

The Sint Maarten Yacht Club Regatta Foundation takes pleasure in inviting you to compete in two separate events: The 32nd edition of the St.Maarten Heineken Regatta, March 2nd to 4th 2012 and the GILL Commodores Cup March 1st, The Organizing Authority is the Sint Maarten Yacht Club Regatta Foundation.

## 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* ([www.sailing.org/](http://www.sailing.org/)).
- 1.2 CSA Minimum Safety Requirements Rule applies. ([www.caribbean-sailing.com/](http://www.caribbean-sailing.com/)).
- 1.3 For Multihulls only, the CSA Minimum Safety requirement # 2 (lifelines) shall not apply.
- 1.4 Racing Rule 77 shall not apply (identification on sails).
- 1.5 The Sailing Instructions may also change other rules.
- 1.6 The Netherland Antilles (AHO) has no prescriptions to *Racing Rules of Sailing*.

## 2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

## 3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 The St.Maarten Heineken Regatta is open to the following classes that may be subdivided:

CSA Monohull	CSA Rating Rule
Bareboat	CSA Bareboat Rating Rule
Multihull	St.Maarten Multihull Handicap System
Lottery	Simplified CSA Rating Rule (each boat's rating may be modified each day according to performance of the previous day).

- 3.2 The Gill Commodore's Cup is open only to CSA Monohull boats using spinnaker rating.
- 3.3 Boats may enter by the online entry system or by sending their entry form to the St.Maarten Yacht Club by Fax, Mail or E-mail no later than February 22nd 2012.
- 3.4 If late entries are accepted by the Race Committee, a US\$ 100.00 surcharge will be added to the entry fee.

## 4 FEES

- 4.1 Entry fees are as follows:

- 4.1.1 **St.Maarten Heineken Regatta**

CSA Yacht Club Member	US\$ 7.00 Per Foot
Non CSA Yacht Club Member	US\$ 8.00 Per Foot
Lottery Class (Only)	US\$ 4.00 Per Foot

- 4.1.2 **Gill Commodore's Cup:** US\$ 65.00 Flat Fee

- 4.2 The entry fees shall be paid no later than at registration. The fees are payable in Cash, St.Maarten Cheque, Travellers Cheque, Visa or Master Card.

4.3 The entry fee includes a free water taxi pass for all racing crewmembers, valid from Thursday March 1st until Sunday March 4th 2012.

## **5 BOAT IDENTIFICATION**

5.1 All boats are required to register their sail numbers for use in identifying their boat.

5.2 Bareboats, or any other entrants without sail numbers, shall carry bow and stern numbers for the purpose of identification. A cash deposit of US\$ 100.00 is charged at registration for a set of bow/stern numbers. On Sunday, March 4th, after racing, bow/stern numbers must be returned and the deposit will be refunded. The final date to return bow/stern numbers is June 1st 2012. Any numbers returned after this date will not have their deposit refunded.

## **6 SCHEDULE**

6.1 Registration for the St.Maarten Heineken Regatta and the Gill Commodore's Cup: Will be open on both Wednesday February 29th and Thursday March 1st 2012, from 11:00am to 5:00pm.

6.2 Registration will remain open on Wednesday February 29th from 5:00pm to 7:00pm solely for those participants entered in the Gill Commodore's Cup. Any Gill Commodore's Cup participants who are also entered for the St.Maarten Heineken Regatta will be able to complete both registrations during this time.

6.3 Name changes to any boat may not be accepted by the Race Committee after February 22nd 2012. If name changes are accepted by the Race Committee after this date there shall be an administrative fee of US\$ 100.00

6.4 Dates of racing:

St.Maarten Heineken Regatta: Friday March 2nd, Saturday March 3rd and Sunday March 4th 2012.

Gill Commodore's Cup: Thursday March 1st 2012.

6.5 The warning signal for the St.Maarten Heineken Regatta will not be before 9:50am.

6.6 The warning signal for the Gill Commodore's Cup will not be before 11:25am.

## **7 RATING**

7.1 Each entry in the Monohull class shall have a valid 2012 CSA digitally certified rating certificate.

7.2 Each entry in the Bareboat class shall have a valid 2012 CSA Bareboat digitally certified rating certificate.

7.3 Each entry in the Lottery class shall have a completed CSA Simplified rating form attached to their entry form.

7.4 Each entry in the Multihull class shall have a completed Multihull rating form attached to their entry form.

## **8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

8.1 The sailing instructions will be available at registration and may be available online at the regatta website [www.heinekenregatta.com](http://www.heinekenregatta.com) before registration.

