

# **St Thomas Yacht Club**

## **Sailing Instructions**

**Sunday Big Boat Rally #2: Cowpet Bay to Water Island**

**Sunday February 4, 2024**

**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 24' and over with or without spinnaker. There will be 2 classes: 1) IC-24's and 2) monohulls 24' and over. Competitors may enter by registering in person, by phone, or on [this link](#) with STYC prior to 8:55 AM on Sunday February 4, 2024. Entry fee is \$40. The entry fee is non-refundable.

### **3. SKIPPERS' MEETING**

A Rally Participants meeting will be held at STYC at 8:55 AM on Sunday February 4, 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 between the Rally Committee Boat and a mark set by the Rally Committee Boat in Cowpet Bay. The first starting five (5) minute warning signal will occur at 10:00 AM, followed by the starting signal five (5) minutes later at 10:05 AM. The finish line will be when your boat is crossing Red Nun #2 at the entrance of Flamingo Bay, Water Island. Rally participants are to report their finish time to the Race Committee. There will not be a Rally Committee Boat at the finish line.

### **6. THE COURSE AND MARKS**

The course distance is approximately 8.0 nm to Flamingo Bay on Water Island.

1. Starting line at Cowpet Bay Rally Committee Boat
2. Rally participants will leave Water Island to Starboard
3. Finish line at the Red Nun #2 in Flamingo Bay.

## **7. SCORING**

For the IC-24 class scoring will be adjusted by PHRF rating for spinnaker or non-spinnaker. For the Monohulls 24' 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

## **8. VHF COMMUNICATION**

All vessels must monitor VHF channel 72.

## **9. PRIZES**

Food and music will be available on Water Island at Dinghy's Beach Bar & Grill in Honeymoon Beach on Water Island. If needed, a dinghy will be available to shuttle Rally participants to and from Honeymoon Beach.

## **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**

Please contact the St Thomas Sailing Center (340) 690-3681 or email [info@stthomassailingcenter.com](mailto:info@stthomassailingcenter.com) for more information. You can register and pay the entry fee [here](#).