harbor between the RC boat and nearby mark and proceed to Flamingo buoy round to Port. Proceed to Capella and Buck Islands and pass to Port. Proceed to Stragglers buoy round to port and then to finish outside of Cowpet Bay.



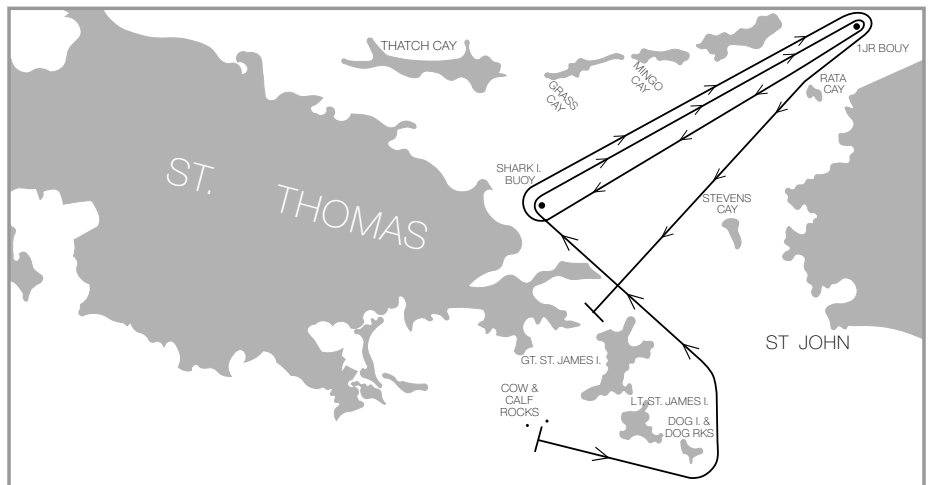
► **NC3 North Cowpet Course 3** (8 nm)

Start in the Charlotte Amalie Harbor between the RC boat and nearby buoy. Proceed to WR1 buoy and round to Port. Proceed to Packet Rock buoy and pass to port. Proceed to Stragglers buoy round to port and then to finish outside of Cowpet Bay.

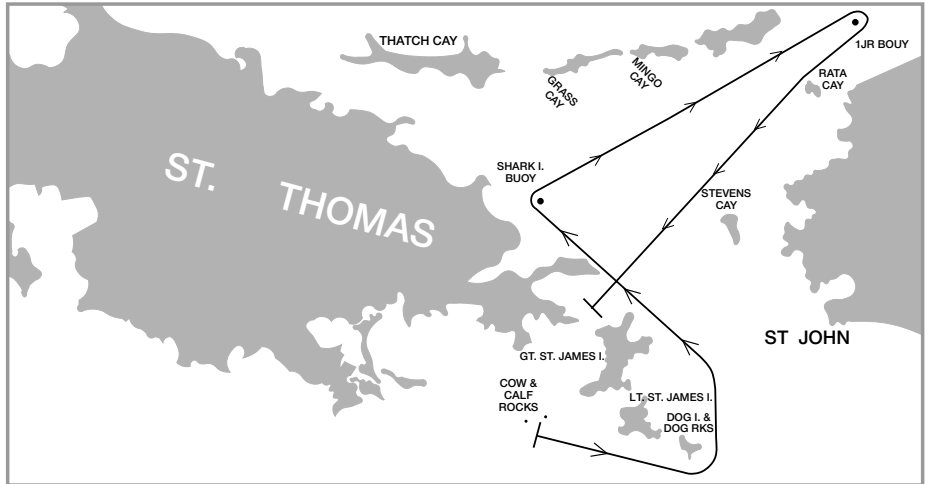


► **NP1 North Pillsbury Course 1** (21 nm)

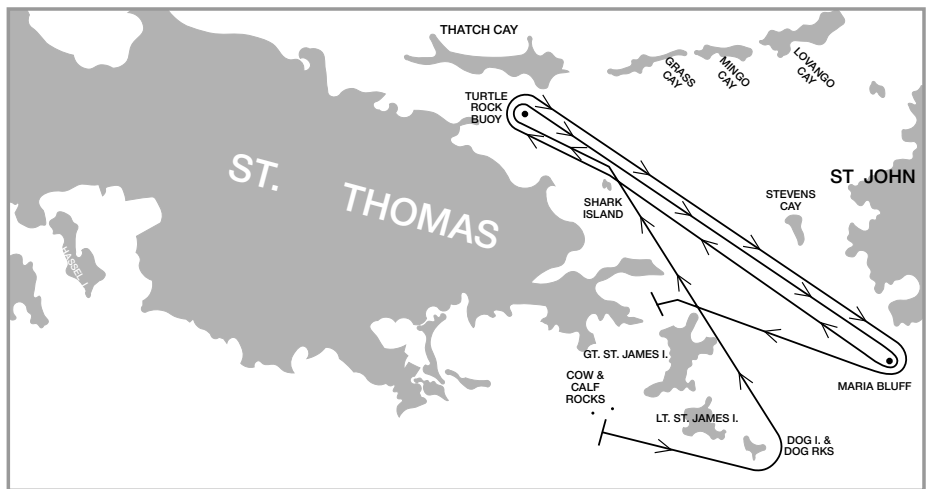
Start between RC boat and nearby mark and proceed to Dog Rocks and round to Port. Continue to Shark Island buoy round to Starboard and on to 1JR buoy (north of Johnson's Reef) rounding to starboard. Proceed to Shark Island buoy round to starboard back to 1JR buoy round to starboard and sail to finish north of Current Cut Rock.



- ▶ **NP2 North Pillsbury Course 2** (13 nm)
Start between RC boat and nearby mark and proceed to Dog Rocks and round to Port. Continue to Shark Island buoy round to Starboard and on to 1JR bouy(north of Johnson's Reef) rounding to starboard. Continue to finish north of Current Cut Rock.



- ▶ **SP1 South Pillsbury Course 1** (21 nm)
Start between RC boat and nearby mark and proceed to Dog Rocks and round to Port. Continue on Leaving Shark Island to Port and round Turtle Rock buoy to Starboard. Proceed to Maria Bluff bouy and round to starboard back to Turtle Rock buoy round to starboard and on to Maria Bluff bouy and round to starboard. Continue to finish north of Current Cut Rock.



- ▶ **SP2 South Pillsbury Course 2** (13 nm)
Start between RC boat and nearby mark and proceed to Dog Rocks and round to Port. Continue on Leaving Shark Island to Port and round Turtle Rock buoy to Starboard. Proceed to Maria Bluff bouy and round it to Starboard. Continue to finish north of Current Cut Rock.

