



The 14th St. Croix International Marathon
December 13, 2015 5am

The 41st Virgin Islands Half-Marathon
December 13, 2015 6am

The St. Croix Marathon Relay
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St. Croix Marathon...V.I. Half-Marathon set for Sunday Results...

Report on 14th St. Croix International Marathon...



JORGE LUIS SUAREZ JIMENEZ leads race as he heads for mile 14 in The 14th St. Croix International Marathon
V.I. Pace Runners Photo courtesy of Roger Hatfield

The St. Croix International Marathon is one, if not the smallest official marathons in the world. Because of the heat, the hills and humidity, it is also one of the most challenging.

Both the 14th edition of the St. Croix Marathon and the 41st Virgin Islands Half-Marathon were run Sunday in St. Croix under existent climatic conditions that are always considered less than ideal for marathon running. Run from the Christiansted National Historical Site of the National Park Service through its Ecological Preserve at Salt River and past the Christopher Columbus Landing Site and on the

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north shore course, it is one of the most beautiful courses found anywhere. With less than two dozen marathoners the field for the low-budget event included runners from Cuba, Denmark, The Netherlands, Germany and the USA.



MISLEDYS VARGAS HERNANDEZ from Cuba wins 14th St. Croix International Marathon and 2nd overall
V.I.Pace Runners Photo

Cuba led the way...

Both the male and female races were totally dominated by Cubans. JORGE LUIS SUAREZ JIMENEZ four-time winner of the Marabana Marathon in Havana, a race that attracts over 5,000 runners, put it on cruise control Sunday morning and took advantage of the cooler temperature of the darkness of morning. According to four-time Olympian Marlon Williams driving the lead car, Jimenez went through the first six of the twenty-six mile race at just under six minutes per mile pace. Jimenez a 2:23 marathoner ran the tough St. Croix course in 2:41.15 a new course record and just short of the race record of Pamenos Ballantyne of St. Vincent and the Grenadines 2:40.28 on the course in Frederiksted in 2007. BILLY BOHLKE of St. Croix, who spends more time flying these days as a military and business pilot once again worked the course and finished first for V.I. runners with a time of 3:29.13 for second place overall and the V.I. Marathon Championship. This is his third V.I. Championship title, he won the race twice in 2009 when it changed dates, his best time was 2:44. JASON SNOW of St. Croix finished third for the men in the race with a time of 3:57.28. It was his first marathon.

Only three runners have gone under three hours for the race which just finished its 14th year, Ballantyne, Jimenez and Bohlke.

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MISLEDYS VARGAS HERNANDEZ from Cuba and also a winner of the big Marabana Marathon in Cuba help seal the deal for Cuba in the St. Croix race as she led the women all the way and was second overall to set a new course record in 3:19.28 and just short of the race record of 3:18.14 set by Maureen Manning of Nashville, Tennessee in 2010; it too was run on the faster and flatter Frederiksted course. BRIGET KLEIN of St. Croix finished second in Sunday's race and defended her V.I. Marathon Championship for the third year in a row with a time of 3:36.53 and her personal record for the race. THERESA HARPER of St. Croix the four-time winner of the race between 2003 and 2007 finished third in the race with a time of 3:55.30 and qualified for the Boston Marathon.

Report on 41st Virgin Islands-Half Marathon...



Juan Robles with 5 miles to go in 41st V.I. Half-Marathon

Photo Courtesy of: Roger Hatfield

JUAN ROBLES of St. Croix continued his winning ways in the 41st running of the Virgin Islands Half-Marathon which started an hour later than the marathon. Leading all the way he ran a personal record for the race to take first place with a time of 1:17.11. It was his third V.I. Half-Marathon Championships win in a row. SHANE DEGANNES of St. Thomas finished second in the race and the top master with a time of 1:26.51 and after finishing second last week in Tortola, British Virgin Islands half-marathon. LOGAN SCHULTZ from Lexington, Kentucky and former Brigham Young University runner, finished third with a time of 1:37.53.



