



St. Vincent and the Grenadines Sailing Week Sunday 13th---Monday 21st April, 2025

Bougainvilla Cup- Sunday 13th--- Tuesday 15th April, 2025
Layday: Wednesday April 16th 2025 (Journey to Bequia)
Bequia Easter Regatta: Thursday 17th--- Monday 21st April, 2025

Organizing Authority: **St. Vincent and the Grenadines Tourism Authority**

Notice of Race

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by *The Racing Rules of Sailing (2025 – 2028)* (RRS).
- 1.2 CSA rules will apply.
- 1.3 J24 Class Declaration and Amendments will apply.
- 1.4 The Sailing Instructions may change other RRS.

2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available on the event website by 10th April and at race headquarters, registration and the skippers' briefing.

3. COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 Race headquarters will be located at the following:
 - a) Blue Lagoon Hotel and Marina on April 12th & 13th only.
 - b) Sandy Lane Yacht Club and Residences (April 13th-15th)
 - c) Plantation Hotel, Belmont, Bequia (April 16th-April 21st)
- 3.2 The event website will be at: www.svgsailingweek.com

4. ELIGIBILITY

The event is open to the following classes:

Racing:	Spinnaker, CSA Measurement Certificate
Cruising I	Non-spinnaker, upwind sails only, CSA Measurement Certificate
Cruising II	Non-spinnaker, upwind sails only, CSA Simplified Rating Rule* (Intended for cruising boats without a CSA Measurement Certificate)
J24	One Design, spinnaker
Surprise	One Design, spinnaker
Multihull	CSA Rating Rule
Open class	(Intended for any yachts interested in participation of event races, no CSA certificates required)

**Ratings under the CSA Simplified Rating Rule are intended for vessels without a CSA measurement certificate. Ratings in these Classes will be issued by the the Regatta Measurer, guided by the CSA Simplified Rating Rule, and will be valid for this regatta only.*

5. FEES & REGISTRATION

- 5.1 All Registration fees are waived for St. Vincent and the Grenadines Sailing Week 2025 for all classes and divisions.
- 5.2 To qualify for Pre- Registration Clearance duty waiver at Customs, visit the event website to download and then submit your fully completed entry form on-line by 5.00 pm on Friday 4th April. Entry forms can also be emailed on request; contact setsail@svgsailingweek.com . Confirmation of receipt will be provided. **Failure to provide all required details by the above deadline may result in forfeit of Customs duty.**
- 5.3 Registration in person will be at Race Headquarters, (Blue Lagoon Hotel and Marina, St. Vincent, April 12th 10:00am - 4:00pm, April 13th 7:00am - 8:00am. Bequia Plantation Hotel, Belmont, Bequia April 16th-April 17th 9:00am-3:00pm) .
- 5.4 If you intend to race in the Racing or Cruising I Classes, you must have a valid 2025 CSA Measurement Certificate by the close of Registration at 3.30 pm on Thursday 17th April. Attention is also drawn to paragraph A.3.5 of the CSA Rating Rule.
- 5.5 If you intend to race in *Cruising II, you must supply all the “vital statistics” of your boat when you register or pre-register online (LOA, LWL, Beam, Draft, Rig and Sail areas), including any prior racing or rating details.
- 5.6 *Ratings in this class will be issued by the Regatta Measurer guided principally by the CSA Simplified Rating Rule, and will be valid for this regatta only.
- 5.7 If you intend to race in Cruising I or Cruising II, you must declare your intended sail configuration by close of registration on Thursday 17th April.
- 5.8 If you intend to race in the J24 Class, a J24 Class Declaration and Amendments must be signed at Registration. A copy of this Declaration and Amendments will be posted on the Bequia Regatta website.

6. SCHEDULE

Bougainvilla Cup

Sunday 13th April	7:00am - Registration & breakfast at Blue Lagoon Hotel and Marina. 9:30 am- First Warning Race 1-- Fort Duvernette to Canouan.
Monday 14th April	9.30 am - First Warning Race 2 - Mayreau Triangle.
Tuesday 15th April	9.30 am -First Warning Race 3 - Charlestown Triangle.
Wednesday 16th April Bequia	Layday -10:00am Coast Guard escort to Bequia Harbor for start of Easter Regatta Registration and activities.

Bequia Easter Regatta

Wednesday 16 April	9:00 am - 3:30 pm- Bequia Regatta Registration at Race Headquarters, Bequia Plantation Hotel (Bar Area)
Thursday 17 April	9:00 am - 3:30 pm -Bequia Easter Regatta Registration at Race Headquarters, Bequia Plantation Hotel (Bar Area) 5:30 pm Skippers' Meeting 5:30 pm Welcome party at Headquarters, Bequia Plantation Hotel (lawn area)
Friday 18th April	8:55 am- First Warning J24 & Surprise Race. (First of this day's 2-race series) 9:55 am- First Warning Friendship Bay Race (all other classes)
Saturday 19 th April	8:55 am- First warning J24 & Surprise Race (First of this day's 3-race series) 9:55 am - First Warning Around Bequia Race (all other Classes)
Sunday 20 April	LAYDAY
Monday 21 April -	8:55 am- First Warning J24 & Surprise Race. (First of this day's 2- race series) 9:55am- First Warning Admiralty Bay Triangle. (all other classes) 4:30 pm - GRAND PRIZE GIVING CEREMONY at Race Headquarters, Bequia Plantation Hotel (Lawn Area) followed by a Farewell party. All are invited.

7 SCORING

7.1 A boat's score will be the total of her race scores.

7.2 The Bougainvilla Cup and the Bequia Easter Regatta will be scored separately.

8 SAFETY

Competitors shall read and shall be guided by the Minimum Safety Recommendations which can be found on the event website.

9 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.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

10 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid adequate third-party liability insurance for the duration of the event.