



2023 Caribbean Multihull Challenge – St Maarten February 2-5, 2023

Sint Maarten Yacht Club www.caribbeanmultihullchallenge.com

NOTICE OF RACE

Sailing Area Races will be held in the waters of Dutch Sint Maarten and French Saint Martin and St. Barths.

Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 The Sailing Instructions may change other racing rules.
- 1.3 Classes using CSA Multihull Rule will be governed by the CSA multihull rule available at www.caribbean-sailing.com Entrants wishing to have ratings created, modified or converted are advised to make contact with the Caribbean Sailing Association Measurers whose details can be accessed at: <https://caribbean-sailing.com/csa-rules/measurers/>
- 1.4 Any class using MOCRA ratings will also be governed by the MOCRA rating rule.
- 1.5 Vessels not having a rating may sail in the Pirate class. The Race Committee will provide a rating which may change after each race.
- 1.5A. If there are entrants in any class other than CSA Multihull Rule that constitute a fleet of less than four boats, the race committee has the option to have these vessels sail in the CSA Multihull class.
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.
- 1.7 All classes are to comply with the Heineken Regatta Safety and Equipment Regulations.

2. Eligibility and Entry

- 2.1 The Regatta is open to multihull boats and classes listed in Attachment A.
- 2.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to: a. Combine the start of one class with another. b. Subdivide any class. c. Cancel racing for any class or amalgamate classes if the number of entries is less than five.



2.3 The Race Committee may separate boats into classes and assign boats to those classes at its sole discretion using one of the rating systems listed in NOR 1.

2.3 A. At registration the entrant will define a sail plan choice if such options exist in the rating system.

2.4 Eligible boats for race and rally may enter by completing the entry form at the entry and results website prior to the close of registration: on www.yachtscoring.com

3 Entry fees

3.1 The entry fee is US \$8.00 per foot of length overall or US \$250.00 whichever is greater. Entrants who are paid up members of the SMYC will enjoy a 20% discount.

3.2 A \$1.00 per foot discount applies when paid by midnight 31 December 2022.

3.3 Entry fees shall be paid no later than the close of registration by cash, St Maarten Bank Check, Visa or MasterCard.

4 Registration and Ratings

4.1 Each boat shall send a representative to complete the boat's registration during the hours shown under 'schedule'.

4.2 Each boat except for Pirate Class shall hold a current valid rating certificate appropriate to the class in which they are entered.

4.3 No rating certificate shall be changed after 1800 on the day before the first scheduled race of the regatta unless such change is expressly permitted in writing by the Technical Committee.

5 Schedule

The schedule will be posted in Attachment A

6 Identification

6.1 Boats with sail numbers shall provide sail numbers at registration.

6.2 Boats without sail numbers may be provided bow identification by the Race Committee at registration.



7 Sailing Instructions

7.1 Sailing instructions will be available at registration and may be published online prior to the event.

8 Venue

8.1 The venue is the Sint Maarten Yacht Club /Simpson Bay. Social events may be hosted by a nearby marina.

9 Courses

9.1 Course and mark descriptions will be distributed with the Sailing Instructions.

10 Penalty System

10.1 For all classes, rule 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one turn penalty.

11 Scoring

11.1 One race must be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12 Prizes

12.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each class with five or more boats entered.

12.2 An overall prize will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

12.3 Additional awards may be awarded.

13 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 4, Decision to Race.) The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta. The COVID-19 global pandemic presents new challenges to all event organizers and an increased need for additional safety measures for all participants. Our organizing authority intend to follow all applicable governmental and legal requirements and WHO standards, which may require postponement or cancellation of the event due to circumstances beyond their control. It is also up to each individual participant (skipper, crew, guest, etc.) to act responsibly and within their own comfort range when choosing whether and how to participate in this event. The organizing authority strongly recommends all participants take appropriate health precautions and make their travel plans with these factors in mind. The organizing authority makes no assessment or warranty of each team's preparedness or safety.



14. Insurance

Each participating vessel shall be insured with the valid third-party liability insurance.

15. Further Information

Sailing instructions, notices of changes and results will only be posted online using the yacht scoring website. The Host Club is the Sint Maarten Yacht Club Simpson Bay Sint Maarten for further information contact Saskia Revelman – Event Manager Sint Maarten Yacht Club, saskia@smyc.com telephone: +1721 544 2079

Class	Eligibility requirements
CSA	Boats shall have a valid CSA certificate
MOCRA	Boats shall have a valid MOCRA certificate with a rating higher than 0.980
Pirate Class	Boats does not have any ratings.
Rally	No rating requirements, safety rules apply.