



The 33rd Annual International Opti Regatta is just around the corner! We are excited to have you and your sailor join us here in St. Thomas, US Virgin Islands. Please read below for a few helpful hints for the week. All Sailing Instructions will be on Regatta Network, <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30320>.

Sailors can upload them on their phones. In our attempt to stay green, we will have limited paper copies available at the venue.

Venue:

The St. Thomas Yacht Club (STYC) is located at 6224 Estate Nazareth in Cowpet Bay on the island of St. Thomas. We are looking forward to hosting this year's fleet of sailors. Please note that the property and pool adjacent to the St Thomas Yacht Club are owned by the Anchorage Condominiums and are not part of STYC . Use of the Anchorage property, other than the grassy area adjacent to tennis courts, is strictly forbidden. Please respect the property and our neighbors.

Taxis:

Taxis are readily available at the airport and taxi numbers will be posted at the club for you to call to get picked up at STYC. They do not take credit cards but accept cash and most accept Venmo. ATMs are limited and available mainly in the shopping districts so please plan accordingly.

Water:

The IOR is a **Green Regatta**. All registered sailors will be receiving a water bottle as part of registration, but please make sure to send your sailor with a reusable water bottle each day. There will be a limited number of water bottles for sale on the property should a bottle be forgotten. Sailors and their families will have the opportunity to refill their water throughout the day at multiple water stations. Recycling is not only very challenging on-island but also limited. Please help us reduce the number of plastic cups and bottles we throw away and go to our dump.

Housing:

To help us better plan and support both this year's event and ones in the future, we have created a housing and travel spreadsheet for all participants. The information collected will be used by both our team and the U.S. Virgin Islands Department of Tourism to better understand attendance, lodging needs, and travel patterns for the regatta. We kindly ask that each family take a few minutes to complete the spreadsheet as soon as possible. Your help with this information is greatly appreciated and will help us continue to grow and improve the event each year.

[Travel and Housing](#)

Photography:

Photography will be provided by Kendall Hebert Photography! There will be a sign up sheet at Registration should you wish to buy digital prints (\$150.00) or a printed book (\$400.00) of your sailor. Please note that Kendall Hebert Photography payment options are cash or Venmo ONLY.

Food:

The STYC restaurant, The Galley, will be open to all parents, guests, coaches, and sailors throughout the event for breakfast, lunch and dinner June 15–21, 2026.

A light continental breakfast will be available each morning beginning at 8:00am for all registered sailors.

Lunch will be provided daily for registered sailors throughout both the TOTE Clinic and regatta week. During clinic days, sailors will return to STYC for lunch. On regatta and TOTE Team Race days, Championship Fleet sailors will receive a bagged lunch/snack to take on the water while Green Fleet sailors will return to shore for lunch.

Dinner for registered sailors will be provided Thursday through Sunday following racing each day. Sailors will receive their meals upon returning to STYC after coming off the water.

Family and friends are welcome to dine at The Galley throughout the week in our dining area. Additional food options such as to-go meals and special event dinners will also be available during evening activities. *Please note that all family take out meals are designed and packaged to be take out meals and not to be used as a dine in option.*

Sailor Meal Schedule

Breakfast (Monday–Sunday)

Continental breakfast available beginning at 8:00am for all registered sailors.

Lunch

Monday: Lunch provided at STYC

Tuesday: Lunch provided at STYC

Wednesday: Lunch provided at STYC

Thursday: Bagged lunch provided

Friday: Bagged lunch provided

Saturday: Bagged lunch provided

Sunday: Bagged lunch provided

Dinner

Thursday–Sunday: Dinner provided for registered sailors following racing.

IMPORTANT DAYS:

Schedule:

The schedule for the entire week can be found on the event page.

<https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30320>

Monday, June 15, 2026

Bingo Night

Start the week off with a fun evening at STYC! Join us Monday night for Bingo at the club. Great for sailors, siblings, parents, and coaches, Bingo Night is a relaxed way to reconnect with old friends and meet new ones before the racing begins.

