

St Thomas Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions

Sunday Big Boat Rally #4: Lovango Cay to Henley Cay

Sunday March 3, 2024

Organizing Authority: St Thomas Yacht Club and St Thomas Sailing Center

1. RULES

The rally will be governed by the Notice of Race and the current Rules of Sailing, except as modified by these Sailing Instructions

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The rally is open to monohulls 24' and over with or without spinnaker. There will be 2 classes: **Class 1:** IC-24's; and **Class 2:** monohulls 30' and over. Competitors may enter by registering in person, by phone, or on [this link](#) with STYC prior to 5:00 PM on Friday March 1, 2024. Entry fee is \$40. The entry fee is non-refundable.

3. SKIPPERS MEETING

A competitors meeting will be held at STYC at 8:45 AM on Sunday March 3, 2024 at the St Thomas Yacht Club

4. VENUE

The rally will take place on the waters of Pillsbury Sound and the Caribbean Sea

5. THE START

Class 2 will be the first start with warning at 10:00 am. Class 1 will be the second start with a new warning after Class 2 have all cleared the starting area and followed by an attention signal.

6. THE COURSE AND MARKS

A. Class 1: IC 24 Adventure Sailors

The course distance is approximately 7.3 nm.

1. Starting line in Cowpet Bay
2. Keep Great St James to port
3. Keep Welk Rocks to starboard
4. Keep Carval Rock to port
5. Keep Blunder Rocks off Lovango Cay to starboard
6. Keep Henley Cay to port to Finish Line

B. Class 2: Big Boats Over 30'

The course distance is approximately 11.5 nm.

1. Starting line in Cowpet Bay
2. Keep Great St James to port
3. Keep Welk Rocks to starboard
4. Keep Blunder Rocks and Lovango Cay to port and Congo to starboard
5. Keep Mingo Cay to port
6. Keep Grass Cay to port
7. Keep Henley Cay to port to Finish line between RC boat and eastern most mooring ball on the southside of Henley Cay

7. SCORING

For the IC-24 class scoring will be one design configuration. For the Monohulls 30' and over class, scoring will be adjusted by PHRF for spinnaker or non-spinnaker PHRF time on distance.

Ratings will be adjusted based on whether a team declares the use of a spinnaker or not. **Boats using Spinnakers in class 2 must be declared the prior Saturday evening by 17:00.** Each class will be scored based on the order of finish on corrected time

8. VHF COMMUNICATION

All vessels must monitor VHF channel 72

9. POST RALLY GATHERING

Both Class 1 and Class 2 boats to pick-up moorings at Caneel Bay for post rally food and beverage and swimming. For Class 1 IC 24 Adventure Sailors, please plan for post rally hiking on St John, led by the famous yachtsman and mountaineer Bruno Paciulli, should you choose to do so.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the rally entirely at their own risk. See rule 4. Decision to participate. 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 rally.

11. FURTHER INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

Boats are to pay and to signify by 5:00 PM Friday, March 1, 2024 their intention of spinnaker or non-spinnaker. Please contact the St Thomas Sailing Center (340) 690-3681 or email info@stthomassailingcenter.com for more information. You can register and pay the entry fee [here](#).