



# 2023 Charlotte Amalie Easter Regatta and Rally

April 08-09, 2023

Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions

1. **RULES:** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current Racing Rules of Sailing.
2. **ENTRIES:** 2023 IC-24 Saturday Series Race Competitors fee is included with series. For new entrants in the IC24 class there will be a \$50.00 fee. No fee for Rally participants.
3. **CREW:** Minimum crew on IC-24s will be 2.
4. **SCHEDULE:** A skipper's meeting will be held at 10:00 at STYC on 04/08/2023. The warning signal will be at 11:00 for the Distance Race to Charlotte Amalie. The finish will be inside the harbor off of Havensite. After the finish of the distance race, Rally boats will be given a start for sailing the Water Island course and IC-24 racers will have either two buoy races or a Water Island race. IC24's will be moored in slip(s) at Yacht Haven Grande for the night. **Saturday Party to follow at restaurant Social from 16:00-18:00 cash bar.** Sunday morning skippers meeting at 09:00 grass area next to restaurant Social. The warning signal will be at 10:00 for the Rally back to STYC followed by two buoy races for IC-24s. For IC-24s, the distance race to STYC will start shortly after the two buoy races. Finish will be in the vicinity of Cow and Calf. Awards presentation to follow at STYC.
5. **COMMUNICATION:** Radio Channel 72
6. **BOATS AND EQUIPMENT:**
  - 6.1 IC-24s using class rules and STYC Saturday Series Afternoon Sailing Instructions where applicable. Spinnakers are allowed unless No Spins is posted or announced by Race Committee. Medium Jibs will be available for use.
  - 6.2 All collisions or groundings must be reported to the STSC office either by filing a protest or filling out an incident report.
  - 6.3 Racer/Cruiser boats 20' in length or more for rally to Charlotte and Water Island course.
7. **RACE AREA:** Waters of Cowpet Bay, south side of St Thomas Island, the inner harbor of Charlotte Amalie, Hassel and Water Island.
8. **START:** The start will be between an orange flag on the signal boat and the course side of the pin mark.
9. **START SEQUENCE:** for Distance Races and Buoy races the starting sequence will be a 5-minute countdown for all races. Subsequent races each day will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race. The start for the Rally will be a 5 minute countdown.
10. **STARTING ORDER:** will be IC24's and then Rally Class. Each class will have separate warning signals (**not** a rolling 5 minute).
11. **ABANDONING AFTER THE START:** When it is necessary to abandon a race in progress the committee boat will display an "N" flag and sound several short blasts of the horn as well as hail on Channel 72. This changes rule 32.1.
12. **TIME LIMIT:** The time limit for the distance races will be 4 hours for the first boat to finish.
13. **PROTESTS:** Protests shall be delivered to STYC within 30 minutes after the race committee or protesting team returns to shore, whichever is later. Hearings will be held as soon as possible thereafter.
14. **TROPHIES and SCORING:** Scoring will be on the low point system with the two distance races each weighted at 1.5 percent of finishing score. Prizes will be awarded for first through third places, ties will go



to the team with the lowest combined buoy scores or water Island race finish place. Scores will be included for the Saturday series and will be designated by each team for Saturday morning or afternoon series score.

15. **COURSE and MARKS:** The 2023 two distance courses and four buoy races listed below. There are dangerous shoals/rocks on this race course so please have a form of navigation aboard.

15.1 **Saturday 04-08 Course 1 (distance course to Charlotte Amalie Inner Harbor): approximately 7 miles both IC24's and Rally**

- A. Start RC and Yellow Ball
- B. W (yellow inflatable leave to port)
- C. R2 (Packet Rock leave to starboard)
- D. R2(Channel Rock leave to starboard)
- E. Finish line inner harbor near Cay Bay, East of Ferry Building between RC and yellow finishing Mark or RC may shorten course and finish between boat and R4 off of Frenchman's Reef (announcement of location will be finalized at skipper's meeting will be held at 10:00 at STYC on 04/08/2023 and on Radio channel 72)

15.2 **Saturday 04-08 Buoy Races: (TBD) Inner Harbor near Cay Bay (IC24's only)**

- A. The course to be sailed will be designated by letter(s) on the Committee Boat course board. Marks shall be rounded in order and left to port, except when a gate is used as described below.
- B. Gate Marks (yellow and black): The leeward mark may be replaced by a gate. There will be no signal from the race committee signifying the addition or deletion of a gate mark.
- C. The symbol "II" displayed with the "W" course means "sail the course twice around".
- D. The symbol "III" displayed with the "W" course means "sail the course three times around".
- E. The W(II and III) course will have the leeward mark (or gate) located approximately 15 yards to windward of the start/finish line.
- F. However, if no separate leeward mark is in place the pin end of the line shall be the leeward mark.

15.3 **Saturday 04-08 Water Island Course (Rally and/or IC 24)**

- A. Start Inner harbor inner harbor near Cay Bay, East of Ferry Building Between RC and Yellow starting Mark or RC boat and R4 off of Frenchman's Reef (will announce over radio channel 72).
- B. Hassle Island and R2 (off of Cowell Pt) leave to starboard.
- C. **Choose your course (direction) for circumnavigating Water Island (clockwise or counter clockwise).**
- D. Hassle Island and R2 (off of Cowell Pt) leave to port.
- E. Finish line inner harbor near Cay Bay, East of Ferry Building between RC and yellow finishing Mark or RC may shorten course and finish between RC boat and R6 Rupert Rock



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**15.4 Sunday 04-09 Buoy Races: (TBD) Inner Harbor near Cay Bay**

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- B. Gate Marks (yellow and black): The leeward mark may be replaced by a gate. There will be no signal from the race committee signifying the addition or deletion of a gate mark.
- C. The symbol "II" displayed with the "W" course means "sail the course twice around".
- D. The symbol "III" displayed with the "W" course means "sail the course three times around".
- E. The W(II and III) course will have the leeward mark (or gate) located approximately 15 yards to windward of the start/finish line.
- F. However, if no separate leeward mark is in place the pin end of the line shall be the leeward mark.

**15.5 Sunday 04-09 Course 2 (distance course to STYC): approximately 7 miles**

- A. Start inner harbor near Cay Bay, East of Ferry Building Between RC and Yellow starting Mark or RC boat and R4 off of Frenchman's Reef
- B. R2 (Channel Rock leave to Port)
- C. R2 (Packet Rock can pass either inside or outside)
- D. Finish line Cowpet Bay near Cow and Calf Rocks between RC and yellow finishing Mark.

**Appendix: Alternative Penalties:** This appendix is a US Sailing prescription.

Rules V1 and V2 provide alternative penalties that encourage competitors to take a penalty when they may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident. One or both of these rules apply only if the sailing instructions so state.

V1 Penalty at the time of an incident.

The first two sentences of rule 44.1 are changed to: 'A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty.'

V2 Penalty Taken After a Race.

After a race, a boat that may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident while racing may take a Post-Race Penalty for that incident. A boat takes the penalty by delivering a written notice to the race office that identifies the race number and when and where the incident occurred. The penalty shall be a 30% Scoring Penalty, calculated as stated in rule 44.3(c) However, rules 44.1(a) and (b) apply, and the penalty shall not be taken after a protest hearing involving the incident has began.