

St. Maarten Heineken Regatta and Gill Commodore's Cup 2014

Provisional Notice of Race Amendments made to section 6.2 on 01/29/2014

The Sint Maarten Yacht Club Regatta Foundation is pleased to invite you to compete in two separate events: The 34th edition of the St. Maarten Heineken Regatta, March 7 – March 9, 2014 and the Gill Commodore's Cup, March 6, 2014. 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 The Caribbean Sailing Association (CSA) Rating Rule (www.caribbean-sailing.com) and the St. Maarten Multihull Handicap Rating Rule shall apply.

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). See 5.

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

1.6 For all classes no score will be excluded, except for the inshore class. This changes Racing Rules, Appendix A, point 2. See 10.

1.7 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
Lottery Class	Arbitrary rating	See 14.3
Multihull	St. Maarten Multihull Handicap Rating Rule	See 14.4
Inshore Class	One Design	See 14.5

3.2 The Gill Commodore's Cup is open only to CSA Monohull boats using a spinnaker rating.

3.3 Boats may enter by the online entry system or by sending their entry form to the Sint Maarten Yacht Club by E-mail no later than February 27th, 2014.

3.4 If late entries are accepted by the Race Committee, a US\$ 100.00 surcharge will be added to the entry fee.

3.5 Each entry in the Monohull class shall have a valid 2014 CSA digitally certified rating certificate.

3.6 Each entry in the Bareboat class shall have a valid 2014 CSA Bareboat digitally certified rating certificate.

3.7 Each entry in the Lottery class will be given an arbitrary rating at Registration.

3.8 Each entry in the Multihull class shall have a completed Multihull rating form.

4 FEES

4.1 Entry fees are as follows:

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\$ 5.00 Per Foot
Inshore Class (Only)	US\$ 130.00 Flat Fee

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 crew members, valid from Thursday March 6th until Sunday March 9th, 2014.

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\$/Euro 100.00 is charged at registration for a set of bow/stern numbers. On Sunday, March 9th, 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, 2014. 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 20th 2014. If name changes are accepted after this date there shall be an administrative fee of US\$ 100.00.

6 SCHEDULE

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

Wednesday March 5 th , 2014	11.00h to 19.00h
Thursday March 6 th , 2014	11.00h to 17.00h

6.2 Registration will remain open on Wednesday March 5th 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 7 th , Saturday March 8 th and Sunday March 9 th , 2014
Gill Commodore's Cup	Thursday March 6 th , 2014

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 11.25h.

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 at the Regatta website (www.heinekenregatta.com) before registration.

8 THE COURSES

8.1 On Friday March 7th, Saturday March 8th and Sunday March 9th, 2014, 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 6th, 2014 will be Around the Buoys racing.

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 For all classes no score will be excluded, except for the inshore class. This changes Racing Rules, Appendix A, point 2.

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:

1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd place Prizes	in each class, except for Lottery class
1 st 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 Isla 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:

1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd place Prizes	in each class
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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, 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. No part of the anchor shall overhang the ends of the boat while racing (CSA Safety Rule point 5). When the anchor is removed from the bow it shall be stored in the anchor locker. Folding propellers are permitted if included in the rating certificate. Reefing lines, pack-stack and lazy-jack can be moved out of the way but cannot be removed.

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 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.

14.4 Multihulls

For all multihulls, the length, weight, sail area, and a few other measurements have to be accurately assessed. Unless your boat is a production cruising multihull, where we will accept measurements from an independent source such as a manufacturer's website, you must contact the Regatta Office for an appointment to weigh and measure the boat. If your multihull

needs to be rated, your appointment with the measurer must be made before February 1, 2014. There will be a charge, separate from the entry fee for this service.

14.5 Inshore Class

This class is for the local One Design fleet of 9 SunFast 20's. This class will bring challenging racing in courses either sailed inside the lagoon or outside in Simpson Bay or Marigot Bay. This class offers you a simple and easy way of competing in the St.Maarten Heineken Regatta. For the class to take place a minimum of 4 boats must compete. The boats will take a maximum of 4 crew but best sailed with 3 crew. For more information on this class and rental of the boats please click [here](#).

14.6 Contact Information

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