



ST. MAARTEN

HEINEKEN REGATTA

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Notice of Race

St. Maarten Heineken Regatta and Gill Commodore's Cup 2015

NOTICE OF RACE

The Sint Maarten Yacht Club Regatta Foundation is pleased to invite you to compete in two separate events: The 35th edition of the St. Maarten Heineken Regatta, March 6th to March 8th, 2015 and the Gill Commodore's Cup, March 5th, 2015. The organizing authority is the Sint Maarten Yacht Club Regatta Foundation. The Regatta headquarters is the Sint Maarten Yacht Club situated next to the Simpson Bay Bridge.

1 RULES

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

1.2 Information about the minimum safety rules will be given in the Sailing Instructions and on www.heinekenregatta.com

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

1.4 For all classes no score will be excluded. This changes Racing Rules, Appendix A2. See 10.

1.5 The Sailing Instructions may also change other rules.

2 ADVERTISING

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

3 ELIGIBILITY, ENTRY & RATING

3.1 The St. Maarten Heineken Regatta is open to boats of the following classes which may be subdivided, and rated as follows:

CSA Monohull	CSA Rating Rule	See 14.1
Bareboat	CSA Bareboat Rating Rule	See 14.2
Multihull	CSA Multihull Rating Rule	See 14.3
Lottery Class	Arbitrary rating	See 14.4

3.2 The Gill Commodore's Cup is open to all boats except the Lottery Class.

3.3 Boats may enter by the online entry system or by sending their entry form to the Sint Maarten Yacht Club by email, no later than February 20th, 2015.

3.4 If late entries are accepted by the Race Committee, a USD 100.00 surcharge may be added to the entry fee.

3.5 Each entry in the Monohull Class shall have a valid 2015 CSA digital rating certificate.

3.6 Each entry in the Bareboat Class shall have a valid 2015 CSA Bareboat digital rating certificate.

3.7 Each entry in the Multihull Class shall have a valid 2015 CSA Multihull digital rating certificate.

3.8 Each entry in the Lottery Class will be given an arbitrary rating at registration.

4 FEES

4.1 Entry fees are as follows:

St. Maarten Heineken Regatta:

CSA Yacht Club Member USD 7.00 per foot

Non-CSA Yacht Club Member USD 8.00 per foot

Lottery Class (Only) USD 6.00 per foot

Gill Commodore's Cup: USD 65.00 per boat

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

4.3 The entry fee includes a free Sol Water Taxi Pass for all racing crew members, valid from Thursday March 5th until Sunday March 8th, 2015.

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 USD / EUR 100.00 is charged at registration for a set of bow / stern numbers. On Sunday, March 2nd, after racing, bow / stern numbers must be returned and your deposit will be refunded. The final date to return bow / stern numbers is June 1st, 2015. Any numbers returned after this date will not have their deposit refunded.

5.3 Name changes to any boat may not be accepted by the Race Committee after February 27th, 2015. If name changes are accepted after this date there shall be an administrative fee of USD 100.00.

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Registration for the St. Maarten Heineken Regatta and the Gill Commodore's Cup will be open as follows:

Tuesday March 3	11.00h to 17.00h
Wednesday March 4	10.30h to 17.00h
Thursday March 5	10.00h to 13.00h

6.2 Registration will remain open on Wednesday March 4th from 17:00h to 19:00h 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 Dates of racing:

St. Maarten Heineken Regatta	Friday March 6
Gill Commodore's Cup	Thursday March 5

6.4 The warning signal for the St. Maarten Heineken Regatta will not be before 09.55h.

6.5 The warning signal for the Gill Commodore's Cup will not be before 09.55h.

6.6 The bridge openings will be taken into consideration by the Race Officer.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

7.1 The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may be available online on the Regatta website (www.heinekenregatta.com) before registration.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 On Friday March 6th, Saturday March 7th and Sunday March 8th, 2015, 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 Buoys
- Point to Point

8.2 There will be different length courses for the different classes. Subdivided classes may sail different length courses within the classes.

8.3 The Race Courses for the Gill Commodore's Cup on Thursday March 5th, 2015 will be Around the Buoys racing. It is the intention to have multiple races for yachts with spinnakers and one race for all others (except there is no racing for the Lottery Class).

8.4 Course details will be available at registration, and may be available online at the Regatta website (www.heinekenregatta.com) before registration.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

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

10 SCORING

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

10.2 In both the St Maarten Heineken Regatta and the Gill Commodore's Cup, no score will be excluded. This changes Racing Rules, Appendix A2.

10.3 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.

11 PRIZES

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

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| 1st, 2nd and 3rd place Prizes | – in each class, except for Lottery Class. |
| 1st Prize each day | – in Lottery Class. |
| The St. Maarten / Saint Martin Cup | – for the Most Worthy Performance of the Regatta (as determined by the Race Committee at their sole discretion) |
| The Columbus Cup | – for the Overall Winner in the Bareboat Class. |

- Round-the-Island Trophies – for the Spinnaker, Non Spinnaker, Bareboat and Multihull boats with the fastest elapsed time in the Around the Island Race.
- Most Worthy Performance, each day – may be awarded, at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

11.2 Prizes will be given for the Gill Commodore’s Cup as follows:

- 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place Prizes – in each class.

12 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

12.1 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 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

13.1 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.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

14.1 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 www.caribbean-sailing.com

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

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14.2 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, or second headsails 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. No part of the anchor shall overhang the ends of the boat while racing. If the anchor is removed from the bow it shall be stored in the anchor locker. Folding props are 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.

14.3 Multihulls

Production multihulls have to be measured, thereby the weight will be taken from the manufacturer's website. Non-production multihulls need to be measured and the weight must be accurately established. For more information see www.Caribbean-Sailing.com or contact Stuart Knaggs or Alfred Koolen.

If there is sufficient participation, Gun Boats can elect to sail under the Gun Boat Rating Rule.

14.4 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. An arbitrary rating will be given at registration. Each boat's rating may be modified each day according to its performance the previous day.

14.5 Contact Information

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