

The 15<sup>th</sup> St. Croix Marathon The 15<sup>th</sup> St. Croix International Marathon... The 42<sup>nd</sup> V.I. Half-Marathon... The St. Croix, Marathon Relay... December 11, 2016 5am

...experience the USA Caribbean...

## NEWS/NOTES

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What: The 15<sup>th</sup> St. Croix International Marathon a 26.2 mile road race for runners men and women 18 years and older...walkers invited...

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 Pheidippides running from battlefield of Marathon to Athens to deliver the news that the Athenians had won victory over the Persians...it is the only event designed for the Olympic Games.

Included on race day in addition to the 15th St. Croix International Marathon and the St. Croix Marathon Relay will start at the Christiansted National Historic Site-Fort Christianvaern...The 42<sup>nd</sup> Virgin Islands Half-Marathon will start at at Arawak Bay...The Inn At Salt River on the North Shore Road.

All three races will finish at Arawak Bay...The Inn At Salt River.

When: December 11 at 5am St. Croix Marathon December 11 at 6am The V.I. Half-Marathon December 11 at 5:00am The St. Croix Marathon Relay

The St. Croix International Marathon is the first marathon in the world to be run in the "New Millennium" (01-01-01) and it was for several years, the first marathon run in the world each year until the date change.

The St. Croix International Marathon is the smallest official marathon in the world...

## Where:

Course--Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands...START St. Croix Marathon at the National Historic Site Fort Christiansvaern at the corner of Hospital and Company streets...to Market St...to Northside Road (Rt. 75) west...to Salt River Road/North Shore Road/Sidney Lee Road (Rt.80) North and West to Renaissance Carambola Beach Resort which approximately 13.5 miles and the turn-around...back to intersection of Salt River Road and Northside Road (Rt.80 and Rt.75)...turn around back to a point

on Rt.80 approximately two miles west of Arawak Bay...The Inn At Salt River...turn around and return to the FINISH at Arawak Bay...The Inn At Salt River.

The course is certified by AIMS/IAAF and runners may qualify for the Olympics, World Championships and Boston Marathon...New York City Marathon...Pan American Games...the course is scenic, with rolling hills...

Course Certification #: ISV-2014-087-BDC

**Course**—V.I. Half-Marathon...START Rt.80 North Shore Road/Sidney Lee Road at Arawak Bay...The Inn At Salt River...East approximately one mile...turn around...west to Renaissance Carambola Beach Resort...turn around back to Arawak Bay...The Inn At Salt River FINISH.

**Course**—St. Croix Marathon Relay...(no limit on the how many runners on a team, can be male or female, runners under the age of 14 are limited to 5K, runner may run more than one leg (except for runners under 14 who are limited to 5K total miles run)...team determines the distance each runner completes...only one number assigned to a team...

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**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; Mary's Fancy Track Club; Volunteers

**Sanctioned by**: The Association of International Marathons and Road Races, the International Association of Road Races (AIMS), The International Association of Athletic Federations (IAAF), The North America, Central America and Caribbean Athletics Confederation (NACAC); The Central America and Caribbean Athletics Association (CAC), Road Runners Club of America (RRCA); The Virgin Islands Track and Field Federation (VITFF)...

**V.I. Championships**...The St. Croix Marathon and the V.I. Half-Marathon are official Virgin Islands Championships for open and age-group participants sanctioned by 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

Register before October 31...\$65.00...after \$75.00 (marathon and half-marathon)... Special discount to runners in St. Croix Marathon and V.I. Half-Marathon who also run St. Croix Scenic 50 on January **Sponsors:** Joel H. Holt, Attorney; PLAZA EXTRA; LNL Publishing; Bohlke International Airways, Quality, Auto Parts, HH Tire & Battery, others

## **Previous Marathon Winners Male:**

2001 Marlon Williams V.I. 3:08.24
2003 Calvin Dallas V.I. 3:18.00
2005 Steve Burkholder V.I. 3:15.00
2006 Calvin Dallas V.I. 3:05.09
2007 Pamenos Ballantyne, St. Vincent and the Grenadines 2:40.28 (Race Record)
2008 Jose Rodriquiz Puerto Rico 2:55.39
2009 (Dec.) Billy Bohlke V.I. 2:55.28 (race date changed from New Year's Day)
2009 (Jan.) Billy Bohlke V.I. 2:44.V.I
2010 Jose Rodriquez Puerto Rico 2:51.27
2011 Jason Wiley USA 3:22.03
2012 J.D. Nielsen USA 3:01.51
2013 Calvin Dallas V.I. 3:19.33
2015 Jorge Jimenez Cuba 2:41.15

## **Previous Marathon Winners Female:**

2001 Jo Shim V.I. 3:42.54
2003 Theresa Harper V.I. 3:48.00
2005 Theresa Harper V.I. 3:57.44
2007 Theresa Harper 3:40.21
2008 Ruth Ann David V.I. 3:25.44
2009 (Dec.) Ruth Ann David V.I. 3:24.44
2009 (Jan.) Heidi Snow V.I. 4:14.55 (race date Changed from New Year's Day)
2010 Maureen Manning, USA 3:18.14 (Race Record)
2011 Maureen Manning USA 3:39.08
2012 Ana Gutierrez V.I. 3:33.20
2013 Bridget Campbell V.I. 3:43.45
2014 Bridget Campbell-Klein V.I. 3:44.21
2015 Misledys Hernandez Cuba 3:19.28