



**27<sup>th</sup> St Croix Yacht Club International Regatta  
Optimist and Open Skiff Circle  
Teague Bay, St Croix USVI  
March 7 & 8, 2020**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

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

- 1.1 Personal Flotation Devices (PFD) shall be worn by all team members, including Safety Officers, at all times while on the water except for brief periods while adjusting gear.
- 1.2 Once the warning signal has sounded, Safety Officers and / or parents must clear the area and may not coach, handle lines, drive, or call tactics.

**2 ENTRIES**

Competitors may enter by completing the entry form online at Regatta Network, paying the entry fee, and presenting the signed waiver at the St Croix Yacht Club during registration no later than 0830 on Saturday 7 March 2020.

**3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at west side of clubhouse, facing the tee dock.

**4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagpole on the east lawn. If a postponement is signaled ashore, the warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag AP is lowered.

**5 SCHEDULE and CLASS FLAG(S)**

A competitors' meeting will be held at 0900 Saturday 7 March in the east room at the SCYC. The warning signal for the first race will be:

Saturday, 7 March: 1000

Sunday, 8 March: 0930

Subsequent races each day will be held as soon as possible after the end of the previous race.

The class flags are:

Optimist	Green Optimist
Optimist	Advanced Optimist (white)
Open skiff	Pink

**6 RACING AREA**

The racing area will be Teague Bay.

**7 COURSE[S] and MARKS**

7.1 All marks will be balls, buoys, or tetrahedrons.

7.2 Attachment A shows the courses, course designations, and the marks in order. All marks are rounded to port.

## **8 STARTING AND FINISHING LINES; STARTING SYSTEM**

- 8.1 Races will be started by using Appendix U – Audible Signal Racing System. This changes RRS 26.
- 8.2 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the RC signal boat and a nearby mark
- 8.3 The finish line will be between a blue flag on the RC signal boat and a nearby mark.

## **9 TIME LIMIT**

- 9.1 A boat starting more than 5 minutes after her starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes Rule A4.
- 9.2 A race may be abandoned by the race committee, if the leading boat has not rounded the first mark within 20 minutes of starting, or the time for the first boat to finish exceeds 40 minutes from start. This modifies rule 32.
- 9.3 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in the fleet finishes will be scored one (1) point more than the number of finishing boats and will be scored TLE. This changes rules 35, A4.1, A4.2, A5, and A11.

## **10 PROTESTS and REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 10.1 A boat intending to protest shall inform the signal boat, on the finish side, as soon as they finish,
- 10.2 Protest shall be delivered to the Protest Secretary at the clubhouse east room within 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 10.3 Protests shall be open and heard in the protest tent.

## **11 SCORING**

- 11.1 If at least 6 races are completed, each boat's worst score will be excluded from her series score. There will be one throw out for every six races completed.
- 11.2 One race constitutes a series.

## **12 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 liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**Optimist Skiff Course - Modified**  
**Windward/Leeward**

W1: Start - W - Finish

W2: Start - W - L - Finish

\*All Roundings to Port

\*Start line is closed

