

Hello! I'm Sam Peek, sailing instructor and racing coach at the Sint Maarten Yacht Club for the past 3 years now. I grew up and was even born on a houseboat in the Netherlands so I have been in, on and around water my whole life. I grew up with sailing and started taking sailing lessons when I was 9 years old.

The little Optimist took me all over the Netherlands and some of Europe to compete in regatta's. I liked this so much that sailing became my passion and I spend almost all of my time next to school sailing. After the Optimist I moved on to the Splash class where I joined the Dutch Top & Talent Team. At this time I really started to improve my skills and knowledge as a sailor and also wanted to share that knowledge with the younger members of my club, so next to sailing myself I started coaching our Optimist team and later on our Splash team. In 2016 I became World Champion in the Splash class and moved on to the Yngling, a 3 person boat. Sailing in a Team was a new experience for me where again my love for sailing grew and now not only my but our skills improved, winning the World Championships in 2018.

I am proud of what our Sint Maarten sailors accomplished so far, and my goal is to get them to become the next generation of sailors competing internationally representing Sint Maarten. You can find me teaching our racers on the water, and coaching them during regatta's on and off island. And you can see me on the water during the keelboat races sailing in a Diam 24 this season.