# St. Maarten Heineken Regatta 2016





Attachment A to the Notice of Race

### **Schedule**

Tue	1 March 2016	1000 - 1800	Registration	SMYC
Wed	2 March	1000 - 1800	Registration	SMYC
Thu	3 March	1000 - 1300	Registration	SMYC
Fri	4 March	0925	Racing	
Sat	5 March	0925	Racing	
Sun	6 March	0925	Registration SN Racing Racing Racing	
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## **Class Groups**

Class Group	Rating System	Additional eligibility requirements	Entry fee US\$ per foot
Maxi	CSA		10.00
Former Volvo/Whitbread	CSA	Boat has entered Volvo or Whitbread Round-the-World Race	10.00
CSA Monohull	CSA		10.00
Melges 24	CSA		10.00
CSA Multihull	CSA (Multihull)		10.00
CSA Bareboat	CSA (Bareboat)		10.00
Beach Cat	Portsmouth Yardstick	(	10.00
Lottery Class	Lottery		8.00

# **Entry form**

Enter by completing the online entry form at <a href="http://regattaguru.com/heineken">http://regattaguru.com/heineken</a>

# St. Maarten Heineken Regatta

3 - 6 March 2016 Sint Maarten Yacht Club Event website: http://heinekenregatta.com Entry and results: http://regattaguru.com/heineken

## **Notice of Race**

#### 1. Rules

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2. All boats will also be governed by the St. Maarten Heineken Regatta Safety and Equipment Regulations.
- 1.3. Any class using the CSA Rating System will also be governed by the CSA Rating Rule.
- 1.4. CSA Bareboat classes will also be governed by the St Maarten Heineken Regatta Bareboat Rule.
- 1.5. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

#### 2. Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

#### 3. Eligibility, entry, and entry fee

- 3.1. The regatta is open to boats of the class groups listed in Attachment A and any other classes accepted by the organising authority, subject to any additional eligibility requirements listed.
- 3.2. Boats entering a class group that uses a CSA Rating System shall hold a valid CSA rating certificate.
- 3.3. The Race Committee may subdivide each class group into classes, including creating one-design or monotype classes where entry numbers permit, or combine class groups into a single class, or re-assign any entry between class groups at its discretion.
- 3.4. The required fee for a boat is determined by its length overall as shown in Attachment A.
- 3.5. Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form online at the entry and results website prior to the close of registration.
- 3.6. Entry fees shall be paid no later than the close of registration by cash, St. Maarten bank cheque, Travellers cheque, Visa, or Master Card.



3.7. Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee who may charge a US\$ 100.00 late entry fee.

#### 4. Schedule

- 4.1. The schedule of events is shown in Attachment A.
- 4.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each race day is 0925.

#### 5. Identification

- 5.1. Boats with sail numbers shall:
  - a) provide their sail numbers at registration, and
  - notify the Race Committee of any change to their sail numbers prior to the warning signal of the first race in which the changed number will be used.

#### 5.2. Boats without sail numbers

- a) Boats without sail numbers shall obtain a set of identification numbers ('ID set') provided by the Race Committee at registration.
- b) A deposit of US\$ 100 in cash shall be lodged with the Race Committee prior to issuing the ID set.
- c) After racing on the final day but before 1 June 2016, the ID set may be returned to the Race Committee who will refund the deposit.
- d) While racing, a boat with an ID set shall prominently display it as described in the Sailing Instructions.

### 6. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available by 1000 on 1 March 2016.

#### 7. Venue

- 7.1. The regatta office will be at the Sint Maarten Yacht Club
- 7.2. Racing will take place in the waters around Saint Martin.

#### 8. Courses

- 8.1. Course and mark descriptions will be distributed with the Sailing Instructions.
- 8.2. The courses to be sailed by each class will be chosen on each day of racing and will use marks and/or islands to make courses of varied geometry.

### 9. Penalty system

- 9.1. For classes listed in the Sailing Instructions rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 9.2. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in rule 70.5.
- 9.3. Except for infringements of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing, the Jury may impose any penalty it deems equitable.

#### 10. Scoring

- 10.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 10.2. A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 10.3. Beachcat classes will be rated by the Portsmouth Yardstick system.
- 10.4. Lottery classes will be rated by an arbitrary system where ratings may change daily.

#### 11. Prizes

- 11.1. 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each class except Lottery class,
- 11.2. 1st place for each day in Lottery classes only,
- 11.3. The Sint Maarten / Saint Martin Cup for the Most Worthy Performance of the Regatta as determined by the Race Committee at their sole discretion,

- 11.4. The Columbus Cup for the Overall Winner in the CSA Bareboat classes,
- 11.5. Round-the-Island Trophies for the Monohull Spinnaker, Monohull Non Spinnaker, CSA Bareboat and Multihull boats with the fastest elapsed time in the Around the Island Race,
- 11.6. Most Worthy Performance for each day may be awarded at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

#### 12. Disclaimer of liability

Competitors participate in the St. Maarten Heineken Regatta entirely at their own risk in accordance with Rule 4, Decision to Race. The organising authority and its affiliates, 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.

### 13. Photographic and media rights

Competitors grant the organising authority the unrestricted right and permission to use the name and/or image for any text, photograph or video footage of either themselves or the boat they are sailing during the event to be published or broadcast in any media whatsoever (including but not limited to press and TV advertisements or internet), for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information; in this respect, competitors' names and any biographical material of themselves may also be used or reproduced in any way known.

