

LAGOONIES REGATTA 2025

Organizing Authority: SMYC

June 14, 2025

Simpson Bay Lagoon Sint Maarten

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 By the Notice of Race except if any of these are altered by these sailing instructions.
- 1.3 No national prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 If there is a conflict between languages, the English text will take preference.

2. Entries and Registration

- 2.1 All teams at registration must pay the entry fee and pay the damage deposit for the boats.
- 2.2 All rental agreements and any disclaimers for the boats or the regatta must be signed at registration.
- 2.3 The regatta is open to Sun Fast 20s and RS Quests.

3. Notices to Competitors & Changes to the Sailing Instructions

- 3.1 Notices to competitors and changes in the Sailing Instructions may be posted on the official noticeboard at Lagoones Bistro and Bar, at smyc.com/lagoones-regatta, or given verbally at the Skipper's Meeting or on the water.

4. Schedule of Races

- 4.1 On Saturday, June 14, the first race will not start before 9:00am. Racing will then continue back-to-back for as many races as possible depending on time and weather.
- 4.2 Racing will stop for a short lunch break for all competitors and volunteers. Racing will start again as soon as possible and will continue with back-to-back races.

5. Wind Strength Limit

- 5.1 Racing may be abandoned if the wind strength is a steady 20 knots or gusting to 25 knots.
- 5.2 If it is announced by the committee that all boats must sail with hatch covers on and strapped down and wash boards in, teams must race this way until told otherwise.

6. Rotation

- 6.1 The regatta will be sailed in one pool with a rotating format for Sun Fast 20s only.
- 6.2 The rotation sheet given to each team will be the format followed and sailed in full.
- 6.3 If the rotation has not been sailed by the end of the regatta, all teams that have sailed more races than any other team(s), then their last race(s) sailed will be discarded until all teams have sailed an equal number of races.
- 6.4 If it is decided by the race committee that a team(s) is/are a race short of all the others and racing must stop then that team(s) will be awarded average points.
- 6.5 If a boat is unable to sail for the rest of the regatta, see SI Rule # 15.4.
- 6.6 If it is deemed necessary (ie breakdowns, teams dropping out and other unforeseen circumstances) by the race committee, they may change the rotation at any time.

7. Identification

- 7.1 No team colors have been assigned.

8. Course

- 8.1 The course is drawn in attachment 1.
- 8.2 Marks of the course will either be round orange or white buoys or white and/or red cylinders shapes with Budget Marine on them.
- 8.3 If the position of any mark needs to be moved during a race while boats are on that same leg the mark laying boat or Race Committee (boat) will notify the competitors by sounding a continuous horn at the mark. This changes RRS rules 33.

9. The Start

- 9.1 Races will be started using the 3-minute starting system
- 9.2 The class flags for all classes will be announced during the skippers briefing.
- 9.3 The start line will be between an orange flag on the committee boat and an orange mark.
- 9.4 The committee boat may be at either end of the line.

10. The Finish

- 10.1 The finish line will be the same as the start line, unless otherwise stated.

11. Penalty System

- 11.1 Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 11.2 For breaking a rule other than those of part 2, the jury may impose a percentage penalty. This changes Rule 64.1 (a).

12. Time Limit

- 12.1 The time limit for each race will be 10 minutes after the first boat to finish, this changes RRS rule 35.

13. Protest

- 13.1 All protests must be announced to the Race Committee at the finish of that race and submitted in writing within 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.
- 13.2 Protest forms will be provided by the Race Committee.
- 13.3 Protest flags must be shown/waved at the time of the incident.
- 13.4 All teams must provide their own protest flags.

14. Collisions

- 14.1 Any type of contact between boats must be recorded with the Race Committee straight after the race. This shall be done even if it is felt that there was no damage, the place of contact on the boats must be recorded. The jury may penalize competitors who do not comply with this requirement.

15. Scoring

- 15.1 The low point scoring system will apply.
- 15.2 Discards: Only in place for RS Quest. Once all teams have sailed five races then all teams may discard their worst race, this will continue for every five races sailed by all teams, ie after 5, 10, 15 and so on.
- 15.3 Two races must be sailed to constitute a series.

- 15.4 If a boat is unable to sail for the rest of the regatta and there is no spare boat to replace it, and depending on the number of races left to sail, this team will be awarded average points at the end of the regatta. Or, if the majority of races are still to be sailed and the race committee can work out a new rotation for all teams, then the new rotation will be used for the remainder of all the races.

16. Prizes

- 16.1 Trophies will be awarded to first, second and third place finishers.
16.2 Prize giving will be held at Lagoonies Bistro and Bar as soon as possible after the last race on Saturday, June 14.

17. Damage

- 17.1 The competitor or competitors found at fault by the jury will be held responsible for the payment of the damage costs.
17.2 The damage deposits will only be returned once all damages have been sorted and paid for. If no one claims responsibility for damage then it will come out of the held deposits, once paid for then what is left will be divided by all teams.

18. Equipment

- 18.1 For Sun Fast 20s, only equipment supplied as detailed in the attached Equipment Standards addendum may be used.
18.2 During the back-to-back races, if you are not immediately ready to sail the next race, the Race Committee will not necessarily wait for you.
18.2.1 For Sun Fast 20s, if it is deemed necessary by the Race Committee that a reef in the mainsail is needed then all boats must comply with this until the committee states otherwise.
18.3 For Sun Fast 20s, centerboards must be left fully down at all times.

19. Breakdowns

- 19.1 In case of breakdowns, when said breakdown was not the fault of the crew, the jury and or Race Committee may either order the race to be re-sailed or award average points after all races are sailed.
19.2 Breakdowns that are there before the start should be notified to the race committee before the start. If there is a breakdown during the race the Race Committee has to be informed as soon as possible (directly after finishing if the boat is able to complete the course).

20. Crew

- 20.1 Sun Fast 20s must be crewed by two, three or four people.
20.2 Substitution of crew is allowed.

21. Communication

- 21.1 There will be no radio communication.

22. Disclaimer of Liability

- 22.1 Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority 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.

23. Photo and Media Rights

- 23.1 The entrant and all crew grant the organizers the right to use their name and image and that of the entered boat in all media for the purposes of editorial or advertising.