



Thanksgiving Regatta 2025
Coral Bay Yacht Club and KATS St. John
29 November 2025
Coral Bay, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

1 RULES

- 1.1** This event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2** No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3** The ILCA and ISCA class rules apply, except as changed below:
- (a)** ILCA Class Rule 7(a) is changed to read: 'The crew shall consist of two persons who shall sail together for the entire race.'
 - (b)** ISCA Class Rule 4.1 is changed to read: 'Each boat shall be sailed by two persons who shall sail together for the entire race.'

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1** The sailing instructions will be posted online at the event [website](#) on Regatta Network. They may also be found on the notice board at Connections East, next to Skinny Legs Bar and Grill no later than Friday, November 21, 2025.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1** The official notice board is located on Regatta Network.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1** The event is open to the following fleets:
- Big Boat PHRF Course: Spinnaker, Non-Spinnaker, and Multihull.
 - Dinghy Course: ILCA (Laser) and ISCA (Sunfish) classes. There will be 6 boats in each fleet with all equipment provided by KATS St. John.
- 4.2** Online Registration open now: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30526>

5 FEES

5.1 Entry Fees:

- Big Boat PHRF: \$60 per boat. This includes a regatta t-shirt.
- Dinghy (ILCA/ISCA): \$30 per boat.

5.2 All proceeds support KATS and their St. John Youth Sailors.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 In-person Registration:

Date	From	To	Location
22 Nov	1200	1300	KATS Picnic Tables (Sunfish/Laser)
29 Nov	0800	0900	Skinny Legs Pit (Late Registration)

6.2 Big Boat PHRF first warning signal – 1025. Dinghy first warning signal – 1055.

6.3 No races will be started after 1400.

6.4 Awards and live music at Skinny Legs from 1500-1800.

7 VENUE

7.1 Racing will take place near Coral Bay, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands.

7.2 The start and finish area will be in the vicinity of Johnson Reef.

8 COURSES

8.1 The Big Boat PHRF Course will be approximately 18 nautical miles, adjusted for conditions to achieve a target time of 3–4 hours. The course will use island features as marks, including Booby Rock, Flanagan Island, and Leduck Island. An inflatable buoy may be used if conditions require.

8.2 The Dinghy Course will consist of multiple short-course races. The courses will use nearby islands or inflatable buoys as marks.

9 SCORING

9.1 One completed race constitutes a series.

9.2 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores with no scores excluded. This changes RRS A2.

10 BERTHING

10.1 Moorings will be available to visiting boats. Contact Sam for more information.

11 PRIZES

11.1 Prizes will be given to the top three finishers in each fleet.

12 RISK STATEMENT

12.1 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 include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, equipment failure, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance, and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death.

13 Liability

13.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Coral Bay Yacht Club 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.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

14.1 Principal Race Officer: Sam Normington samuelnormington@giffthillsschool.org
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