## St. Maarten Heineken Regatta Safety and Equipment Regulations

These regulations represent minimum standards of preparedness for racing in the St. Maarten Heineken Regatta. It is not an exhaustive list nor is it a substitute for good seamanship and preparation. Each competitor shall be solely responsible for the safe preparation of their boat. 'OSR' refers to the Offshore Special Regulations published by ISAF.



#### 1. Scope

- 1.1. These regulations apply at all times while racing.
- 1.2. These regulations shall not be grounds for a protest except by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee.

#### 2. Lifelines

- 2.1. Monohull boats shall be fitted with lifelines that comply with OSR 3.14 for Category 4.
- 2.2. Multihull boats shall be prepared as near to the requirements of OSR 3.14 as practical with due consideration for preventing man overboard.
- 2.3. Unless stated in the Notice of Race the following boats are not required to comply with regulation 2.1 or 2.2:
  - a) Boats under 8m in length designed without lifelines
  - b) Boats designed without lifelines but having sufficient bulwarks or other structures to prevent a man overboard
  - Boats applying for and receiving in writing an exemption from these requirements from the Race Committee

#### 3. Required preparations

- 3.1. No anchor shall be stowed such that the anchor overhangs any part of the boat.
- 3.2. All hatches, companionways, and ports shall be capable of being made watertight.
- 3.3. Cockpits shall be self-bailing and fitted with adequate drains.
- 3.4. Sufficient drinking water shall be provided such that there remains at least 0.5 litres of water per person onboard at the end of each race.

#### 4. Required items

- 4.1. The following items shall be onboard and accessible:
  - a) Anchor and rode
  - b) Manual bilge pump
  - A horn, whistle or other device for signalling by sound

- d) Tapered plugs of a suitable material, and suitable size for every through-hull opening
- e) A bucket of not less than 8 litres capacity with lanyard attached
- f) A First Aid kit
- g) Charts covering the race area and any areas adjacent where shelter might be sought
- h) Three red hand flares and two orange smoke flares
- i) A VHF transceiver of at least 5W transmit power
- j) A marine magnetic compass independent of any power supply, capable of being used as a steering compass
- k) For each crew member, one lifejacket fitted with a whistle
- 4.2. The following items shall be onboard and readily accessible from the cockpit:
  - a) For boats carrying flammable fuels, a fire extinguisher
  - b) A lifebuoy, or a lifesling stowed above deck
  - c) A heaving line at least 15m long
- 4.3. Multihull boats without a cabin are not required to comply with regulation 4.1 or 4.2 but shall have the following items onboard as described:
  - a) VHF transceiver of at least 4W transmit power sufficiently waterproofed
  - b) For each crew member, one lifejacket fitted with whistle and strobe
  - c) Towing line at least 15m long and 5mm diameter
  - d) Righting line at least 4m long and 10mm diameter
  - e) Any tracking or communications device provided by the organising authority.
- 4.4. Where applicable all required items shall be:
  - a) of a suitable specification for the boat and expected conditions
  - b) in-date and fully serviceable

### St. Maarten Heineken Regatta Bareboat Rule

The Race Committee is dedicated to ensuring an equal and fair opportunity for all competitors in the CSA Bareboat Class. To that end, the following rules will apply to all entrants and boats in the class.



#### **Definitions**

Charter company

A company or other legal entity regularly engaged in bareboat charter and recognised as such by the Race Committee.

Standard equipment

The equipment regularly provided by the *charter company* as part of a standard charter.

#### 1. Boat eligibility

A boat in a Bareboat class shall, immediately prior to the start of the regatta:

- 1.1. be actively for charter in a bareboat fleet operated by a charter company acceptable to the Race Committee, and
- 1.2. have a valid CSA Bareboat Rating certificate

#### 2. Charter and allocation

- 2.1. The boat shall be on charter to the entrant or one or more of her crew by the *charter company* for the duration of the regatta.
- 2.2. The entrant shall obtain permission to enter and race in the regatta from the *charter company*.
- 2.3. The entrant and their crew shall have no current or prior affiliation to or financial interest in the boat entered or its *standard* equipment.
- 2.4. The boat shall be allocated to the entrant by the *charter company* without preference to the entrant or their crew.
- 2.5. An entrant shall not be allocated the same boat in two consecutive editions of the same regatta without the written approval of the Race Committee.

#### 3. Permitted actions

- 3.1. The fabric of any bimini or dodger may be moved, folded, or removed from its frame but shall remain onboard.
- 3.2. Any bimini or dodger frame may be folded as designed and secured.
- 3.3. Any fixed mainsail cradle cover may be folded or rolled and secured to the boom.

- 3.4. Lazy-jacks may be loosened and led clear of
- 3.5. The main anchor, chain, and rode may be stowed only within the anchor locker or other purpose-designed location on deck.

### 4. Prohibited actions

- 4.1. Bimini or dodger frames shall not be removed from their fixing on deck.
- 4.2. Lazy jacks shall not be removed or un-rove from the mast.
- 4.3. Fixed mainsail cradle covers shall not be removed from the boom.
- 4.4. Equipment supplied fixed in position shall not be moved or removed.

### **5. Prohibited actions while racing** While racing, a boat shall not:

- 5.1. use any supplied equipment for a purpose other than that intended,
- 5.2. position any anchor so that it overhangs the bow or stern.

#### 6. Prohibited items while racing

While racing, a boat shall not use any of the following equipment:

- 6.1. **any equipment other than** *standard equipment*,
- 6.2. any spinnaker,
- 6.3. a spinnaker pole, whisker pole, or any other bearing-out device, or
- 6.4. any headsail other than the one measured as *standard equipment* and listed on the boat's CSA Bareboat Rating Certificate.