

2025 Coral Bay Yacht Club and St. John Yacht Club Commodore's
Cup

Sailing Instructions

May 3rd and 4th, 2025

Coral Bay, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands

Sailing Instructions

1. RULES

1.1 The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).

2. Changes to Sailing Instructions

2.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted online on Regatta Network before 0900 on the day they take effect.

3. COMMUNICATION

3.1 The official notice board will be digital and located on Regatta Network.

3.2 On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF channel 71.

3.3 Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions while racing and shall not receive voice or data communication not available to all boats.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the KATS Facility.

4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 30 minutes.'

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Optimists and Lasers are scheduled to race on Saturday, May 3, with Spin, Non-spin, and Multihull races scheduled Saturday and Sunday, May 3, 4.

5.2 On Saturday, the Optimist and Laser First Warning is at 1000 and the Spin, Non-Spin, Multihull First Warning is 1500. On Sunday, the Spin, Non-Spin, Multihull First Warning is 1000.

5.3 Up to 7 races are scheduled for Optimist and Laser. Up to 5 races are scheduled for the Spin, Non-Spin, Multihull classes.

5.4 On Saturday, the Optimist and Laser fleets will have no warning signal made after 1330. On Sunday, there will be no warning signal made after 1400.

5.5 The Laser Sail-off will start as close to 1500 as possible.

6. VENUE

6.1 The racing area for small boats will be slightly North of Johnson Bay.

6.2 The racing area for big boats will be around islands or inflatable buoys, with the start/finish line at Johnson Reef.

7. Class Flags

7.1 The Laser class flag is Alpha. The Optimist class flag is Bravo.

7.2 The Non-Spin class flag is Alpha. The Spin class flag is Bravo. The multihull class flag is Charlie.

8. COURSES

8.1 The course descriptions will be included in Appendix 1.

9. MARKS

9.1 Course marks will be islands or inflatable buoys as identified

in Appendix 1.

10. THE START

10.1 Optimist Races will be started using Appendix U. All other fleets will be started using RRS 26.

10.2 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and a nearby inflatable buoy.

10.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other classes.

11. THE FINISH

11.1 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the committee boat and a nearby buoy.

12. TIME LIMITS

12.1 Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored DNF.

13. SCORING

13.1 The scoring system will be the Low Point System of RRS Appendix A.

13.2 A minimum of one completed race shall constitute a series.

13.3 There will be no discards; all races count toward the final score.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

14.1 Protest forms will be available online or at the KATS container.

14.2 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat finishes the final race of the day.

14.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest

time limit to inform competitors of hearings.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

15.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.

16. PRIZES

16.1 Prizes will be awarded for the top 3 of each fleet.

16.2 The winner of each fleet will qualify for a spot in the Laser Sail-Off.

16.3 The winner of the Commodore's Cup will be the champion of the Laser Sail-Off.

17. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

17.1 Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race.

18. INSURANCE

18.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

19. FURTHER INFORMATION

19.1 For further information about the racing or dinghy charters, please contact:

Principal Race Officer: Samuel Normington:
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Appendix 1:

A1 Course Map

A1.1 Optimist and Laser Course



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Course 1: $S \rightarrow W(p) \rightarrow F$

Course 2: $S \rightarrow W(p) \rightarrow L(p) \rightarrow W(p) \rightarrow F$

Course 3: $S \rightarrow W(p) \rightarrow L(p) \rightarrow W(p) \rightarrow L(p) \rightarrow W(p) \rightarrow F$

A1.2 Spin, Non-Spin, multihull Course map

Course 1: S → W(s) → L.I.(s) → W(p) → F 6.5nm
Course 2: S → F.I.(s) → L.I.(s) → F 8.5nm
Course 3: S → W(s) → L.I.(s) → F 4.5nm
Course 4: S → W(p) → F 3nm



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