



2016 CARLOS AGUILAR MATCH RACE

Presented by
USVI Department of Tourism

The WIM Series Finale

1-4 December 2016

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the Virgin Islands Sailing Association.

2 VENUE

The venue will be Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for a World Sailing Grade 1 (women).

This grading is subject to review by the World Sailing Match Race Rankings Sub Committee. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

4.1 (a) Race office open from 1000 through 1800 on 29 and 30 November, 2016 at Yacht Haven Grande.

(b) Registration from 1000 through 1600, on 29 and 30 November, 2016.

(c) Crew weighing from 1000 through 1600, 29 and 30 November, 2016.

(d) A 2 hour practice per team from 1000 through 1600, 30 November, 2016.

(e) First briefing at 1730, 30 November, 2016.

(f) First meeting with umpires immediately following the first briefing.

(g) Opening Ceremony on 30 November at 1900.

(h) Racing days from 01 through 04 December 2016.

(i) Scheduled time of the first race each day will be 0900.

(j) Daily press conference 30 minutes after the last race of each day.

(k) Prize giving on 04 December 2016, following the completion of racing.

4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:

(a) Initial briefing, for skippers.

(b) Opening Ceremony, for skippers and crew.

(c) Daily briefing, for skippers.

(d) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.

(e) Regatta dinner, for skippers.

(f) Prize giving for the top 8 skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- (a) At least twelve (12) skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. Applications for invitations to this event are attached to this Notice of Race. The issuance of invitations is at the sole discretion of the OA.
- (b) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- (c) To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing, (fax or e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified in the Letter of Invitation.
- (d) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19.2.
- (e) All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- (f) All competitors shall be current members of the Women's International Match Racing Association (WIMRA).

6 ENTRIES

- 6.1 The team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card, local currency (US Dollar) or check.
- 6.2 **Entry Fee**
A non-refundable entry fee of \$US 500 shall be paid 30 October 2016. Entries received after that date will be charged an additional \$US100, or may be refused, at the sole discretion of the OA.
- 6.3 When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. [World Sailing Regulation 27.2.2(d)]
- 6.4 **Damage deposit**
 - (a) An initial damage deposit of \$US1000 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
 - (b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
 - (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

7 RULES

- 7.1
 - (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
 - (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor sailing. Class rules will not apply.
 - (c) The National Authority, the Virgin Islands Sailing Association, has no prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 7.2. **Major Alterations to the RRS**
 - (a) Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
 - (b) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.
 - (c) RRS 31 will be changed.
 - (d) Under RRS 86.2, this event will use the package of test rules approved by World Sailing for match racing. See detailed wording for these rule changes in NOR Appendix A.
- 7.3 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- (a) The event will be sailed in IC 24 type boats.
- (b) Six (6) boats will be provided, plus one or two spares. More boats may be provided, if available.
- (c) The following sails will be provided for each boat:
Mainsail, Jib, and Symmetric Spinnaker.
- (d) Boats will be allocated by draw at such times as decided by the Race Committee.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- (a) The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four (4) or five (5). All registered crew shall be female and shall sail all races.
- (b) The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing, shall be 272kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- (c) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- (d) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- (e) Housing will be provided for teams beginning Tuesday 29 November and ending Monday, 05 December 2016.
- (f) On racing days, a light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Several dinners will also be provided.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- (a) Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on the World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.
- (b) The event will consist of the following stages:
 - Stage 1 - A full round robin
 - Stage 2 - Quarter Finals
 - Stage 3 - Semi Finals
 - Stage 4 – Finals and Petit-Finals
- (c) The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when conditions do not permit the completion of the intended format. Early stages may be terminated in favor of later stages.

11 COURSE

- (a) The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- (b) The intended course area will be in the harbor of Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

12 ADVERTISING

- (a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, World Sailing, Regulation (Appendix 1) 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.

- (b) Blank
- (c) Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the Organising Authority.
- (d) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

- (a) Trophies will be presented to the skippers and crews placing first through third.
- (b) There will be cash prizes for the top eight places. Total prize money awarded will be at least \$US 10,000.
- (c) These prizes have been approved by the national authority.
- (d) The IJ may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

14.1 If required by the OA:

- (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing and competitors shall be available for interviews.
- (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing.
- (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them while racing.

14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

14.3 The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15 COACH BOATS

- (a) Coach boats are not permitted. A coach boat is any boat that is under the direction or control of a person gathering information or giving material support for the benefit of particular competitors either on the water or off.

16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Blank

17 DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

18 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA by completing the attached form.

NoR ADDENDUM A – PACKAGE OF TEST MATCH RACING RULES version 2*

Below are the details of the changes to the RRS:

A. Add new RRS 7 to Part 1:

7 LAST POINT OF CERTAINTY

The umpires will assume that the state of a boat, or her relationship to another boat, has not changed, until they are certain that it has changed.

B. Delete RRS 18, C2.6 and C2.7 and replace with:

18 MARK ROOM

18.1 When Rule 18 Applies

Rule 18 applies between boats when they are required to leave a *mark* on the same side and at least one of them is in the *zone*. However, it does not apply between a boat approaching a *mark* and one leaving it.

18.2 Giving Mark-Room

- (a) When the first boat reaches the *zone*,
 - (1) if boats are *overlapped*, the outside boat at that moment shall thereafter give the inside boat *mark-room*.
 - (2) if boats are not *overlapped*, the boat that has not reached the *zone* shall thereafter give *mark-room*.
- (b) If the boat entitled to *mark-room* leaves the *zone*, the entitlement to *mark-room* ceases and rule 18.2(a) is applied again if required based on the relationship of the boats considered at the time rule 18.2(a) is re-applied.
- (c) If a boat obtained an inside *overlap* and, from the time the *overlap* began, the outside boat is unable to give *mark-room*, she is not required to give it.

18.3 Tacking or Gybing

When an inside *overlapped* right-of-way boat must change *tack* at a *mark* to sail her *proper course*, until she changes *tack* she shall sail no farther from the *mark* than needed to sail that course. Rule 18.3 does not apply at a gate *mark* or a finishing *mark* and a boat shall not be penalized for breaking this rule unless the course of another boat was affected by the breach of this rule.

C. Change definition of Mark-Room to:

Mark-Room Room for a boat to sail her *proper course* to round or pass the *mark* on the required side. If *room* includes a change of *tack*, such tack or gybe shall be done no quicker than a tack or gybe to sail her *proper course*.

D. Add the following new rule:

C2.14 Rule 17 is deleted.



2016 CARLOS AGUILAR MATCH RACE

Virgin Islands Sailing Association

Women's Match Race

Racing Days: 01 - 04 December 2016

Registration and Practice Sailing: 29 – 30 November 2016

REQUEST FOR INVITATION

(Please submit by 30 September 2016)

I would like an invitation to the 2016 Carlos Aguilar Match Race:

Name:

Address:

City, State, Postcode:

Country:

Home Phone:

Work/Cell Phone:

E-mail:

World Sailing Sailor ID:

To submit request, please complete this form and e-mail to Verian Tuttle verianaguilar1@gmail.com and cc Liz Baylis liz@wimseries.com