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THE 38TH ANNUAL  
ST. THOMAS INTERNATIONAL ROLEX REGATTA  
MARCH 21 – 27, 2011



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Join me for the St. Thomas International Rolex Regatta. We'll be racing with world class racers Brian Thompson and Rich Stearns on the maxi 79' racing yacht *Kialoa V*, March 2011. This will be an experience not to be missed!





The [St. Thomas Yacht Club](#) and title sponsor [Rolex](#) are the hosts for this regatta known as the “Crown Jewel” of Caribbean racing that boasts “reliable breezes, warm azure waters and world-renowned Island hospitality.”

SPS Program includes:

- Exclusive charter of a Frers maxi 79' – *Kialoa V*
- 2 race training days, lay day, 3 race days
- 2 Racing pros (Rich Stearns and Brian Thompson), licensed skipper, 1st mate and additional racing support crew
- All race registration/entry fees
- All berthing fees, fuel, on/off shore maintenance support
- Race equipment including spinnakers
- Breakfast at the St. Thomas YC on race days
- Lunch, snacks and beverages each day on the boat
- SPS stow bag with shirts, hats, and other gifts for each guest
- Event management
- Event and crew photographs
- Transportation will be provided/arranged from/to airport, marina to YC parties

Program Cost: \$3750 per person

*\* Accommodations and airfare not included. Group hotel accommodations and transportation options TBA.*



## SPS Rolex Regatta Itinerary

### **Arrive – Monday, March 21**

SPS welcome reception at the St. Thomas Yacht Club to meet your mentors and crew, and enjoy beer, wine and hors d'oeuvres.

### **Tuesday – March 22**

Training day 1

### **Wednesday – March 23**

Training day 2

### **Thursday – March 24**

Lay day

Rolex welcome reception at the YC

### **Friday – March 25**

Race day 1 – Harbor Race. The morning course offers a downwind start and stretches to Charlotte Amalie Harbor, giving racers an opportunity to see St. Thomas' beautiful and historic capital. The afternoon race starts in town and finishes back at the yacht club and festivities.

### **Saturday – March 26**

Race day 2 – St. John Race. Round-the-rocks racing takes you along the south shore of beautiful St. John finishes back at the yacht club and festivities.

### **Sunday – March 27**

Race day 3 – Pillsbury Sound Race. The final day's racing takes place on scenic Pillsbury Sound, in and around the beautiful Cays.

The Rolex Awards Ceremony takes place on the beach Sunday evening highlighted by the presentation of an abundance of prizes and video by [t2p.tv](https://www.t2p.tv).





## Brian Thompson

*Multiple World Record Breaker*



From 1991 to 2010, Brian has broken 23 World Records and has been the winning skipper, co-skipper or navigator on many successful campaigns, such as those of *PlayStation*, *Kingfisher*, *ABN Amro*, *Ecover*, Sergio Tacchini and the Kingdoms of Qatar and Bahrain.

Winning races have included the Volvo Ocean Race, Oryx Quest round the world race, Quebec/Saint Malo, Transpac, Round Britain and Ireland, OSTAR Transat , Bermuda, and many others. Other notable race finishes have been on the Vendee Globe in 2009 (5th place) , the Route du Rhum in 2006 (6th place) and the Transat Jacques Vabre (3rd, 5th and 8th places).

Brian recently signed with Team Banque Populaire to challenge another round the world record this winter on the super trimaran.



## Richard Sterns

*US Racing Champion, Author & Speaker*



Rich has been racing sailboats since 1962 when he started sailing a Penguin dinghy. Since then, he has won several North American Championships and is an America's Cup veteran. As a business owner, Rich was a principal at Murphy & Nye Hood, Sobstad and Doyle sail loft franchises in Chicago for 25 years. He then began to sell boats after developing the LS-10 33' sailboat and now owns Stearns Boating. Over the years Rich has raced and cruised monohulls and catamarans throughout the world.

Watch for Rich as he goes for his third consecutive win at the upcoming 102nd Chicago Mac Race this July 24!

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## Kialoa V

“KV” is a world class maxi racing yacht originally built for the renowned American yachtsman Jim Kilroy, and is now owned and enjoyed by the Mills family of Lake Placid, NY. In 1987 she was the World Maxi Champion and a Southern Ocean Racing Circuit champion. KV is still famous today as the fifth and last of Jim Kilroy’s successful line of maxi racing yachts. In 1999, she was outfitted at Pendennis Shipyard in the U.K. with a new super-light interior designed for comfortable living aboard both offshore and in port. Performance was not compromised as the rig, deck and under-body are still original.

### KV Specifications

Designer: German Frers  
Bulder: Mefasa Boatyard, Spain  
Hull Material: Aluminum  
LOA: 79’  
Draft: 14’ 6”  
Beam: 19’ 7”  
Mast Height: 110’ off the water  
(masthead rig)





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