



2017 CARLOS AGUILAR MATCH RACE

**Presented by
USVI Department of Tourism**

**The WIM Series Finale
30 November-03 December 2017**

NOTICE OF RACE

1 ORGANISING AUTHORITY

The Organising Authority (OA) will be the the Virgin Islands Sailing Association.

2 VENUE

The venue will be Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands.

3 EVENT GRADING

The event has applied for a World Sailing Grade 1 (women).

This grading is subject to review by the World Sailing. The event may be re-graded when there is clear reason to do so.

4 PROVISIONAL PROGRAMME

- 4.1
- (a) Race office open from 1000 through 1800 on 28 and 29 November, 2017 at Yacht Haven Grande.
 - (b) Registration from 1000 through 1600, on 28 and 29 November, 2017.
 - (c) Crew weighing from 1000 through 1600, 28 and 29 November, 2017.
 - (d) A 2 hour practice per team from 1000 through 1600, 29 November, 2017.
 - (e) First briefing at 1730, 29 November, 2017.
 - (f) First meeting with umpires immediately following the first briefing.
 - (g) Opening Ceremony on 29 November 2017 at 1900.
 - (h) Racing days from 30 November through 03 December 2017.
 - (i) Scheduled time of the first race each day will be 0900.
 - (j) Daily press conference 30 minutes after the last race of each day.
 - (k) Prize giving on 03 December 2017, following the completion of racing.
- 4.2 Unless excused by the OA, attendance at the following is mandatory:
- (a) Initial briefing, for skippers.
 - (b) Opening Ceremony, for skippers and crew.
 - (c) Daily briefing, for skippers.
 - (d) Daily press conferences, for skippers sailing that day.

- (e) Regatta dinner, for skippers.
- (f) Prize giving for the top 8 skippers and crews.

5 SKIPPERS ELIGIBILITY

- (a) At least twelve (12) skippers will be invited. Only skippers invited by the OA will be eligible to enter this event. Applications for invitations to this event are attached to this Notice of Race. The issuance of invitations is at the sole discretion of the OA.
- (b) The registered skipper shall helm the boat at all times while racing, except in an emergency.
- (c) To remain eligible a skipper shall confirm acceptance of the invitation in writing, (fax or e-mail is acceptable) to be received by the date specified in the Letter of Invitation.
- (d) All competitors shall meet the eligibility requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19.2.
- (e) All competitors shall obtain a World Sailing Sailor ID by registering online at www.sailing.org/isafsailor. Skippers shall inform the OA of their World Sailing Sailor ID at registration.
- (f) All competitors shall be current members of the Women's International Match Racing Association (WIMRA).

6 ENTRIES

6.1 The team shall be entered on completion of registration, crew weighing and the payment of all fees and deposits. All payments shall be made by credit card, local currency (US Dollar) or check.

6.2 Entry Fee

A non-refundable entry fee of \$US750 shall be paid 30 October 2017. Entries received after that date will be charged an additional \$US100, or may be refused, at the sole discretion of the OA.

6.3 When a skipper accepts an invitation and later withdraws within two months of the event or leaves the event before the end without written approval from the OA, a zero score may be applied to their Ranking points for that event by World Sailing. [World Sailing Regulation 27.2.2(d)]

6.4 Damage deposit

- (a) An initial damage deposit of \$US1000 shall be paid at registration, unless extended by the OA. This deposit is the maximum payable by the skipper as a result of any one incident.
- (b) If a deduction from the damage deposit is decided by the OA it may require that the deposit be restored to its original amount before the skipper will be permitted to continue in the event.
- (c) Any remaining deposit after the event will be refunded within 10 days after the event.

7 RULES

7.1

- (a) The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the RRS, including Appendix C.
- (b) The rules for the handling of boats will apply, and will also apply to any practice sailing and sponsor sailing. Class rules will not apply.
- (c) The National Authority, the Virgin Islands Sailing Association, has no prescriptions to the Racing Rules of Sailing.

7.2. Major Alterations to the RRS

- (a) Add to RRS 41: (e) help to recover from the water and return on board a crew member, provided the return on board is at the approximate location of the recovery.
- (b) RRS C8.6 and C6.3 will be changed in the sailing instructions.