Calah Schlabach wins 41st V.I. Half-Marathon

Photo courtesy of Roger Hatfield

There is a new women's champion for the V.I. Half-Marathon. Pro Triathlete CALAH SCHLABACH of Arlington, Virginia was the first place finisher in the race with a time of 1:27.10. She took the lead ahead from defending champ RUTH ANN DAVID of St. Thomas past the mid-way point of the race to claim the title. David was second and defending her V.I. Championship title with a time of 1:30:56. JULIE SOMMER of St. Croix was third in 1:38.44.

NOTES:

1] Lichu Sloan is a member of Marathon Maniacs. She runs a marathon every weekend. The oldest runner in the race Sunday she finished with a time of 6:36.38, her 176th marathon! She is from Clifton Park, NY

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2] Kim Smit from Denmark traveled to St. Croix to run the race and to make plans with Wallace Williams to establish a three-event marathon (St. Croix, St. Thomas and St. John) for the V.I. Transfer Celebration in 2017. The plans are to see up to 100 marathon runners run three marathons in March of 2017 as part of the celebration. He finished fourth in the race Sunday with a time of 4:19:31.

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AWARD LIST FOR RACE

THE 14TH ST. CROIX INTERNATIONAL MARATHON

26.2 Miles

December 13, 2015

Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands USA

Organized by: The Virgin Islands Pace Runners

sanctioned by: The Virgin Islands Track and Field Federation

***** MALE OVERALL RESULTS FOR MARATHON RACE *****

1	JORGE Jimenez	44 Cuba	2:41:15	2:41:15
2	BILLY Bohlke	37 St. Croix, VI	3:29:13	3:29:13
3	JASON Snow	40 St. Croix, VI	3:57:28	3:57:28
4	KIM Smit	55 Denmark	4:19:31	4:19:31
5	PAUL Evora	45 St. Croix, VI	4:21:46	4:21:46
6	WAYNE Nichols	61 St. Croix, V.I.	4:24:03	4:24:03
7	BENJAMIN Peschek	29 Whitter, CA	4:24:05	4:24:05
8	TROY Holloway	51 V.I.Tri/V.I.Pac	4:24:29	4:24:29
9	MIKE Klein	50 Jolly Roger/V.I	4:36:22	4:36:22
10	GERTJANS Lahuis	43 Twello, Netherl	4:50:52	4:50:52
11	DIETER Max Elster	59 Bochum, Germany	4:51:01	4:51:01
12	ROBERT Wolfe	62 Key West, FL	4:51:39	4:51:39
13	JAMES Lewis	50 Durham, NC	5:22:39	5:22:39

***** FEMALE OVERALL RESULTS FOR MARATHON RACE *****

1	MISLEDYS Hernandez	38 Cuba	3:19:28	3:19:28
2	BRIDGET Klein	32 Jolly Roger/V.I	3:36:53	3:36:53
3	THERESA Harper	49 St. Croix, VI	3:55:30	3:55:30
4	KEZIAH Sullivan	50 St. Croix, VI	4:27:26	4:27:26
5	HEIDI Snow	39 St. Croix, VI	4:55:36	4:55:36
6	MARLENE Elzalde	29 Whitter, CA	5:30:31	5:30:31
7	LICHU Sloan	67 Clifton Park, N	6:36:38	6:36:38

FEMALE AGE GROUP: 18 - 20

MALE AGE GROUP: 18 - 20

FEMALE AGE GROUP: 30 - 39

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2	4 BRIDGET Klein	3:36:53	32 Jolly Roger/V.I.Pa	3:36:53	216:53
3	17 HEIDI Snow	4:55:36	39 St. Croix, VI	4:55:36	295:36
MALE AGE GROUP: 40 - 49					
1	1 JORGE Jime	2:41:15	44 Cuba	2:41:15	161:15
2	6 JASON Snow	3:57:28	40 St. Croix, VI	3:57:28	237:28
3	8 PAUL Evora	4:21:46	45 St. Croix, VI	4:21:46	261:46
4	14 GERTJANS Lahuis	4:50:52	43 Twello, Netherland	4:50:52	290:52
FEMALE AGE GROUP: 50 - 59					
1	12 KEZIAH Sullivan	4:27:26	50 St. Croix, VI	4:27:26	267:26
MALE AGE GROUP: 60 - 69					
1	9 WAYNE Nichols	4:24:03	61 St. Croix, V.I.	4:24:03	264:03
2	16 ROBERT Wolfe	4:51:39	62 Key West, FL	4:51:39	291:39
feMALE AGE GROUP: 60 - 69					
1	20 LICHU Sloan	6:36:38	67 Clifton Park, NY	6:36:38	396:38
FEMALE AGE GROUP: 70 - 99					
MALE AGE GROUP: 70 - 99					

