



**CARIBBEAN
SAILING
ASSOCIATION**



CARIBBEAN DINGHY CHAMPIONSHIPS
Sanctioned by the Caribbean Sailing Association

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Organizing Authority
Sint Maarten Yacht Club

October 25 – 27, 2024

1. RULES

1.1 All races shall be sailed under the 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing, the prescriptions of the Race Committee and these Sailing Instructions.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

2.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 0900 on the day it will take effect

3. COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

3.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Sint Maarten Yacht Club Bar and Restaurant

4. CODE OF CONDUCT

4.1 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4.2 Competitors and support persons shall handle any equipment by the organizing authority with care, seamanship, in accordance with any instructions for its use and without interfering with its functionality.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at the “lookout tower” located next to the Sint Maarten Yacht Club Parking Lot.

5.2 When flag D is displayed with one short sound signal means ‘Boats shall not leave the dock’. Flag D will go down with one long sound signal 20 minutes before the scheduled bridge opening,

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Races are scheduled as follows:

- Friday, October 25– First race will not start before 9:30 am.
- Saturday, October 26 – First race will not start before 9:30 am.
- Sunday, October 27– First race will not start before 9:30 am. No warning signal will be made after 12:00 pm.

6.2 There will be a maximum of fifteen (15) races scheduled over three (3) days.

7. CLASS FLAGS

7.1 Class flags are:

Class	Flag
ILCA (ILCA4, ILCA6, ILCA7)	ILCA/Laser Flag
RS Quest	Green Flag
RS Zest	Yellow flag
Optimist	White flag with Optimist logo

8. RACING AREA

8.1 The racing area shall be in Simpson Bay or Simpson Bay Lagoon, Sint Maarten. The racing area for each day shall be posted by the Race Committee on the official notice board.

9. COURSES

9.1 The diagram in SI Addendum A shows the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left. Courses per class will be showcased on the Committee Boat per race.

9.2 The start and finish lines shall not be crossed unless starting or finishing.

10. MARKS

10.1 Marks will be orange, green, pink or yellow inflatable buoys.

11. THE START

11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26.

11.2 The start line is between an orange flag displayed on the committee boat and an orange flag on its port side.

11.3 Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.

12. THE FINISH

12.1 The finish line is between an blue flag displayed on the committee boat and an blue flag on its starboard side.

13. PENALTY SYSTEM

11.1 For all classes, Rule 44.1 of the RRS is changed so that any requirement to take a Two-Turns Penalty is replaced instead by a requirement for competitors to complete a One-Turn only penalty, consisting of one tack and one gybe.

14. TIME LIMITS

14.1 Boats failing to finish within ten (10) minutes after the first boat in its class finishes shall be scored 'Did Not Finish' (DNF).

15. HEARING REQUESTS

15.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.

15.2 Hearing request forms are available from the race office at the Sint Maarten Yacht Club.

15.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at The Sint Maarten Yacht Club Office.

16. SCORING

16.1 The Low Point Scoring System of Appendix A will apply for individual results.

16.2 Chip 3 High Point scoring system will apply for the Nations Cup.

16.3 One (1) race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

16.4 Discard is as follows: 1-4 sailed races no discard, 5,6,7,8 or 9 races: 1 discard, followed by one extra discard for each additional five races sailed.

17. SAFETY

17.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

17.2 A Personal Flotation Device (PFD) must be always worn by all competitors.

18. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

18.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without the prior approval of the Race Committee.

18.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19. PRIZES

19.1 Prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd place finishers in each class.

19.2 1 trophy will be awarded for the nations cup trophy.

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

20.1 RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

COURSES

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- OX2 START > 1 > 2 > 3 > 2 > 3 > 5 > FINISH
 - OX3 START > 1 > 2 > 3 > 2 > 3 > 2 > 3 > 5 > FINISH
 - IX2 START > 1 > 4 > 1 > 2 > 3 > 5 > FINISH
 - IX3 START > 1 > 4 > 1 > 4 > 1 > 2 > 3 > 5 > FINISH
- LEAVE ALL MARKS TO PORT

