

2010 NOTICE OF RACE

International Yacht Club Challenge

Nanny Cay, Tortola, British Virgin Islands

Friday- Sunday (April 2 – 4, 2010)

Official Notice and Conditions of Race

April 2 - 4, 2010_Nanny Cay Marina, Tortola_British Virgin Islands

The Organizing Authority is the BVI Spring Regatta Committee.

You are invited to enter the Inaugural International Yacht club Challenge as part of the 2010 BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival, the Caribbean regatta with the most racing. For thirty-nine years sailors from around the world have enjoyed superior and innovative racing in the spectacular setting of Sir Francis Drake Channel and parties after racing in the Regatta Village. The 2010 BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival will be organized and conducted by the BVI Spring Regatta Committee.

1. RULES

1.1 The BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival will be governed by the following:

- ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing 2009 - 2012;
- CSA Minimum Safety Requirements;
- CSA and IRC Rating Rules for 2010;
- Sailing Instructions of the BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival for and on behalf of the Royal BVI Yacht Club as the National Authority.

1.2 An International Jury may be convened in accordance with RRS Appendix N, denying the right to appeal, and who may have discretion over penalties other than for infringements of RRS Part 2.

1.3 This regatta is classified as Category C, per ISAF Regulation 20 except where class rules state otherwise.

1.4 Regatta and/or sponsor advertising may be provided and will be required to be affixed in designated areas on competing boats in accordance with Regulation 20.3 (d)(i).

1.5 RRS are altered in the sailing instructions as follows:

RRS 52 will not apply.

RRS 44.2 is changed in that only one turn is required.

RRS 29.1 is changed. Recalls may be notified by radio.

RRS 33 (a) and (b) are changed. New course information will be made by radio.

RRS 35 (time limit) is changed.

2. CLASSIFICATION

2.1 Assignment of yachts to a particular class rests entirely with the Regatta Committee, whose decision will be final.

2.2 The Regatta Committee reserves the right to create additional classes if needed.

2.3 International Yacht Club Challenge yachts will race within the Bareboat classes, making them eligible for those class prizes as well.

2.4 International Yacht Club Challenge yachts will conform with all of the Bareboat Class restrictions as follows:

- a) Bow numbers will be supplied.
- b) Spinnaker poles or other forms of bearing out spars are not allowed.
- c) Yachts must carry all the equipment normally carried on a bareboat charter in its normal position except for the dinghy and its motor, oars and fuel tank. Bimini and sail covers may be removed and stowed below, but must remain on board. Any boats found to be stripped or lightened shall be subject to a penalty. Yachts must comply with all safety requirements including, no part of an anchor shall overhang the bow while racing.

3. ENTRIES AND REGISTRATION

3.1 Entries are limited to Sunsail 39 yachts. The CSA Bareboat Rating Office will issue Bareboat rating certificates directly to the regatta upon receipt of entry, for which a fee may be charged. Boats may be chartered from the following:

Email US Office: sunsailusa@sunsail.com +1 800 797 5906 or +1 727 451 7359_

Email UK Office: yachting@sunsail.com +44 (0)870 112 8612_

Germany Office: 0049 (0)6101 55791563

3.2 Entries will be registered by Sunsail for each boat.

Regatta Information

- The BVI Spring Regatta Committee, P.O. Box 281, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands. Tel: 284-541-6732; Email: info@bvispringregatta.org
- The Official BVI Spring Regatta web site: www.bvispringregatta.org.

There is no additional fee to enter the International Yacht Club Challenge after chartering for the BVI Spring Regatta. You may also choose to enter the Sailing Festival and pay an additional \$100.

3.3 Skipper packages with class pennant and bow numbers, where applicable, may be picked up at registration, which will be open at Nanny Cay on Monday, March 29, 2010, from 1200 – 1800, and on Thursday, April 1, 2010, from 1200 – 1800.

4. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

The BVI Spring Regatta and Sailing Festival will consist of multiple races and activities as follows:

- Monday March 29, 2010: Registration starting at noon- 1800 hours at Nanny Cay Marina, Regatta Village area. A Welcome party will be from 1700-1900 hours.
- Tuesday March 30, 2010: Race to Bitter End Yacht Club from Nanny Cay or from St. Thomas, for those who are participating in the Virgin Island Race Week (VIRW), for the Bitter End Cup, first start off Nanny Cay or St. Thomas approximately 1000 hours.
- Wednesday March 31, 2010: Lay Day at BEYC, Dinghy regatta in Lasers and Hobie Waves, and the Nations Cup Challenge competition. Other activities will be announced.
- Thursday, April 1, 2010: Race from BEYC to Nanny Cay (Nanny Cay Cup), first start approximately 1000 hours
1200 – 1800 hours: Registration and Check-in at Nanny Cay Marina.
1700 – 1900 hours: Annual Mount Gay Welcome Party at the Regatta Village and awards for the Nanny Cay Cup. Village hours begin at 1600 hours.
- Friday April 2, 2010: 1000 hours: First race start.
- Saturday April 3, 2010: 1000 hours: First race start.
1730 hours: Annual Spring Regatta Fashion Show at the Regatta Village.
- Sunday April 4, 2010: 1000 hours: First race start.
1730 hours: Awards Ceremony at the Regatta Village.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available in the skipper packages and at the Committee Desk at Nanny Cay during the event. Scratch sheets will be available at the Committee Desk from 0800 on

Friday April 2, 2010.

6. RACING AREAS

It is anticipated that there will be three separate racing areas. Spinnaker classes A-G (includes Racer/Cruiser) will be sailing in the Cooper Island Race Area, which will be located to the east of a line between Road Harbour and Peter Island. Performance/Cruiser, Multihull, Bareboat and Jib & Main classes will be sailing in the Norman Island Race Area located to the southwest of Nanny Cay. Beach Cats and One Design's will be sailing on the One Design Race Area located off Sea Cows Bay. Boards will have their own courses.

7. PRIZES

7.1 Bitter End Cup awards for each class from the first day of racing of the Sailing Festival will be presented at Bitter End Yacht Club.

7.2 Nanny Cay Cup awards for each class from the last day of racing of the Sailing Festival will be presented during the Mount Gay Welcome Party Thursday evening in the Regatta Village at Nanny Cay.

7.3 BVI Spring Regatta awards, based on the cumulative scores for the event will be awarded to first, second and third place finishes in each class after the final race on Sunday April 4, 2010.

Other prizes will include the Chief Minister's Award (Best BVI Yacht), and other awards for C.O.R.T. Series, VIRW participants, and the top bonafide charterer in the Bareboat Classes.

The International Yacht Club Challenge winner will receive a full week charter with Sunsail and is also eligible for the bareboat fleet prizes.

8. AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE

8.1 The BVI Spring Regatta Committee reserves the right to amend this notice. Any amendments of this notice will be posted on the Official BVI Spring Regatta website (www.bvispringregatta.org). Amendments will also be included in the Skipper's Bag, and posted on the Official Notice Board located at Regatta Headquarters at Nanny Cay Marina.

9. LIABILITY

a) As a condition of entry into this Regatta, the entrant accepts that it is his/her sole and inescapable responsibility for the management and safety of his/her yacht, and the BVI Spring Regatta Committee, BVI Chamber of Commerce and Hotel Association, Royal BVI Yacht Club, Bitter End Yacht Club, Sponsors, any of their members and employees or members of the race committee accept no responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants or others or the loss of, or damage to, any yacht however caused, before, during or after the Regatta.

b) The Skipper/Owner of each yacht participating in the Regatta shall be responsible for the behavior of each member of the crew of his yacht. In the case of any destruction of property, any breach of reasonable standards of good sportsmanship by skipper or any crew member, or the failure to comply with any reasonable request of any officer or agent of the BVI Spring Regatta Committee directed to any member of any participating yacht, that yacht may be disqualified from participating in any future races in the Regatta.