



Thanksgiving Regatta 2025  
Coral Bay Yacht Club & KATS St. John  
29 November 2025  
Coral Bay, St. John, U.S. Virgin Islands  
Organizing Authority: Coral Bay Yacht Club

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS (SIs)**

The notation [DP] indicates a discretionary penalty.

### **1 RULES**

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

### **2 CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 2.1** Any change to the SIs will be posted online before 0900 on the day it takes effect.
- 2.2** Changes on the water may be communicated by VHF.

### **3 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS**

- 3.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board on Regatta Network.
- 3.2** On the water, the Race Committee will communicate on VHF channel 71.
- 3.3** [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall not make or receive private communications while racing.

### **4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed at KATS Picnic Tables

**4.2** When AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal will not be made less than 30 minutes after AP is lowered.

## **5 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**5.1** Saturday, November 29, 2025

0900 FINAL REGISTRATION

0930 COMPETITORS MEETING

1030 FIRST WARNING (BIG BOATS)

1100 FIRST WARNING (DINGHIES)

1400 NO STARTS AFTER

1500 AWARDS AND MUSIC

**5.2** The starting order will generally be from largest to smallest boat; RC may change the order.

## **6 CLASS FLAGS**

**6.1** Floral Green: PHRF Spin/non-spin

Yellow Polkadot: Multihull

Turquoise: Dinghy

## **7 COURSES**

**7.1** Course diagrams for all boats are shown in Attachment A.

## **9 MARKS**

**9.1** Big Boat marks will be islands or inflatable buoys.

**9.2** Dinghy buoys will be small orange spheres.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1** Races will be started using RRS 26.
- 10.2** The starting line will be between an orange flag on the RC vessel and the inflatable pin mark.
- 10.3** [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- 10.4** The RC may hail OCS boats; failure to hear is not grounds for redress.

## **12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1** The finish line will be between a blue flag on the RC vessel and the finishing mark.

## **13 TIME LIMITS**

- 13.1** Time limits by fleet:
  - Big Boat PHRF – 4h Time Limit, 90m Finishing Window
  - Multihull – 2h Time Limit, 45m Finishing Window
  - Dinghies – 45m Time Limit, 20m Finishing Window
- 13.2** Boats failing to finish within the Finishing Window will be scored DNF.

## **14 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 14.1** The protest time limit is 45 minutes after the RC signal boat moors.
- 14.2** Hearing request forms are available at the KATS Container.
- 14.3** Notices of hearings will be posted within 30 minutes after the protest time limit.

## **15 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 15.1** [DP] Boats shall check in by sailing past the stern of the RC vessel before the first warning.
- 15.2** A boat retiring shall notify the RC as soon as possible.

# Attachment A — Course Diagrams

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All marks/buoys to Port; All rocks to Starboard.

- Orange buoys are denoted as 1 and 2.
- Large inflatable marks are denoted as W and L.
- The islands are denoted as F for Flanagan and D for LeDuck.

Course 1: Start → 1(p) → 2(p) → 1(p) → Finish

Course 3: Start → W(p) → L(p) → W(p) → Finish

Course 8: Start → F(s) → D(s) → F(s) → D(s) → F(s) → Finish

