



ST. THOMAS  
SAILING CENTER

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

IC-24 Racing 2023-2024

Saturday Morning Series • 09:30-11:30

Saturday Afternoon Series • 13:30-17:00

### Amendment #3

(01-12-2023)

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the current version of *The Racing Rules of Sailing* and these Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Hiking shall be in accordance with IC-24 class rules.

#### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (white dry erase board) located on the patio near the STYC Bar and/or on the glass door adjacent to the bell.
- 2.2 Race Committee may also hail competitors or make announcements on channel 72.
- 2.3 Optional Skippers Meetings will be held on the STYC deck at:
  - For the Morning Session, 09:30 (first gun 10:00)
  - For the Afternoon Session, 13:30 (first gun at 14:00 )

#### 3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 10:00 on the day it will take effect.

#### 4 BOATS AND EQUIPMENT

- 4.1 Each team will be assigned a boat for the series.
- 4.2 Sail configurations will be declared and posted at the Skippers Meeting. Sail Configurations may be revised at any time by the Race Committee, see 20. Spinnakers will not be used for the Morning Series. Spinnakers may be used for the Afternoon Series unless restricted by Race Committee, see 20.
- 4.3 All collisions must be reported to the STSC office either by filing a protest or filling out a collision report.
- 4.4 Please email all STSC boat maintenance problems to [maintenance@stthomassailingcenter.com](mailto:maintenance@stthomassailingcenter.com). **Damaged sails should be brought to the STSC office and tagged.** Please include the specific location of damage.
- 4.5 If an STSC boat(s) or sail(s) is(are) damaged or if there is damage to third party boats or property resulting from operator error as determined by STYC, the skipper or skippers found to be at fault will be responsible for 100% of the cost of repairs.

#### 5 CREW

- 5.1 Minimum number of crew is 2 including the skipper.
- 5.2 Teams may designate a substitute skipper prior to the skippers meeting. Substitute skippers must be approved by the STSC Director and be an STYC Member with IC-24 Boat Access.

## 6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 There will be one Saturday Morning Series and one Saturday Afternoon Series, each with buoy and distance racing combined. The Series begins December 16, 2023, and will include January 06, 20, February 03, 17, March 02, 16, and April 6, 27 of 2024.

6.2a **Morning Series** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of the Morning Series is 10:00 am. No race will be started after 11:30 pm. There may be a debrief during the lunch break.

6.2b **Afternoon Series** The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of the Afternoon Series is 14:00. No race will be started after 16:15. Please race.

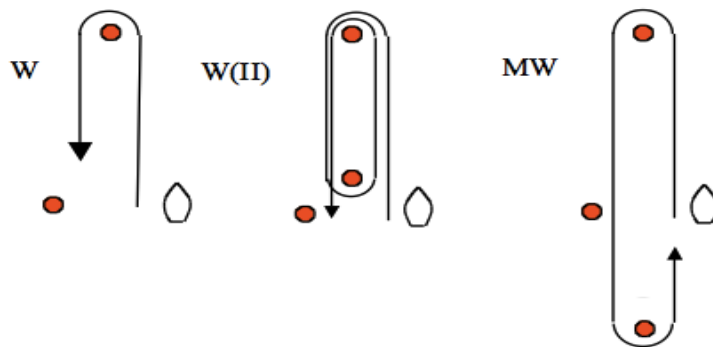
6.3 To be scheduled (tentative date is 04/27/2024) is a distance race from STYC to Charlotte Amalie followed by buoy race(s) in Charlotte Amalie Harbor and the following day, Sunday, a distance race back to STYC.

## 7 RACING AREA

Racing will be held in Cowpet and St. James Bays or the water just south of there as well as the racing area(s) for the Distance Race (see Addendum).

## 8 THE COURSES

8.1 For short course/buoy racing: The diagrams below show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. A windward offset mark or leeward gate in place of a leeward mark may be added to these courses.



Note: "MW" course: the start/finish line is not a mark of the course on the downwind leg.

8.2 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 in 8.4.

8.3 An offset mark, if used, will be set approximately 100 feet to the left of the windward mark. If in place, the offset mark shall be left to port after each rounding of the windward mark. There will be no signal from the race committee signifying the addition or deletion of the offset mark.

8.4 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.

8.5 The symbol "II" displayed with the "MW" course means "sail the course twice around".

8.6 The W(II) course will have the leeward mark (or gate) located approximately 75 yards to windward of the start/finish line. However, if no separate leeward mark is in place the pin end of the line shall be the leeward mark.

