

Sailing Instructions
St. Maarten Heineken Regatta
2014

Amendments made to section 19.1 on 02/25/2014

1. Rules

1.1 The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-2016 (www.sailing.org).

1.2 In the event of conflict, the English text of the rules and these Sailing Instructions as printed and distributed at registration shall apply. Any versions posted on the Regatta website (www.heinekenregatta.com) are purely informational.

2. Notices to Competitors

2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at the Sint Maarten Yacht Club, Simpson Bay. As a courtesy to competitors, the notices may also be displayed on the score screens at each venue.

3. Changes to the Sailing Instructions

3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 07.30h on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule will be posted by 21.00h on the day before it will take effect.

4. Signals Ashore

4.1 There will be no signals ashore.

5. Schedule of Races

5.1 The schedule of races and starting times for all classes will be issued at registration and will form part of these Sailing Instructions.

6. Class Flags and Identification

6.1 A list of class flags and the appropriate colored flag will be issued to each boat at registration.

6.2 Class flags shall be flown from the backstay or, if not possible, from a suitable appendage at the stern of the boat where it shall be clearly visible.

6.3 Identification 'tie-on' guardrail bow and stern numbers will be provided, if needed, at registration and shall be clearly displayed on both sides of the forward and aft lifelines of the boat. Entrants that have sail numbers must provide them to the registration office and will not be required to have bow / stern numbers.

7. Courses

7.1 These Sailing Instructions list the marks to be passed, their order and the side on which each mark is to be rounded.

7.2 The course to be sailed will be indicated by a numeral pennant flown from the Start Boat.

7.3 While racing, all boats shall stay to seaward of all marks and buoys that are part of the fueling station in Cole Bay and their imaginary connecting lines.

7.4 While racing, all boats shall stay to seaward of all marks and buoys that mark the extension of the airport runway in Maho Bay and their imaginary connecting lines.

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8. Marks

- 8.1 Course marks will be orange or yellow inflatable buoys, some of which may display advertising. If a mark goes missing it might be replaced by a small round red buoy.
- 8.2 Marks on the French side of the island may be permanent yellow Nature Reserve buoys.
- 8.3 Mark 12 will be the Entrance Mark to Oyster Pond, see picture.



9. Start

- 9.1 Races will be started in accordance with RRS 26. The warning signal for Start Boat A and Start Boat B will be five (5) minutes before the start signal.
- 9.2 The warning signal of each succeeding class shall be made with or after the start signal of the preceding class.
- 9.3 The start line will be between an orange flag on the Start Boat and an orange inflatable buoy nearby.
- 9.4 Any boat or buoy attached to the Start Boat shall be considered to be part of the Start Boat.
- 9.5 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. A breach of this instruction may be protested by the Organizing Authority only. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).
- 9.6 (a) Starts will be to windward. If the first mark of the course is not to windward, an additional windward / offset mark combination will be added to the course as follows:
- 9.6 (b) All windward marks will be orange and all offset marks will be yellow.
- 9.7 (a) If the Start Boat displays a green-over-red flag combination; proceed directly to the first mark of the course.
- 9.7 (b) If the Start Boat displays a red flag; round the additional windward / offset marks to port.
- 9.7 (c) If the Start Boat displays a green flag; round the additional windward / offset marks to starboard.
- 9.8 The start and finish lines are restricted. After completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not cross any start line. After completing the first leg of the course a boat shall not cross the finish line until she is completing the last leg of the course. A restricted start or finish line shall be considered an obstruction. The start line of the other Start Boat is always an obstruction. A boat that breaks these rules shall not correct her error. However, she will be exonerated if she takes a one-turn penalty.
- 9.9 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the last starting signal in the starting sequence will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10. General Recall

- 10.1 In the event of a general recall, starts for succeeding classes will be postponed accordingly.

11. The Finish

- 11.1 The finish line will be between a blue flag on a Finish Boat and a nearby orange inflatable buoy.

12. Time Limit

- 12.1 The time limit for all classes will be 18.00h, except that on Sunday, March 9, the time limit will be 16.00h.

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12.2 If there is more than one race for a class in a day, the time limit for the first race will be one hour after the finish time of the first boat that finished that class. For the time limit of the windward-leeward race, see addendum 1.

12.3 Boats failing to finish by the time limit will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF) without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. See also below at Scoring.

13. Penalty System

13.1 Except for breaches of Parts 1 and 2 of the RRS, the International Jury may apply any penalty that they deem equitable. This changes RRS Rule 64.1.

