

Provisional Notice of Race St. Maarten Heineken Regatta and Gill Commodore's Cup 2013

The Sint Maarten Yacht Club Regatta Foundation takes pleasure in inviting you to compete in two separate events: The 33rd edition of the St. Maarten Heineken Regatta, March 1 to 3, 2013 and the Gill Commodore's Cup, February 28, 2013. 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. This changes Racing Rule Appendix A point 2. See 11.
- 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 AND ENTRY

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

CSA Monohull	CSA Rating Rule. See 16.1
Bareboat	CSA Bareboat Rating Rule. See 16.2
Lottery Class	Arbitrary rating. See 16.3
Multihull	St. Maarten Multihull Handicap System. See 16.4

- 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 22nd 2013.
- 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 crew members, valid from Thursday February 28th until Sunday March 3rd 2013.

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 3rd, 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, 2013. 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 27th and Thursday February 28th, 2013, from 11:00 to 17:00.

6.2 Registration will remain open on Wednesday February 27th from 17:00 to 19:00 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 20th 2013. If name changes are accepted after this date there shall be an administrative fee of US\$ 100.00

6.4 Dates of racing:

St. Maarten Heineken Regatta: Friday March 1st, Saturday March 2nd and Sunday March 3rd, 2013.

Gill Commodore's Cup: Thursday February 28th, 2013.

6.5 The warning signal for the St. Maarten Heineken Regatta will not be before 09:55.

6.6 The warning signal for the Gill Commodore's Cup will not be before 11:25. The bridge openings will be taken into consideration by the Race Officer.

7 RATING

7.1 Each entry in the Monohull class shall have a valid 2013 CSA digitally certified rating certificate. See 16.1

7.2 Each entry in the Bareboat class shall have a valid 2013 CSA Bareboat digitally certified rating certificate. See 16.2

7.3 Each entry in the Lottery class will be given an arbitrary rating at Registration. See 16.3

7.4 Each entry in the Multihull class shall have a completed Multihull rating form. See 16.4

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) before registration.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 On Friday March 1st, Saturday March 2nd and Sunday March 3rd 2013, 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

9.2 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, and may be available online at the Regatta website (www.heinekenregatta.com) before registration.

9.3 The Race Courses for the Gill Commodore's Cup on Thursday February 28th, 2013 will be Around the Buoys racing.

10 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

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

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 For all classes no score will be excluded. This changes Racing Rule Appendix A point 2.

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 Race Committee at their sole discretion).
- The Columbus Cup – Overall winner in the Bareboat class.
- 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in each class, except for Lottery class.
- 1st Prize each day in Lottery 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.
- A Most Worthy Performance for each day may be awarded, at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

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 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.

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 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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16.2 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 biminis may be moved or removed. No part of the anchor shall overhang the ends of the boat while racing (CSA Safety Rule point 5). 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.

16.3 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.

16.4 Multihulls

For all multihulls, the length, weight, sail area, and a few other measurements have to be accurately assessed. If this information is available from an independent source such as a manufacturers website, this may be used. If no independent information is available, please contact the Regatta Office for an appointment to weigh and measure the boat. There will be a charge, separate from the entry fee for this service.

16.5 Contact Information

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