AWARD LIST FOR RACE
 THE 41ST VIRGIN ISLANDS HALF-MARATHON
 13.1 Miles
 December 13, 2015
 Christiansted, St. Croix, Virgin Islands USA
 Organized by: The Virgin Islands Pace Runners
 Sanctioned by: The Virgin Islands Track and Field Federation

***** MALE OVERALL RESULTS FOR HALF-MARATHON RACE *****					
1	JUAN Robles	25 St. Croix, VI	1:17:11	1:17:11	
2	SHANE DeGannes	40 St. Thomas, V.I	1:26:51	1:26:51	
3	LOGAN Schultz	31 Lexington, KY	1:37:53	1:37:53	
4	KARI Loya	44 St. Croix. V.I.	1:50:30	1:50:30	
5	STEPHEN Wagner	27 St. Croix, V.I.	1:58:09	1:58:09	
***** FEMALE OVERALL RESULTS FOR MARATHON RACE *****					
1	CALAH Schlabach	28 Arlington, VA	1:27:10	1:27:10	
2	RUTH ANN David	40 St. Thomas, V.I	1:30:56	1:30:56	
3	JULLIE Sommer	37 St. Croix, V.I.	1:48:34	1:48:34	
4	EMILY Valois	27 St. Croix, VI	1:54:06	1:54:06	
5	ELIZABETH Labelle	28 St. Croix, VI	1:54:57	1:54:57	
6	METTE Justesen	34 Denmark	1:59:28	1:59:28	
7	DULCIE Crowther	46 St. Croix, V.I.	2:00:27	2:00:27	
8	CAMILLA Jensen	43 St. Croix, V.I.	2:00:29	2:00:29	
9	REGINA Stevens	40 St. Croix, V.I.	2:06:46	2:06:46	
10	Alexis Koutoulakis	32 St. Croix, VI	2:09:19	2:09:19	
11	OLGA Capriola	48 St. Croix, V.I.	2:23:43	2:23:43	
12	TORRIE Schultz	32 Lexington, KY	2:27:14	2:27:14	
13	MEGAN Russell	27 St. Croix, V.I.	2:27:37	2:27:37	
14	ANNIE Weinheimer	30 St. Croix, V.I.	2:27:39	2:27:39	
15	MONICA Vanicelli	38 St. Louis, MO	2:39:05	2:39:05	
16	SAVANAH Goodman	28 St. Thomas, VI	2:40:47	2:40:47	
17	JULIE Carsons	54 Wilton Maners,	2:48:58		
FEMALE AGE GROUP: 18 - 20					
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FEMALE AGE GROUP: 30 - 39					
1	6 JULLIE Sommer	1:48:34	37 St. Croix, V.I.	1:48:34	
2	11 METTE Justesen	1:59:28	34 Denmark	1:59:28	
3	15 Alexis Koutoulakis	2:09:19	32 St. Croix, VI	2:09:19	
4	17 TORRIE Schultz	2:27:14	32 Lexington, KY	2:27:14	

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5	19 ANNIE Weinheimer	2:27:39	30 St. Croix, V.I.	2:27:39
6	20 MONICA Vanicelli	2:39:05	38 St. Louis, MO	2:39:05
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1	2 SHANE DeGannes	1:26:51	40 St. Thomas, V.I.	1:26:51
2	7 KARI Loya	1:50:30	44 St. Croix. V.I.	1:50:30
FEMALE AGE GROUP: 50 - 59				
1	22 JULIE Carsons	2:48:58	54 Wilton Maners, FL	2:48:58
MALE AGE GROUP: 60 - 69				
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