13.2 A boat that does not take a penalty in accordance with RRS 44.1 and 44.2 may accept a 30% scoring penalty before arbitration and the protest hearing, provided there was no damage or injury, and the boat did not gain a significant advantage. This changes RRS 44. RRS 44.3 does not apply.

13.3 A scoring penalty shall be calculated on the number of boats entered in her class. However, she shall not be scored worse than Did Not Finish.

14. Protests

14.1 Protest forms are available with the protest secretary at the official protest desk.

14.2 For each competitor, the protest time limit is two (2) hours after the protesting boat's finish time of the last race of the day for that boat, or 18:30h, whichever is earlier. Competitors shall make every reasonable effort to comply with the protest time limit. Bridge opening times and the return of boats to moorings do not automatically extend protest time.

14.3 On Sunday, March 9, protests shall be lodged by 16:30h, or within two (2) hours after the protesting boat finish time, whichever is earlier.

14.4 On the last day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:

- a. Within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day
- b. No later than thirty (30) minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision of that day.

This changes RRS 66.

14.5 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt, starting as soon as possible. Protest hearings will be notified by a listing on the Official Notice Board. This list will be updated at approximately thirty (30) minute intervals from the receipt of the first protest each day until the list has been marked "Final for the Day". When all parties are present at the Protest Desk, every reasonable effort will be made to hold the hearing as soon as possible, even if it is prior to the posted hearing time.

14.6 A system of arbitration may be used prior to full Jury hearings for matters concerning breaches of RRS Part 2. After arbitration, and before the Jury hearing, any party to the Arbitration may accept a 40% scoring penalty. Rules for arbitration will be available at the Protest Desk.

14.7 When the official measurer of the regatta is satisfied that there is an error in a boat's measurement certificate at any time during the regatta, he will notify the Jury which will call a hearing. If the Jury is satisfied that the measurement certificate is in error, the measurer will reissue the certificate and the score for all races in the regatta will be adjusted in accordance with the new measurement certificate. This changes RRS 78.3.

14.8 Other than as allowed in S.I.14.7 above, no measurement or rating protest may be lodged after the first day of racing. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

14.9 When the Jury sits with a panel of less than 5 members, in accordance with Appendix N 1.4(b) the time limit for the parties to request a full International Jury hearing shall be thirty (30) minutes from the time the initial decision is announced.

15. Scoring

15.1 Application of handicaps will be made on a time-on-time system.

15.2 Boats that do not make the time limit will be scored 1 place more than boats that did finish. This changes RRS A4.2.

16. Safety

16.1 All boats shall comply with CSA minimum safety requirements except that Multihulls are exempt from the

lifeline requirement.

16.2 No boat shall race with an anchor overhanging the bow or forward crossbeam. However, written application for exemption from this requirement may be made to the Chairman of the Race Committee, who may, or may not, grant relief. Application must be made prior to the close of registration.

16.3 Any boat retiring shall advise the Start Boat or Finish Boat at the earliest opportunity. Failure to do so may, following a hearing, result in disqualification from the regatta or such other penalty as the Jury deems equitable.

17. Equipment and Measurement Checks

17.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the CSA measurement rules, CSA safety requirements, these Sailing Instructions, and the Notice of Race.

18. Official Regatta Boats

18.1 Official Regatta boats will be marked with a RC flag.

19. Radio Communication

19.1 Radio communication for Start Boat A will be VHF channel 72.

Radio communication for Start Boat B will be VHF channel 77.

19.2 The Start Boat/ Finish Boat may broadcast the following:

- Time checks 30 and 15 minutes before the first start each day;
- Courses to be sailed;
- Notification of amendments to the Sailing Instructions and, if the amendment is brief, its text;
- The Abandonment or Postponement of any race;
- The Finish Boat leaving the finish line.

19.3 Failure to make these broadcasts will not be grounds for redress.

20. Use of Engines

21.1 Any boat that uses her engine during a race shall submit a written report of the incident, including the time and distance covered and the reasons for using the engine, to the jury within the protest time. The jury may, following a hearing take any action it deems appropriate.

21. Codes for Downwind Sailing

The following codes appearing on the Entrants List, determine the headsails that may be flown downwind by each boat:

Code	Headsails Permitted Downwind
JIB	JIB ONLY
POL	JIB & POLE
SEC	SECOND HEADSAILS
ASY	ASYMMETRIC SPINNAKER
SPI	SPINNAKER
BOTH	SYMMETRIC AND ASYMMETRIC SPINNAKER