

# BVI Spring Regatta

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## INTRODUCTION

### ■ About the BVI Spring Regatta

The BVI's top regatta is sailing in Sir Francis Drake channel and is the third leg of the CORT series with hot competition and superb sailing. You can participate in the entire 7 day BVI Spring Regatta & Sailing Festival or just the 3 day Regatta. It began as just an idea. An idea sparked by a love for the tranquil blue waters of the Virgin Islands, the warm steady breeze of the Trade winds, the picturesque scenery of islands seemingly protruding out of the ocean. It was the magnificent sight of yachts of all types as they sliced through the waters of the Sir Francis Drake Channel that gave a few "good" sailors that first idea.

In 1973, with the formation of the BVI Yacht Club, the Spring Regatta became a joint effort between the BVI Yacht Club and the Hotel Association. From its early success the Spring Regatta has grown in size and strength due largely to the support of racing enthusiasts around the world, who return year after year to compete, and the people, businesses and Government of the BVI. Today, the Regatta is one of the Caribbean's premier annual racing events. It has developed a reputation for serious competition and serious partying.

The Regatta is three days of non-stop racing action with divisions for beach cats and yachts with spinnakers and without spinnakers. The Regatta is also three days and nights of pure fun.

Before, during and after the races the Regatta Village takes on a carnival-like atmosphere with food, drinks, games, dancing and other forms of entertainment for landlubbers and yachtsmen who converge to eat, drink and make merry.

Racing enthusiasts who have experienced the BVI Spring Regatta return year after year and they all agree that you have not sailed until you sail the waters of the BVI.

### ■ Official Regatta Information

The information given in this section is just to give you a basic idea about the various regattas. For more up-to-date information about organising authorities, racing rules and regulations, programmes, racing classes, handicap systems, entry, etc., contact the individual racing committee:  
[www.bvispringregatta.org](http://www.bvispringregatta.org)

### ■ Background Racing Information

When racing, it is better to have a lower rating. This means that when you are taking part in the race, there will be less time added to your racing time. The higher the rating is; the more time that is added to your racing time. Charterers will obviously wish to have the lowest rating possible.

If the yacht has a furling mainsail, then their rating is lower, as in theory it takes longer to get around the course, whereas if they have a fully battened mainsail, the rating is higher as in theory the yacht will get around the course quicker.

### ■ Entry & Registration

Entries are limited to yachts with valid Caribbean Sailing Association Rating Certificates, except for the Jib & Main classes which will use the BVI Simplified CYA Rule, Multihulls & Beach Cats. Boat information forms for Jib & Main classes are available from the Spring Regatta Committee.

Entries must be made on the official Entry Form which can be obtained from the following sources:

The Spring Regatta Booklet

The Spring Regatta Committee, PO Box 200, Road Town, Tortola, British Virgin Islands

- Tel: 284 494 3286, Fax: 284 494 6117, Email: [bviyc@caribsurf.com](mailto:bviyc@caribsurf.com)

On-line entry form – [www.bvispringregatta.org](http://www.bvispringregatta.org)

### ■ Dates for 2011

BVI Spring Regatta 2011 – March 28 to April 3.

### ■ Entry Closing Dates

The closing date for entry into the BVI Spring Regatta is 30 days prior to the start. Anyone wishing to enter the race after this time will be liable to a supplement and is subject to Race Committee approval.

■ **Booking & Price Information**

- Base: Tortola
- Actual race days: March 28 - April 3, 2011
- Suggested dates for charter: March 26 - April 4, 2011
- Suggested booking: 9 days, 2 days before start of race, and 1 day after end of race
- Type of Race: This is an international race which consists of buoy racing and could have some point to point racing.
- Event Code – BVIS11
- All Security Deposits and Insurances must be paid in advance of the charter.

**€EU REGATTA COSTS**

<b>Charter Fee</b>	<b>See Caribbean prices</b>	
<b>Regatta Supplements</b>	<b>€95</b>	For Monohulls up to 38ft
	<b>€850</b>	For Monohulls 39-43ft
	<b>€1370</b>	For Monohulls 44ft+
	<b>€1490</b>	All Catamarans
<b>Racing Security Deposit (refundable)</b>	<b>€5000</b>	Per yacht: Compulsory charge covering all elements of loss or damage during the specified period, except for negligence; payable by credit card at the Base. This deposit will cover the period of the race week plus 2 days. It is the client's responsibility to ensure the boat is cleared by the base before switching back onto CDW cover (if requested).
<b>YDW (non-refundable)</b>		Standard YDW charge for any charter days before/after RSD period detailed above
<b>Race Entry Package</b>	<b>€150</b>	Sailing Festival Only Entry Fee - Per yacht (payable in advance)
	<b>€450</b>	Spring Regatta Only Entry Fee - Per yacht (payable in advance)
	<b>€600</b>	Festival & Regatta Race Entry - Per yacht (payable in advance)
<b>Entry to official functions</b>		Payable locally

■ **What is included**

<b>INCLUDED IN RACE ENTRY PACKAGE</b>	<b>NOT INCLUDED IN RACE ENTRY PACKAGE</b>
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Race Entry fees</li> <li>- Welcome cocktail</li> <li>- Race Support</li> <li>- Yacht Preparation &amp; Hull Cleaning</li> <li>- Yacht Measurement</li> <li>- Pre-race Briefing</li> </ul> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Flights</li> <li>- Taxi transfers</li> <li>- Local cruising taxes</li> <li>- Mooring fees</li> <li>- Departure Taxes</li> <li>- Provisioning &amp; beverages</li> <li>- Spinnakers, poles, cruising chutes - not available in the Caribbean</li> <li>- Delivery charges to/from Race locations (if required)</li> <li>- Tickets &amp; entry to official functions</li> </ul> |
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■ **Classes & Classification**

Assignment of yachts to a particular class rests entirely with the Regatta Committee, whose decision will be final. The Regatta Committee reserves the right to create additional classes if needed. Within the Spinnaker and Non-spinnaker Divisions will be the following classes:-

**Racer/Cruiser**

For cruising yachts who wish to race with spinnakers.