## 9 MARKS

9.1 Marks are inflatable yellow spheres approximately 4' in diameter.

9.2 The offset mark, if used, may be an inflatable sphere or a ball.

## 10 THE START

10.1 All starts will be modified dinghy starts with horn signals indicating the countdown. Before the starting sequence of each race there will be several short blasts of the horn to warn racers of the upcoming sequence. This changes rule 26.

THE SEQUENCE	HORNS	TIME	
WARNING	3 LONG	3 MINUTES	
PREPARATORY	2 LONG	2 MINUTES	
	1 LONG, 1 SHORT	1 MINUTE, 30 SECONDS	
	1 LONG	1 MINUTE	
	3 SHORT	30 SECONDS	
	2 SHORT	20 SECONDS	
	1 SHORT	10 SECONDS	
	5 SHORT, 1 LONG	5,4,3,2,1, START	

10.2 The starting line will be between a red flag on the committee boat and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

#### 11 INDIVIDUAL RECALLS

The Race Committee may attempt to hail premature starters by boat name or sail number. Recalls may also be broadcast on VHF Channel 72. Delay, failure to hail or broadcast the individual boat name or sail numbers of recalled boats shall not be grounds for redress.

#### 12 GENERAL RECALLS

General recalls will be signaled by many short blasts of the horn and display of the first substitute flag. After a general recall, the Race Committee may start a new sequence immediately. This changes rule 29.2.

#### 13 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

13.1 The Race Committee may move the position of a mark to maintain the course configuration provided no boats are sailing on that leg. In addition, offset marks and gates may be added or removed, per sections 8.3 and 8.4 above.

13.2 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. This changes rule 33.

#### 14 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. This changes rule 32.1.

#### 15 THE FINISH

15.1 The finishing line will be between a red flag on the committee boat and the nearby finishing mark.

#### 16 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

16.1 Appendix V1 and V2 will apply which changes rule 44.1. (See page 4 for a copy of Appendix V)

#### 17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

17.1 A boat intending to protest need not display a red flag. Protests will be indicated by a hail of "protest" at the time of the alleged infringement. This modifies rule 61.1(a). Note: Only the word "protest" will fulfill the protest requirements. "Do your circles" or other such hails will not. Upon completing the race, the protesting boat must also notify the Race Committee boat of their intention to protest.

17.2 Protest forms are available in the STSC office. Protests and requests for redress shall be delivered to race management within the appropriate time limit.

17.3 The protest time limit is 15 minutes after the Race Committee returns to the dock or 15 minutes after the last team returns to the dock, whichever is later.

17.4 Rule 63.5 is modified by adding, "A protest involving damage may be heard by the Protest Committee even though the requirements of rule 61.1(a) and 61.3 have not been fulfilled."

## 18 ON-THE-WATER UMPIRING

If the race committee observes a clear violation of a rule by a competitor, it may red flag that competitor, who must then exonerate him/herself in accordance with rule SI 16.1

## 19 SCORING

19.1 The "Low-Point Scoring System" of Appendix A of the racing rules will apply for the series.

19.2 The "Low-Point Scoring System" is modified such that a first-place finish will receive .75 points

19.3 Each boat's total score will be the sum of her scores for all races.

19.4 For the afternoon series if a boat flies a spinnaker on any of the legs she will score as a spinnaker boat. Those who do fly a spinnaker shall be handicapped 2.5 seconds per leg.

## 20 SAIL RESTRICTIONS

20.1 If race committee posts "RM" on the course board, mainsails must be reefed.

20.2 If race committee posts "NS" on the course board, spinnakers shall not be used.

20.3 Race committee will make an announcement prior to racing as to which jib shall be used.

## 21 RACE COMMITTEE

Each team will volunteer two of their team's sailors to participate and assist the race committee for the particular series (morning or afternoon) that the team has registered and signed up for. Once registered and paid for an "RC signup sheet" will be emailed to skippers to choose which week the team would like to assist RC. The day your team is on the race committee the total points scored will be equal to a first place finish in each race. If you choose to sublet your RC duties to friends and family and you do race you will get the average of your lowest point in a race for that day.

## 22 PRIZES

Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in the series.

## APPENDIX V – 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.' Also for a boat that has broken the "a non-spinnaker boat may not take a spinnaker flying boat above a broad reach" she shall take 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 begun.