

THE ST. CROIX INTERNATIONAL
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Peter Olsen from Denmark in the marathon passes Government House built by Denmark in 1794...Peter's father found it to be the ideal spot to count Peter's laps...

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The Race Goes on...

The devastation resulting from the visits of hurricane Erma and Maria two category 5 hurricanes to the island of St. Croix in the Virgin Islands USA within a week of each of other nearly made it necessary to cancel the 16th St. Croix International Marathon. Over half of the island is still without electricity and other utilities, the roads are in extremely poor condition, hotel rooms, those remaining are 95% occupied by recover personnel from abroad on the island to help with the recovery effort.

This year only, the route was changed to a kilometer plus loop course in The Christiansted National Historic Site of the National Park Service.

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Called the V.I. Recovery run entry fees were waived, four races were held: The 16th St. Croix International Marathon, The 43rd V.I. Half-Marathon, The St. Croix 10k (new this year). The St. Croix Marathon Relay for schools with no limit to runners was included with a pencil used as a baton. The event extended an invitation to all including walkers to just jump in and do recovery laps as non-competitors.

Three-time winner Billy Bohlke comes back...

Billy Bohlke of St. Croix is always a finisher in the top group, won the marathon for the third time with a time of 3:24.23 in his first win since 2009 when he ran it in 2:44; St. Croix cyclist Stephen Swanton finished second in 3:50.42; marathon fanatic Peter Olsen from Denmark was third in 4:15.11; V.I. 50 mile champ Mike Klein was fourth in 4:35.54 and St. Croix ultra-runner Troy Holloway was fifth in 4:49.27.

Medical Student Defends her title...

Medical student Jessica Carter of St. George, Vermont defended her 2016 title for females with a time of 3:45.42; Jamie Gosselin of Millbury, Massachusetts a confirmed "Marathon Maniac" cruised through the mostly flat loop course for second in 4:09.38; Tr'e Bryten Los Angeles, California (started 1 hour late) finished third in 6:39.27

Marathon

Males

- 1, Billy Bohlke 3:24.23
- 2, Stephen Swanton 3:50.42
- 3, Peter Olsen 4:15.11;
- 4, Mike Klein 4:38.54;
- 5, Troy Holloway 4:49.27

Females

- 1, Jessica Carter 3:45.42 ;
- 2, Jamie Gosselin 4:09.38;
3. Trey Bryten 6:39.27

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Combined results

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Marathon Relay

Good Hope/Country Day School 3:50.42

Mason Lambert, Kaden Gleason, Josie Calhoun, Shannon Calhoun, Kelsey Bohla. Alexander Bohla, Carolyn Grimm, Olga Capriola, Kim Lambert, Tuleen Al-Khaleo; (20 runners including: students, faculty and parents) (full list will be posted)

Half-Marathon

Even Pace Makes for Easy Additional Title

Juan Robles is a multiple winner of the V.I. Half-Marathon. It was no different in Sunday's race which kicked off an hour later than the marathon and on the same route. Juan is a CARIFTA medal winner in the 3000m and is currently track and field/cross-country Elena Christian Junior High School. Jay Gleason finished second well off his usual pace in 2:16.22; David Mac Kendrick a Federal Emergency Management Agency on the island supervising much of the recovery effort for the U.S. Government was third in 2:38.36,

Bridget Klein, track and field/cross-country coach at Good Hope Country Day School in St. Croix was a steeplechaser in college. In St. Croix she has been a two-time winner of the STX Marathon and the St. Croix Scenic 50 Mile, both V.I. Championship events. She, Mike her husband and new born son Michael made it a family affair Sunday with Mike taking on the duty of powering Michael in his three-wheeler during part of the marathon race while mom ran to win the half. Ruth Ann David has run this race since

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St. Thomas she was in high school of got to start a few minutes late and was unable to close the gap on Bridget, she finished second in 1:38.27; Kat Bronsdon was third in 1:45.18; Megan Lambert was fourth in 1:45.40 and Alicia Churaman was fifth in 2:23.48.

Bridget Klein 1:33.49; 2. Ruth Ann David 1:38.27; 3. Kat Bronsdon 1:45.18; 4. Megan Lambert 1:45.40; 5. Alicia Churaman 2:23.48;

Half-Marathon

Males

- 1.Juan Robles 1:26.11
- 2.Jay Gleason 2:16.22
- 3.David Makendrick 2:38.36

Females

- 1.Bridget Klein 1:33.49
- 2.Ruth Ann David 1:38.27
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10k

Inaugural Winners of new 10K

Shane Degannes track and field/cross-country coach at Montessori School in St. Thomas and also former V.I. Half-Marathon Champion led the 10k from early on to win in38:36; Nyan Bansal student/athlete at Good Hope Country Day School was second in39:24; Jeremy Garlin was third in 48:42

Males

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2. Nyam Bansal 2:39.24
3. Jeremy Garlin 48:42
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5. Wayne Nichols 56:57
6. Islam Qartum 60:18
7. Florendo Astropabio 64:12
8. Ronald Bardach 69:55
9. Win Thomas 73:02

Anita Frefes of Viena, Virginia took advantage offered by a St. Croix vacation to take first place in this inaugural run, the St. Croix 10K with a time of 46:54; Natalie Barbach so happens to be coached by Darrel General a top finisher in the 1998 Virgin Islands Half-Marathon, made her coach proud Sunday as she took second in 51:45; Ana Gutierrez the only women to run the Olympic Games Marathon (Barcelona 1992) and the Pan American Games Marathon (Havana 1991) took third in 56:55

Females

1. Anita Freres 46:54
2. Natalie Barbach 51.45
3. Ana Gutierrez 56:55
4. Jaclyn Robak 60:21
5. Maria Jiza Alivio 74:52
6. Tanya Newsome 85:53
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