



St Vincent and the Grenadines Sailing Association

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NOTICE OF RACE CG United SVG Sailing Association (SVGSA) National Sailing Championships 2026

- 1) SVGSA will be the Organising Authority, OA, for the National Championships. Email: svgsailingassociation@gmail.com, WhatsApp +1 784 5329746
- 2) The event will take place at Coconut Grove Beach Club, on Saturday, 29th August 2026.
- 3) Events are governed by the rules as defined in the 2025 - 2028 Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 4) Classes are ILCA 4, ILCA 6, and Optimist.
- 5) All of the ILCA 4, ILCA 6 and Optimists will be provided and a 'lucky dip' held to allocate the boats being borrowed.
- 6) Eligibility: Sailors must be citizens of St Vincent and the Grenadines, aged 22yrs or under at the time of the event, and be a member of an affiliated club.
- 7) Entry limits. Due to the limited availability of equipment there is a **strict allocation policy**. The visiting clubs will be allotted places as follows:
 - a) For ILCA 4 a maximum of 2 sailors selected by their club
 - b) For ILCA 6 a maximum of 2 sailors selected by their club
 - c) For Optimist maximum of 2 sailors selected by their club
 - d) The Sailing Association reserves the right to allocate wildcard places if boats are available after the registration deadline, see point 8.
- 8) Clubs must register their sailors for the Championships with the SVGSA via **email** by the **12th August 2026**, stating: Sailor's full name; Date of birth; Class of boat; Club name; Coach name and guardian if under 18.
- 9) No travel or accommodation is provided by the Sailing Association. A club may apply, **via email**, for a stipend of ec\$1000 to assist with attending the competition. Lunch will be provided on Saturday and water made available to replenish reusable drinks bottles. This is limited to the competitors, the coach and the guardian from each club.
- 10) The boats which are supplied must be left in the condition they were found.
- 11) The Sailing Association endeavors to supply boats in good condition but takes no responsibility for unforeseen breakages. Sailors are encouraged to check their allocated boats.
- 12) Boats will be inspected before the first race, and the sailor will sign for the equipment. If a safety issue is noted then the boat will not be allowed to race until it is rectified. Equipment inspection and allocation will take place on **Friday, 28th August, between 4pm and 6pm**. If this is not possible, please let the organizing committee know via email at the time of initial registration.
- 13) The Sailing Instructions will be published no later than 11.59pm on the 25th August.

- 14) The Sailing Instructions will identify the start time for the first race on Saturday, 29th August, which will be no earlier than 9am. The final race will not start later than 3pm.
- 15) The sailor must sign their registration form at least 1 hour before the first race, U18 the guardian must also sign.
- 16) The skipper's briefing will be held no earlier than 8am at the Sailing Centre. Courses for racing will be confirmed at the skipper's briefing.
- 17) Penalty System and Dispute Resolution
 - a) RRS Rule 44 (Two-Turns Penalty) will apply.
 - b) Arbitration may be offered under RRS Appendix T as an alternative to a full protest hearing.
 - c) A protest committee will be appointed to hear protests and requests for redress.
 - d) Decisions of the protest committee will not be subject to appeal in accordance with RRS 70, as the Organising Authority has explicit approval from the St Vincent and the Grenadines Sailing Association (MNA) to deny the right of appeal.
- 18) 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.' Sailing by its nature is an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk.
- 19) According to the number of confirmed entries received within the deadline defined above, the OA, after consultation with the Race Officer, reserves the absolute right to modify the conditions of the championships, notifications will be distributed to all entrants.
- 20) Insurance: Competitors are strongly advised to hold valid third-party liability insurance, with cover appropriate to the nature of the event. However, insurance is recommended but not essential for participation in the SVGSA National Sailing Championships 2026.
- 21) Entry Fees: There will be no entry fee for participation in the SVGSA National Sailing Championships 2026.
- 22) Advertising: Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20 (Advertising Code).
- 23) Safety: Competitors shall wear personal flotation devices (PFDs) at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing. This requirement does not replace compliance with local safety laws.
- 24) Race Format and Scoring:
 - a) The Championships will be scored in accordance with RRS Appendix A (Low Point System).
 - b) A minimum of one race is required to constitute a series.
- 25) Media Rights: By participating in the event, competitors automatically grant to the Organising Authority and sponsors the right to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures, and live or recorded audio and video of them during the event without compensation.

- 26) Liability Disclaimer: Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. The Organising Authority and any party involved in the organisation of the event will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Championships.
- 27) Prizes will be awarded 1st, 2nd, 3rd and 1st girl for each class. Each class has a perpetual trophy and will have the champions' name and year engraved. This will be kept and displayed by the SVGSA.
- 28) For further information please contact Sabrina Marks Dasent on WhatsApp +1 784 5329746