



Crucian Open Regatta
Teague Bay, St. Croix US Virgin Islands
February 9–11, 2024
Organizing Authority: St. Croix Yacht Club

Sailing Instructions

1 RULES The Regatta will be governed by:

- 1.1 The racing rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS),
- 1.2 The relevant one-design class rules for boats racing in one-design classes.
- 1.3 Personal Flotation Devices (PFD's) shall always be worn by competitors while on the water except for brief periods while adjusting personal gear.

2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day of racing.

3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

Notice to competitors will be posted on the official noticeboard located at the west end of the clubhouse, facing the T-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 the AP is lowered.

5 SCHEDULE OF RACES

Friday, February 9

1700: Registration; Happy Hour at St. Croix Yacht Club

Saturday, February 10

0800 – 0900	Boat Assignment
0830	Breakfast Buffet
0930	Competitor's meeting.
1030	First Warning Signal.
1200	Lunch Break ashore
1315	Warning Signal for afternoon start.
1600	No warnings signals will be given after this time.

Sunday, February 11

0830	Breakfast Buffet
1000	First Warning Signal.
1130	Lunch break ashore.
1245	Warning Signal for afternoon start.
1400	No warnings signals will be given after this time.
1500	Prizegiving.

6 Class Flags

Sunfish	Sunfish Class Flag
Green Optimist	Green Optimist Flag
Advanced Optimist	Advanced Optimist Flag - White
420's	420 Class Flag

7 Racing Area

The racing area will be Teague Bay and the waters north of St Croix.

8 COURSES

8.1 Attachment A shows the courses, course designations, and the course marks for Sunfish and 420's.

8.2 Attachment B shows the courses, course designations, and the marks for Green Optimist and Advanced Optimist Fleets.

9 MARKS

All marks will be orange or yellow buoys.

10 THE START

10.1 The starting line will be between an orange flag on the RC signal boat and a nearby mark.

10.2 The starting sequence for the 420 and Sunfish classes will be a 5- minute conforming to RRS 26.

10.3 The starting sequence for the Green Optimist and the Advanced Optimist fleet will be a 3-minute sequence conforming to in RRS Appendix U.

11 THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a blue flag on the RC Signal boat and a nearby mark.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

For all sailors, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn penalty.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 A boat starting more than 5 minutes after their starting signal will be scored DNS without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.

13.2 A race may be abandoned by the race committee if the leading boat has not rounded the first mark within 5 minutes of starting, or the time for the first boat to finish exceeds 20 minutes from the start. This modifies Rule 32.

13.3 Boats failing to finish within 10 minutes after the first boat in their 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 A10.

14 HEARING REQUESTS

14.1 A boat intending to protest shall inform the RC signal boat, on the finish side of the signal boat as soon as they finish.

14.2 Protests shall be delivered to the Protest Secretary at the clubhouse east room no later than 30 minutes after the signal boat has docked.

14.3 Protests will be heard on the east patio as soon as possible.

15 SCORING

15.1 The Low Point Scoring System, Appendix A, will apply.

15.2 One Race constitutes a series.

15.3 One score will be excluded for every 6 races completed.

15.4 The top three in each class will receive awards.

16 SAFETY

17.1 All sailors are to check-in with the Race Committee each time they sail from shore to the Course.

17.2 Any sailor that retires from racing is to try and contact the Race Committee or if that is not possible, once ashore, contact the SCYC manager to inform the Race Committee that the sailor is ashore.

17 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.

Attachment B



Optimist Advanced / Green

T: Start - W - R - L - Finish

W1: Start - W - L - Finish

W2: Start - W - L - W - L - Finish

*All Roundings to Port

*Start/Finish Closed

