



The 7th St. Croix International Marathon set for New Years Day Race Notes...

- ✓ **What:** The 7th St. Croix International Marathon a 26.2 mile road race for runners men and women 18 years and older...The marathon is a race with enormous history...its origin is associated with the ancient games of the Olympiad in Greece and the myth of the messenger Phillipides running from battlefield of Marathon to Athens to deliver the news that the Athenians had won victory over the more Persians...it is the only event designed for the Olympic Games.
- ✓ **When:** January 1, 2009 at 5am to 10am...The St. Croix International Marathon is the first marathon in the world to be run in the “New Millennium” (01-01-01) and it is the first marathon run in the world each year since.
- ✓ **Where:** Course--Frederiksted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands on the road and street from Plaza Extra West (near St.Joseph’s Church) on Queen Mary Highway to Frederiksted to Vincent Mason Pool to Frederiksted to Hamm’s Bluff to Mahogany Road past Lagrange to Frederiksted Medre Cummings playground to Hamm’s Bluff to Frederiksted to Market St. to Strand St. to Ann Abramson pier. The course is certified by AIMS/IAAF and runners may qualify for the Olympics, World Championships and Boston Marathon...the course is scenic, it’s flat, it’s fast...
- ✓ **Organization:** Organized by The Virgin Islands Pace Runners with support from: The St.Croix Track Club, The V.I.Cycling Federation, The Virgin Islands Police Department, St. Croix Rescue; Carib Dynamics; Volunteers
- ✓ **Sanctioned by:** The Association of International Marathons and Road Races, the International Association of Road Races and the Virgin Islands Track and Field Federation
- ✓ **Who:** All runners are invited...registered local runners from previous winners and participants and new ones...regional runners from neighboring islands...international runners from Europe, the Americas, Canada, USA, others
- ✓ **Sponsors:** Plaza Extra; Joel H. Holt, Attorney; Larry Williams Commodity Timing
- ✓ **Previous Winners Male:** Marlon Williams, V.I. 2001; Calvin Dallas V.I. 2003; Steve Burkholder V.I. 2005; Calvin Dallas V.I. 2006; Pamenos Ballantyne, St. Vincent and the Grenadines 2007, Jose Rodriquiz, Puerto Rico
- ✓ **Previous Winners Female:** Jo Shim V.I. 2001; Theresa Harper 2003, 2005, 2006, 2007; Ruth-Ann David 2008
- ✓ **Race Record Men:** Pamenos Ballantyne, St. Vincent and the Grenadines 2:40.28

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- ✓ Race Record Women: Ruth-Ann David, St.Thomas, Virgin Islands 3:35.06