

Sint Maarten Yacht Club



STANDARD CLAUSES for SAILING INSTRUCTIONS – OFFSHORE

When this document is included in a Sailing Instructions (SI), the two documents combined form the 'Sailing Instructions' as defined in RRS Appendix J2. The SI may change any part of this document by stating the Standard Clause (SC) changed and the change.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017 -20.
- 1.2. No national authority prescriptions will apply.
 - 1.1. Classes designated as 'CSA' will also be governed by the CSA Rating Rule except that if so stated on the SI, boats not holding a current Rating certificate may apply for a temporary rating and if granted, such rating will apply for this event only.
 - 1.2. Classes designated as 'Multihull' will also be governed by the CSA Multihull Rating Rule.
 - 1.3. All classes will be governed by the Caribbean Regatta Safety and Equipment Regulations.
 - 1.4. Any other rule changes are detailed in the SI.
 - 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. ENTRY

Entry is open to any boat in a class listed in the NOR and subject to any restrictions listed there. Entry is subject to online entry and payment of any fee prior to racing on a Race day.

3. ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION

- 3.1. If required by the Notice of Race, boats shall display identification while racing. The organising authority will supply such identification and instructions for their use, which instructions will form part of the Sailing Instructions.

- 3.2. If class flags are to be displayed by competing boats, they are to be displayed conspicuously abaft the main mast of the boat.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 4.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Notice Board as described in the SI.
- 4.2. VHF Radio may be used to communicate with competitors on the water. The channel(s) to be used are detailed in the SI.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. Changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not less than 2 hours before the warning signal of the first race in which it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 on the day before it will take effect.

- 5.2. Changes to Marks, Courses, and the Starting Order may be made orally by the Race Committee prior to the warning signal of any affected class by:

- i) displaying code flag 'L' with one sound, and
- ii) announcing the change by hailing each boat sailing in the starting area or by VHF Radio on the channel designated in the SI.

6. CLASSES, CLASS FLAGS, SCHEDULE OF RACES, And STARTING ORDER

- 6.1. Classes, Class flags, the Schedule of Races, and the scheduled Starting order for the first race of each day is given in the SI.

6.2. Subsequent races on each day may start in a different order.

7. RACING AREA and LOCATION OF START

The location of the start is described in the SI.

8. PROHIBITED AREAS

While racing, boats shall not enter the following areas which are defined as obstructions:

- a) The area between any mooring buoy or mark in Cole Bay and the nearest shoreline.
- b) The area between any yellow mark in Maho Bay and the nearest shoreline.

9. THE COURSES

9.1. The course to be sailed for each class will be signaled not later than the warning signal for that class by displaying a course board on the committee vessel or by announcing the course by VHF radio or other means of communication.

9.2. When displaying a course board on the committee vessel, the board will display a symbol for each mark in the order in which it is to be rounded. A Green symbol or a symbol on a green background denotes that the mark is to be rounded to starboard, a red or orange symbol or a symbol on a red or orange background denotes that the mark is to be rounded to port.

- a) Announcing the course by VHF.

9.3. The SI may change the procedure by which the course is signaled.

10. MARKS

10.1. The marks are described in the SI and an optional accompanying chart. The chart does not form part of the Sailing Instructions.

10.2. Unless specified in the SI, the starting and finishing marks will be orange ball-shaped fenders or orange tetrahedron marks.

11. THE START

11.1. Unless otherwise specified in the SI the starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the committee boat and the starting mark.

11.2. If specified in the SI a starting time limit will apply: a boat starting later than the specified time after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes rules A4 and A5.

12. CHANGING THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

The Race Committee will not signal a change of the position of a mark unless the change is greater than 20° in direction or 25% in length. This changes RRS 33.

13. CHANGING THE COURSE

13.1. Provided that all boats are signaled before they begin the first leg to be changed, the Race Committee may change the remaining portion of the course.