

St Thomas Yacht Club
Sailing Instructions
Sunday Big Boat Rally #3: The Saint's Race
Saturday February 24, Sunday February 25, 2024
Under a Full Moon

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

1. RULES

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

2. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The rally is open to monohulls 36' and over with or without spinnaker. Competitors may enter by registering in person, by phone, or on [this link](#) with STYC prior to 5:00 PM on Friday February 23, 2024. Entry fee is \$40. The entry fee is non-refundable.

3. SKIPPERS MEETING

A competitors meeting will be held at STYC at 5:00 PM on Saturday February 24, 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 AND THE FINISH

The course to be sailed will be from the starting line in Cowpet Bay between the Rally Committee Boat and an inflatable marker. The first starting five (5) minute warning signal will occur at 6:00 PM, followed by the starting signal five (5) minutes later at 6:05 PM. The finish line will be the marker on Current Cut Island. Rally participants to report their finish time to the Rally Committee. There will not be a Rally Committee Boat at the Finish Line.

6. THE COURSE AND MARKS

The course distance is approximately 80 nm.

1. Starting line at Cowpet Bay
2. Rally participants will round St Croix Yellow Buoy "1" to port (approximately 1.6 NM 86 degrees east of Buck Island).
3. Leave Eagle Shoal to port
4. Leave St John to port
5. Leave Steven Cay to port
6. Finish line at the Current Cut Island marker.

7. SHORTENED COURSE

The course may be shortened if there is inadequate wind. Code Flag “S” will be hoisted from the Rally Committee Boat prior to the start warning signal. Further instructions will be given from the Rally Committee Boat on VHF Channel 72.

8. SCORING

For the Monohulls 36’ 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. Each class will be scored based on the order of finish on corrected time.

9. VHF COMMUNICATION

All vessels must monitor VHF channel 72.

10. SAFETY EQUIPMENT

All vessels must have the following safety equipment:

- A. Jacklines
- B. Off-Shore Life Jacket
- C. Sailing Safety Tethers
- D. U.S. Coast Guard Approved Flares
- E. U.S. Coast Guard approved Navigation Lights

11. PRIZES

Food and Beverages will be available at the St Thomas Yacht Club on Sunday February 25, 2024 between 11:30 AM and 2:00 PM.

12. 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.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION AND REGISTRATION

Boats are to pay and to signify by 5:00 PM Friday, February 23, 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](#).