

6th VIODA Championship

April 8-9, 2017

St. Thomas Yacht Club-Great Bay/Cowpet Bay, St. Thomas, VI

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 IODA Rules will apply. Classes will be determined by age as per the USODA Rules. Fleets will be Red, Blue, White and Green.
- 1.4 Appendix P will be used.

2 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist class.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line registration process.
- 3.3 The OA reserves the right to limit the number of entries to 120 skippers.

4 FEES

Required fees are as follows:

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Registration Fee: \$60

Late registration fee after April 5th: \$70

5 SCHEDULE

5.1 Schedule of events:

<u>Date:</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>
April 7, 2017	Registration	4:00-7:00pm, St. Thomas Yacht Club
April 8, 2017	Racing –	8:30 AM Mandatory Skipper Meeting, 1 st warning signal at 10:00 AM
Date: April 9, 2017	Racing	1 st warning signal at 9:30

IMPORTANT NOTICE:

Saturday 9:00/9:30am STYC dock must be cleared of ALL boats. All private boats, club boats and coach boats MUST leave the dock by 9:30am. STYC is hosting a wedding and must have the dock completely cleared. Boats may return to the dock on Sunday after 7 am.

Parents traveling to St. Thomas by boat will need to find an overnight mooring for Saturday night. Optis will be kept overnight at Skinny Beach. Located in Great Bay, next bay over from Cowpet Bay where STYC is. Sailors will be transported from and to Skinny Beach by car since boat access is difficult.

Saturday Lunch: Subway sandwiches will be provided on the water at a cost of \$5 per sailor. Payment will be collected during registration on Friday. On the contrary, sailor is free to receive lunch from coach or parents on the water.

6 MEASUREMENTS

Each boat entered shall be an IOD 95.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available during registration on April 7th at St. Thomas Yacht Club 4:00 PM to 7:00 PM. The Sailing Instructions will also be available on-line prior to the event.

8 VENUE

8.1 St. Thomas Yacht Club at Cowpet Bay or Great Bay and surrounding waters.

9 THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be as follows: Modified Trapezoid or Windward / Leeward. If conditions warrant, the courses will be modified to accommodate the appropriate wind conditions. Green fleet will receive their course at the skipper's meeting each morning.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 For Green Fleet sailors, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10.2 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

11 SCORING

11.1 One completed race constitutes a series.

11.2 (a) When less than six races have been completed; a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores.

(b) When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12 SUPPORT/SAFETY/COACH BOATS/ ADULT RESPONSIBILITY

12.1. There will be a mandatory meeting for all non-race committee boats on April 8th, 2017 at 08:15. Failure to attend could be reflected in your sailor/team results.

12.2. An adult (parent, guardian or designated adult) is responsible for the safety of their sailor. It is the responsibility solely of this adult to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event. The adults supervising the competitors are ultimately responsible for the risks.

12.3. Parents not personally attending any part of the event shall ensure that another adult is authorized and designated to make these decisions for their sailor, and each competitor shall indicate in writing the parent or adult representative that will be responsible for the competitor throughout the event.

12.4. The designated adult shall accept full responsibility for all actions of the competitor during any activity related to the event. This includes on-shore activities before, during, and after

the regatta.

13 PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the top three in the Red, Blue and White classes and top three overall as well as the top place female. Participation awards will be awarded to all green fleet sailors.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to Race. 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 regatta.

15 CONTACT INFORMATION

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16 CHARTER BOATS

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