7.3 An International Jury (IJ) will be appointed in accordance with RRS Appendix N.

8 BOATS AND SAILS

- (a) The event will be sailed in IC 24 type boats.
- (b) Six (6) boats will be provided, plus spares.
- (c) The following sails will be provided for each boat:
Mainsail, Jib, and Symmetric Spinnaker.
- (d) Boats will be allocated by draw at such times as decided by the Race Committee.

9 CREW (INCLUDING SKIPPER)

- (a) The number of crew (including the skipper) shall be four (4) or five (5). All registered crew shall be female and shall sail all races.
- (b) The maximum total crew weight, determined prior to racing, shall be 272kg, when wearing at least shorts and shirts.
- (c) When a registered skipper is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise an original crew member to substitute.
- (d) When a registered crew member is unable to continue in the event the OA may authorise a substitute, a temporary substitute or other adjustment.
- (e) Housing will be provided for teams beginning Tuesday 28 November and ending Monday, 04 December 2017.
- (f) On racing days, a light breakfast and lunch will be provided. Several dinners will also be provided.

10 EVENT FORMAT

- (a) Skippers will be seeded into a round robin based on the World Sailing ranking list 30 days prior to the event.
- (b) The event will consist of the following stages:
 - Stage 1 - A full round robin
 - Stage 2 - Quarter Finals
 - Stage 3 - Semi Finals
 - Stage 4 – Finals and Petit-Finals

- (c) The OA may change the format, terminate or eliminate any round, when, in its opinion, conditions or time do not permit the completion of the intended format. Early stages may be terminated in favor of later stages

11 COURSE

- (a) The course will be windward/leeward with starboard roundings, finishing downwind.
- (b) The intended course area will be in the harbor of Charlotte Amalie, St. Thomas.

12 ADVERTISING

- (a) As boats and equipment will be supplied by the Organising Authority, World Sailing, Regulation (Appendix 1) 20.4 applies. Each boat will be required to display advertising as supplied by the OA.
- (b) Blank
- (c) Competitors may be permitted to display advertising ashore at the venue, but this is subject to individual negotiation with the Organising Authority.
- (d) Boats shall not be permitted the right to protest for breaches of any rules regarding advertising (amends RRS 60.1).

13 PRIZES

- (a) Trophies will be presented to the skippers and crews placing first through third.
- (b) There will be cash prizes for the top eight places. Total prize money awarded will be at least \$US 10,000.
- (c) These prizes have been approved by the national authority.
- (d) The IJ may reduce a prize in the case of misconduct or refusal to comply with any reasonable request, including attendance at official functions.

14 MEDIA, IMAGES AND SOUND

14.1 If required by the OA:

- (a) Television personnel and equipment (or dummies) supplied by the OA shall be carried on board while racing and competitors shall be available for interviews.
- (b) Competitors shall wear microphones supplied by the OA during racing.
- (c) Registered skippers shall wear communications equipment supplied by the OA that will allow commentators to communicate with them while racing.

14.2 Competitors shall not interfere with the normal working of the OA supplied media equipment.

14.3 The OA shall have the right to use any images and sound recorded during the event free of any charge.

15 COACH BOATS

- (a) Coach boats are not permitted. A coach boat is any boat that is under the direction or control of a person gathering information or giving material support for the benefit of particular competitors either on the water or off.

16 OTHER REQUIREMENTS

- (a) Blank

17 DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the event do so at their own risk. The OA, its associates and appointees accept no responsibility for any loss, damage, injury or inconvenience incurred, howsoever caused.

18 INVITATIONS

Entries will only be accepted from invited skippers. If you wish to be invited please register your request for an invitation as soon as possible with the OA by completing the attached form.

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Virgin Islands Sailing Association

Women's Match Race

Racing Days: 30 November - 03 December 2017

Registration and Practice Sailing: 28 – 29 November 2017

REQUEST FOR INVITATION

(Please submit by 15 September 2017)

I would like an invitation to the 2017 Carlos Aguilar Match Race:

Name:

Address:

City,

State,

Postcode:

Country:

Home Phone:

Work/Cell Phone:

E-mail:

World Sailing Sailor ID:

To submit request, please complete this form and e-mail to Verian Tuttle verianaguilar1@gmail.com and cc Liz Baylis liz@wimseries.com