Dinner will be available through a special takeout option from VIODA. Families may preorder meals using [this link](#) or QR code that will be provided separately.

Drinks will be available for purchase throughout the evening at the Galley.

Tuesday, June 16, 2026

In addition to dinner offered at the Galley, a Family Taco Takeout Dinner is available for those families not wishing to dine in.

Family Takeout Dinner – Taco Night

Skip the cooking after a full day on the water and enjoy our family-style Taco Night takeout dinner. Each meal is designed to serve approximately 4–6 people and is perfect for families, teams, and coaches.

Dinner includes:

House-made chips, guacamole, queso, and salsa

Black beans and rice

4 Beef Tacos – ground beef in flour tortillas with lettuce, pico, shredded cheese, and sour cream

4 Chicken Tacos – pollo asada in flour tortillas with slaw, pico, shredded cheese, and spicy mayo

Preorder here: <https://givebutter.com/ior-meals-pgpqnp>

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

TOTE Team Racing Registration & Family Takeout Dinner

Grab your favorite sailors and register for the TOTE Team Racing Event. Teams do not need to represent the same club or country to participate. Registration must include all skipper and coach information along with the required entry fee.

After the day's activities, enjoy dinner at the Galley or an easy family dinner with our grilled chicken takeout meal, designed to serve approximately 4–6 people.

Dinner includes:

Herb-marinated grilled chicken breast

Jasmine rice

Grilled vegetables

Side salad

Dinner rolls

Preorder here: <https://givebutter.com/ior-meals-pgpqnp>

Thursday, June 18, 2026

Parade of Nations & NEW Taste of the Islands Party

Kick off the regatta with one of the highlights of the week, the Parade of Nations and Taste of the Islands Party.

Sailors are invited to parade down the dock representing their country or sailing program, so don't forget to bring your flag! The evening begins with the Parade of Nations followed by a celebration of Caribbean culture, music, food, and entertainment.

Families and guests will enjoy a true Taste of the Islands experience featuring local food trucks, traditional entertainment including Moko Jumbies and new this year, live entertainment from [Yard Vibes Steel Pan Band](#). This is one of the signature social events of the regatta and a great opportunity to experience the culture and hospitality of the Virgin Islands.

Dinner will be provided for registered sailors. Local Food and drinks will also be available for purchase for parents, siblings, coaches, and guests.

Friday, June 19, 2026

Family Takeout Dinner – Pasta Night is available for those families who do not wish to dine in at the Galley.

Take the stress out of dinner after racing and enjoy a family-style pasta dinner, designed to serve approximately 4–6 people.

Dinner includes:

Bow tie pasta

Choice of Bolognese or Alfredo sauce

Side salad

Garlic bread

Preorder here: <https://givebutter.com/ior-meals-pgpqnp>

Saturday, June 20, 2026

Sailor Dance Party, Parent Scavenger Hunt & Annual Raffle

Saturday night at STYC is packed with fun for sailors, parents, coaches, and guests alike. Following racing, sailors are invited to enjoy a dance party with music, friends, and plenty of fun to celebrate an exciting week on the water. At the same time, parents, coaches, and guests can participate in our Adult Scavenger Hunt around STYC. Teams will complete challenges and solve clues while enjoying a fun evening with the IOR community.

Register here: <https://givebutter.com/sailor-dance-vjy5lf>

Throughout the evening, we will also host the Raffle. Raffle tickets are available and can be found at <https://givebutter.com/sailor-dance-vjy5lf>. Drinks will be available for purchase throughout the evening from The Galley.

Sunday, June 21, 2026

Awards Ceremony & Father's Day BBQ

All good things must come to an end. Join us as we celebrate the sailors, their accomplishments, and an incredible week of racing at the 33rd Annual International Optimist Regatta.

Immediately following awards, families and guests are invited to stay and enjoy our Father's Day BBQ as we close out an amazing week together at STYC.

Results

Results: <https://www.regattanetwork.com/event/30320>

We look forward to seeing you all in the VI!

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