

2023 Three Sheets Regatta Sailing Instructions

Organizing Authority: Roaring 20s Productions



November 30 – December 3, 2023
St. John – St. Croix – St. Thomas, USVI

1 RULES

The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Changes to the sailing instructions will be made on the water via VHF radio on channel 72 no later than the warning signal.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors, including postponement, will be broadcast on VHF 72 by the Race Committee.

It is the Race Committee's intention to respond to questions and provide information on VHF 72 during racing as a courtesy, to the extent that it is possible.

4 SCHEDULE OF RACES

The first warning signal for the Coral Bay, St. John start will be Friday December 1 at 0800.

The first warning signal for the Buck Island, St. Croix start will be Sunday December 3 at 0800.

5 RACING AREA

The racing area will be the waters between St. John, St. Croix, and St. Thomas islands in the USVI.

The Race Committee intends to make courtesy announcements identifying the location of the starting area beginning approximately 0730 each racing day.

6 COURSES

The course for Friday, December 1 will be between a starting line in Coral Bay, St. John and a finish line at Buck Island, St. Croix.

The course for Sunday, December 3 will be between a starting line in the Buck Island Channel, St. Croix and a finish line in Charlotte Amalie Harbor, St. Thomas.

7 MARKS

The only marks will be the start and finish line marks.

8 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES

The starting lines for both races will be between an orange flag on the signal boat and a nearby mark, to be communicated prior to the first warning signal by the Race Committee.

The St. Croix finish line will be between a blue flag on the porch of the green-roofed house on Pull Point and the west end of Buck Island.

The St. Thomas finish line will be at the entrance to Charlotte Amalie Harbor between a nearby mark and 26' MV *On Time*, off Point Knoll. When approaching St. Thomas, please call the Race Committee on channel 72 for more detailed instructions.

Nearby marks may be an inflatable shape, a mooring ball, or an existing navigational mark.

The Start will be a 5-minute flag sequence as defined by the RRS 26. If a sound signal accompanies the flag sequence, it is as a courtesy.



9 TIME LIMIT

The time limit for each race will be at 1600 hours.

Any boats on the course when the time limit has expired (TLE) shall hail the race committee and communicate their approximate position, then head in promptly, using engine power if necessary.

10 HEARING REQUESTS

The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes each day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

11 SCORING

It is the race committee's intention to record each boat's elapsed time for each leg.

It is the organizer's intent to award prizes based on the criteria of their choosing.

Prize giving is intended at 1800 hours following each leg. The December 1 ceremony will be held in the Club Comanche Hotel Palm Garden, Strand Lane, Christiansted, St. Croix. The December 3 ceremony will be held at The Box Bar, Yacht Haven Grande, St. Thomas.

12 RISK STATEMENT AND DISCLAIMER OF RESPONSIBILITIES

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.

