

Saint Croix Sailing Club



2026 Yacht of the Year NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

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

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available on the SCSC website prior to the Skippers Meeting. The date of the Skippers Meeting can be found on the St. Croix Sailing Club (SCSC) website.

3 COMMUNICATION

3.1 The online official notice board is located at <http://stcroixsailing.com>

3.2 On the water, the Race Committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors via VHF radio. Specifics are stated in the Sailing Instructions.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

4.1 The event is open to boats of any class provided they are crewed by two or more persons at least one of whom shall be a full member of the SCSC.

4.2 The event is open to all boats with a valid handicap assigned per the Handicapping Policy on the SCSC website.

4.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the registration form available on the Saint Croix Sailing Club (SCSC) website and sending it, together with the required fee, to the SCSC Treasurer by 2400 hours on May 1st.

4.4 Boats may enter the event by registering online at: <https://stcroixsailing.com/>

4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.

4.6 Late entries will be accepted subject to the following: Any boat having registered late shall be scored as DNE without a hearing until the entry fee and registration paperwork have been received and reviewed by the club. The boat shall be scored DNE for the first two races. This penalty shall only apply to competitors that had registered for the SCSC Yacht of the Year competition for the prior season.

4.7 All boats shall fly the SCSC burgee while racing.

4.8 All boats shall have on board a copy of the Racing Rules of Sailing including the prescriptions of the United States Sailing Association, as well as the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions for the event.

5 FEES

Membership and Boat Registration Fees can be found on our website at: <https://stcroixsailing.com/>

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Skippers Meeting:
Shall be held prior to racing. Date shall be posted on the SCSC website.

6.2 Dates of Racing:
Races will be held according to the calendar of races posted on the SCSC website:
<https://stcroixsailing.com/calendar/>

6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for each day is 1830 hours for races held on weekdays and 1100 hours for races held on weekends.

6.4 Number of Races:
(a) The Yacht of the Year Competition shall consist of the following races:

- Five Spring Series Dates
- Five Summer Series Dates
- Five Fall Series Dates
- Breaking Waves Regatta
- Carlson Classic Regatta
- Autumnal Equinox Regatta

(b) There will be one (1) make-up date for each of the Spring, Summer, and Fall Series and one (1) make-up date for each of the weekend race dates as provided on the calendar of races. Races that cannot be made up on that date will be canceled.

6.5 Each date of racing shall consist of a minimum of one (1) race, and a maximum at the Race Committee's discretion.

6.6 Awards Ceremony:
The date and location of the awards ceremony will be posted on the SCSC website by November 1st.

7 COURSES

Diagrams showing the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left are available on the SCSC website.

8 PENALTY SYSTEM

8.1 All provisions of RRS Appendix V shall apply.

8.2 [DP] Rule 64.2 is changed such that a protest committee shall determine the applicable penalty based on the severity of rule breach at its sole discretion. However, the protest committee may not impose a penalty less than the post-race penalty established in RRS Appendix V.

8.3 Arbitration, RRS Appendix T applies.

9 SCORING

9.1 The following series shall be scored:
(a) The Yacht of the Year competition shall be based on the results of all races held.
(b) Spring Series
(c) Summer Series
(d) Fall Series
(e) Breaking Waves Regatta
(f) Carlson Classic Regatta
(g) Autumnal Equinox Regatta

9.2 A boats score shall be the total of her race scores excluding one worst score for every five races completed.

9.3 Rule A5.3 applies.

9.4 A boat that did not come to the starting area shall be scored points for the finishing place two more than the number of boats that came to the starting area. This changes Rule A5.3.

10 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk. 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.

11 INSURANCE

All boats shall carry a minimum of \$300,000 liability insurance and provide proof of insurance upon request by the Race Committee.

12 RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

By participating in this event, competitors automatically grant to the Organizing authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use and show, at their discretion, any photography, audit, and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their departure, without compensation.

13 PRIZES

13.1 Prizes will be awarded to the top three finishers in each division for the following events:

- Yacht of the Year Competition
- Spring Series
- Summer Series
- Fall Series
- Breaking Waves
- Carlson Classic
- Autumnal Equinox

13.2 A traveling trophy will be awarded to the top overall finisher for the following events:

- Carlson Classic
- Autumnal Equinox

13.3 A traveling trophy will be awarded to the top finisher in each division for the Yacht of the Year Competition.

14 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the St. Croix Sailing Club via the contact form provided on the SCSC website: <http://www.stcroixsailing.com>