**Cruising**

For cruising yachts who wish to race without spinnakers but use racing type sails and a spinnaker pole or some form of bearing out spar.

**Jib & Main**

For cruising yachts in cruising mode, i.e. stripping out and lightening is not allowed, who wish to race with cruising type sails and set only one jib and one mainsail. A yacht with more than one mast may carry a mizzen sail. The use of staysails or any downwind type sails is not allowed. Cat type rigs are excluded from this class.

**Bareboat**

Yachts in this class must be owned or managed by a known bareboat operator acceptable to the Regatta Committee. Such yachts will be assigned to this class unless application is received and permission is granted by the Regatta Committee to enter another class. Yachts shall conform with all restrictions for the Jib & Main Class except as follows:-

- (a) Racing numbers will be supplied
- (b) Cat type rigs are allowed
- (c) Spinnaker poles or other forms of bearing out spars are not allowed

Yachts must carry all the equipment normally carried on a bareboat charter except for the dinghy and its motor, oars and fuel tank. Biminis may be removed. Yachts must comply with all safety requirements including section 4c of the Sailing Instructions which states, “No part of an anchor shall overhang the bow while racing.”

■ **Racing/After Racing Programme**

This programme is for information only – the contents of the programme change from year to year. The BVI Spring Regatta, which is the third leg of the C.O.R.T. Series, will consist of up to nine races and activities as follows:-

<b>Day of the Week</b>	<b>Programme of Events</b>
Monday - Sailing Festival	- Welcome party and pre-registration at Nanny Cay Marina
Tuesday - Sailing Festival	- Race to Bitter End Yacht Club from Nanny Cay (Bitter End Cup)
Wednesday - Sailing Festival	- Lay day at BEYC, Dinghy regatta in Lasers and Hobie Waves
Thursday - Sailing Festival	- AM Race from BEYC to Nanny Cay (Nanny Cay Cup) - PM Registration & check-in at Nanny Cay Marina; - Annual Mount Gay Welcome Party at the Regatta Village
Friday - Spring Regatta	- 1000 hrs - First race starts
Saturday - Spring Regatta	- 1000 hrs - Second race starts - 1730 hrs - Annual Sea Urchins Spring Regatta Fashion Show at the Regatta Village
Sunday - Spring Regatta	- 1000 hrs - Third race starts - 1730 hrs - Awards Ceremony at the Regatta Village



## Racing / Regattas

# Standard Yacht Racing Conditions

### SECURITY DEPOSIT

1. The charterer shall pay a refundable Racing Security Deposit, as stated on the Sunsail Race Information sheet, to Sunsail by cash, credit card or cheque, not less than 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the charter. This deposit is as security against:
  - The vessel being returned in a condition other than its condition on the commencement of charter.
  - Any loss or damage suffered by Sunsail due to any breach of this agreement by the charterer, but without prejudice to any claim over and above the security deposit that Sunsail may have.
2. The security deposit or the balance, if any, remaining after any deductions have been made shall be returned within 14 days of the return of the vessel to Sunsail. In case of any dispute, the security deposit or such balance (if any) shall be refunded upon settlement of the dispute.

### DAMAGE/COLLISION

1. Charterers are responsible for damage caused to their yacht during the charter period irrespective as to whosoever caused such damage. In the event of damage the charterer will lose his security deposit, except in the following instances:
  - The total repair or replacement costs are less than the deposit in which case the remainder of the deposit (after these costs are deducted) will be refunded.
  - It can be proved that the damage was caused by another yacht that was at fault AND the charterer took all possible measures to avoid collision AND the other skipper will pay for all damage caused. In which case the security deposit will be refunded on payment by the guilty party.
  - Where the yacht was under the responsibility of a Sunsail skipper and he was at the helm. Should the charterer be in charge of the helm then this exclusion does not apply.
2. At the end of the charter period in which a collision has occurred, involved parties will be required to agree and apportion blame. Deposits, if appropriate, will then be refunded (Should repair costs be less than the deposit). If no agreement can be reached then Sunsail will decide which party is responsible. Sunsail's decision except in case of manifest error shall be final.
3. In the event of a collision, either between a non Sunsail yacht or any other number of Sunsail yachts, ALL security deposits will be withheld, irrespective of the initially perceived costs or blame until such time as a decision has been reached. A further security deposit will be taken from all parties before the charter may continue. This applies for each and every separate incident during the charter period.

# Standard yacht racing conditions cont'd...

In the event that the 3<sup>rd</sup> party of a collision is a non Sunsail yacht, charterer must make his best efforts to obtain details of the yacht, skipper, insurer and a report on the collision, Sunsail will make every effort to assist in recovering the money from the 3<sup>rd</sup> party if appropriate.

In the event that a charterer requests a replacement item for any damage caused directly by the charterer: e.g. replacement spinnaker or in extreme cases a replacement yacht, the charterer shall top up their security deposit to the extent of the damage caused or the value of the original security deposit or whichever is the lower. Replacement of the item remains at the discretion of Sunsail (subject to availability) and if no replacement is made no refund of charter or race fees will be made.

Liability of the charterer is unlimited if the damage was caused while the skipper was drunk/drugged or the damage was reckless/wilful or negligent.

In the event of damage to the yacht, the local Sunsail representative must be informed immediately and his decision as to whether the yacht is able to continue charter without repair shall be final.

*To be signed on behalf of the Charterer:*

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Event: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_