

International Optimist Regatta

June 17 – 19, 2022

St. Thomas Yacht Club-Cowpet Bay, St. Thomas, VI

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024.
- 1.2 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3 IODA Rules will apply. Classes will be determined by age as per the USODA Rules. Fleets will be Red, Blue, White and Green.
- 1.4 Appendix P will be used.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The regatta is open to all boats of the Optimist class.
- 3.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the on-line registration process.
- 3.3 The OA reserves the right to limit the number of entries to 125 skippers.

4. FEES

Required fees are as follows:

International Optimist Regatta	Registration Fee: \$300
	Late Registration after May 15th: \$325

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Schedule of events:

<i>Date</i>	<i>Event</i>	<i>Time</i>
June 16, 2022	Registration	1200-1700
June 17, 2022	Coaches Meeting	0900 (Mandatory)
	Skippers Meeting	0930 (Mandatory)
June 18, 2022	Harbor Start	1015
	Racing 1st warning signal	1100
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June 19, 2022	Racing 1st warning signal	1100
	Harbor Start	0915

Racing 1st warning signal	1000
No warning signal after	1400

5.2 Number of races:

<i>Class</i>	<i>Class</i>	<i>Races per day</i>
Optimist	Red, blue and white fleet	Up to 5
Optimist	Green fleet	Not limited

6. MEASUREMENTS

Each boat entered shall be in accordance with the current IODA class rules.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available during registration on June 16th at St. Thomas Yacht Club. The Sailing Instructions will also be available on-line prior to the event.

8. VENUE

St. Thomas Yacht Club at Cowpet Bay and surrounding waters.

9. THE COURSES

The courses to be sailed will be as follows: Modified Trapezoid or Windward / Leeward. If conditions warrant, the courses will be modified to accommodate the appropriate wind conditions. Green fleet will receive their course at the skipper's meeting each morning.

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

10.1 For Green Fleet sailors, rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10.2 Decisions of the jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

11. SCORING

11.1 One completed race constitutes a series.

11.2 (a) When less than six races have been completed; a boat's series score will be the total of all of her race scores.

(b) When six or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12. PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded to the top five in the Red, Blue and White classes and top three overall as well as the top place female. Participation awards will be awarded to all green fleet sailors.

Additional awards include the Peter Ives' Perpetual Trophy (superb sailor/individual) and the Chuck Fuller Sportsmanship Perpetual Trophy.

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

14. SAFETY

Due to the potential of challenging sailing conditions, each sailor shall have a designated support person (parent, coach, designated adult) on the water during all sailing activities. It is the responsibility of the designated support person to decide if the sailor should sail in the weather and sea conditions that might arise during the event.

15. COVID-19 GUIDELINES

All travelers to the USVI must comply with any travel restrictions listed on <https://usvitraportal.com/>. Please plan your travel accordingly and check the travel portal for updates regularly as requirements may change at any time. In addition, all competitors and guests must comply with all USVI and St Thomas Yacht Club COVID guidelines at the time of the event. These will be updated on the regatta website.

16. CONTACT INFORMATION

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