





# NOTICE OF RACE

# 1 ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority (OA) will be the St. Thomas Yacht Club, in conjunction with the Virgin Islands Sailing Association

# 2 VENUE

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

# 3 EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for ISAF Grade 2

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

# 4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAM

- 4.1 (a) Race office open from 10h00 through 18h00 on 02 and 03 December 2015 at Yacht Haven Grande.
  - (b) Registration from 10h00 through 16h00, on 02 and 03 December 2015.
  - (c) Crew weighing from 10h00 through 16h00, on 02 and 03 December 2015.
  - (d) A 2 hour practice per team from 10h00 through 16h00, 03 December 2015.
  - (e) First briefing at 17h30, 03 December 2015.
  - (f) First meeting with umpires at following the first briefing.
  - (g) Blank
  - (h) Racing days from 04 through 06 December 2015.
  - (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 06 December 2015, following the last race.

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

- (a) Initial briefing for skippers.
- (b) Daily briefing, for skippers.
- (c) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.
- (d) Regatta dinner, for skippers.
- (e) Prize giving for the final skippers and crews.

# 5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- (a) At least nine (9) 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. Acceptance of invitations must be received by the OA by 01 October, 2015.
- (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 15 October, 2015.
- (d) Blank.
- (e) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of ISAF regulation 19.2.
- (f) All competitors shall obtain an ISAF Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their ISAF Sailor ID at registration.

# 6 ENTRIES

6.1 (a) The skipper 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 2015. 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 the ISAF. [ISAF 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 re stored 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.

#### ' 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. 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 (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, C6.3 and C7.4 will be changed in the sailing instructions.
- (c) RRS 31 will be changed.
- 7.3 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.
- 7.4 Note that ISAF has approved a change to Appendix C from January1, 2015 as follows: "Delete current rule C2.9 and replace with: C2.9 Rule 22.3 is deleted."

#### 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 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 no less than four (4) and no more than five (5). All registered crew shall sail all races. The OA will supply each boat with a crew weighing approximate 130 lbs. from a St. Thomas high school sailing program. These crew will be working members of the crew and will be trained in match racing
- (b) The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing, shall be 364kg, (800 lbs) when wearing at least shorts and shirts, not including the provided high school sailor
- (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 Wednesday 02, December 2015 and ending Monday, 07 December 2015.
- (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 ISAF ranking list 30 days prior to the event.
- (b) The event will consist of a double round robin
- (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 Organizing Authority, ISAF, 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 Organizing 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) First prize - Trophy Second prize - Trophy Third prize - Trophy

# 14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

The OA may require television personnel and equipment (or dummies) to be carried on board while racing and may require competitors to be available for interviews. 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.



# ST. THOMAS YACHT CLUB & VIRGIN ISLANDS SAILING ASSOCIATION

# **RACING DAYS:** 04-06, December 2015 REGISTRATION AND PRACTICE SAILING: 02 - 03 December, 2015

# REQUEST FOR INVITATION (Please submit by 01 September 2015)

I would like an invitation to the 2015 Carlos Aguilar Match Race Regatta:

Name:
Address:
City, State, Postcode:
Country:
Hama Dhana
Home Phone:
Work/Cell Phone:
E-mail:
ISAF Sailor ID:

To submit request please complete this form and E-mail to Verian Tuttle verianaguilar1@gmail.com