## **9 THE COURSES**

9.1 On Friday March 2nd, Saturday March 3rd and Sunday March 4th, race courses will be on the waters around the island of St.Maarten / Saint Martin, and may include any or all of the following races:

- Around the Island
- Around the Buoys
- Point to Point

9.1.1 There will be different length courses for the different classes. Subdivided classes may sail different length courses within the classes. Course details will be available at registration.

9.2 The Race courses for the Gill Commodore's Cup on Thursday March 1st will be Around the Buoys racing.

## **10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

10.1 For all classes Racing Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

10.2 Decisions of the Jury will be final as provided in Racing Rule 70.5.

10.3 Except for infringements of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing the Jury may, at its discretion, impose any penalty it deems equitable.

## **11 SCORING**

11.1 For both the St.Maarten Heineken Regatta and the Gill Commodore's Cup, one race is required to be completed to constitute a series

11.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.3 The scores of the St.Maarten Heineken Regatta and the Gill Commodore's Cup will be scored as separate events and will not be combined.

## **12 RADIO COMMUNICATION**

12.1 Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones, etc.

## **13 PRIZES**

13.1 Prizes will be given as follows for the St.Maarten Heineken Regatta:

- The St. Maarten / Saint Martin Cup will be awarded for the Most Worthy Performance of the Regatta (as determined by the Organising Authority in their sole discretion).
- The Columbus Cup – Overall winner in the Bareboat class.
- 1st 2nd and 3rd place in each class.
- Trophies will be awarded to the Spinnaker, Non Spinnaker, Bareboat and Multihull boats with the fastest elapsed time in the Around the Island race.
- Every day a Most Worthy Performance of the Day prize will be awarded, in the sole discretion of the Organising Authority

13.2 Prizes will be given as follows for the Gill Commodore's Cup:

- 1st 2nd and 3rd place in each class

## **14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

14.1 Competitors participate in the St.Maarten Heineken Regatta and/or the Gill Commodore's Cup entirely at their own risk. See Racing Rule 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.

## **15 PHOTOGRAPHIC AND MEDIA RIGHTS**

15.1 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.

## **16. FURTHER INFORMATION**

### **16.1 Bareboats**

The Race Committee is dedicated to ensuring an equal and fair opportunity for all competitors in the bareboat class. Boats of this class will be restricted to recognized bareboat fleets acceptable to the Race Committee. Only equipment provided as standard by the bareboat company will be allowed. No spinnakers, spinnaker poles, whisker poles, second headsails or adjustable backstays will be permitted. It is also prohibited to use any supplied equipment for a purpose other than that intended. However bimini's may be moved or removed. Folding props are not allowed.

This class is open only to crews and skippers who have no previous affiliation, familiarity or financial interest with the vessel being sailed, the sails and/or the standard equipment. It is not allowed to arrange with the charter company to have any equipment installed that might give any real or perceived advantage.

The boats from the bareboat companies shall be allocated to the entrant on a purely random basis. If, by some statistical anomaly, an entrant is allocated the same boat for two years in a row, the bareboat charter company shall give written notification to the Race Committee to inform them of the situation and to seek approval for the allocation.

It is the Race Committee's decision to accept an entrant in the Bareboat class see *Racing Rules of Sailing* 76.1. There shall be no appeal or redress from their decision.

### **16.2 Lottery Class:**

This class is intended for live-aboard / heavy cruising boats and for those participants who just want to enjoy the fun side of the St.Maarten Heineken Regatta. The courses for this class will be

short and easy. The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse any boat that it feels is not suitable for the spirit of this class.

### 16.3 Caribbean Sailing Association and Measurers

For more information on the Caribbean Sailing Association, the CSA Rating Rule, and CSA Measurers on all Caribbean islands please check <http://www.caribbean-sailing.com>

If you need your boat measured in St.Maarten please contact:

Stuart Knaggs, Phone: (599) 580-4657, email [deepblue@domaccess.com](mailto:deepblue@domaccess.com) or

David de Vries, Phone: (599)-520-1927, email [david.devries@budgetmarine.com](mailto:david.devries@budgetmarine.com) or

Alfred Koolen, Phone: (599)-554-2391, email [koolen@caribserve.net](mailto:koolen@caribserve.net)

### 16.4 Contact Information

### Mailing Address

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As of September 30th 2011 the new area code for St.Maarten will be: + 1 721 Both area codes will work until March 31st 2012 then + 1 721 will be mandatory

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