

SINT MAARTEN YACHT CLUB STUDENT/PARENT GUIDE 2025-2026

The Student/Parent Guide contains all the necessary information regarding the 2025-2026 sailing season, such as opening hours, events, fees, and code of conduct. We kindly ask you to read it carefully, so you know what can be expected from the SMYC and Sailing School, and how you can assist in making our operations more productive.

WHAT TO BRING

All you need for your sailing classes are the following items:

- A refillable water bottle (we do not give out plastic bottles or cups, but provide water).
- Clothes that can get wet and protect from the sun (like UV long sleeve rashguards).
- You can wear water shoes but it is not required.
- A buff, hat and or sunglasses to protect yourself from the sun.

EQUIPMENT

The Sailing School has a number of boats that are used for lessons. The Club has Third Party Liability insurance in case of accidents, but we expect those who are using the boats to treat them and all equipment/parts with care. Life jackets are made available for students, however if the student becomes an avid sailor, we recommend investing in getting their own life jacket and in some cases some other equipment.

FEES & PAYMENTS

Fees are calculated on a per year basis, since this is a yearly program. Payments are done by term or by year. The number of lessons can differ per month or term, but average out over the year. Discounts are given to members and rates get more attractive if you pay for a longer period.

Term 1: September, October, November.

Term 2: December, January, February and March (Term 2 has one extra month but has a two week break over the Christmas Holiday and a two week break during the St. Maarten Heineken Regatta in March).

Term 3: April, May, June.

Monthly payment arrangements can be made on special request, contact sam@smyc.com.

Fees have to be paid prior or at the first lesson of a new term. If no payment is in at the first lesson the student can't take part in the lesson. The payment secures a spot in the group. If you cannot make it to your lesson for whatever reason we cannot give you a refund for that lesson. If you would like to stop your lessons entirely please notify us by sending an email to sam@smyc.com at your earliest convenience.

Payment options:

- In person at the SMYC Boatique (located on the side of the SMYC Bar & Restaurant) to pay with cash, debit or credit card. The Boatique is open Monday - Saturday 9am - 5pm.
- Wire transfer (see details below)

Wire transfer details:

Beneficiary Name: St. Maarten Yacht Club Association

Beneficiary Bank: The Windward Islands Bank Ltd.

Beneficiary Account Number USD: 82096707

Beneficiary Address: Welfare Road 90, Simpson Bay, St. Maarten

Bank Address: Clem Labega Square, Cannegieter Street, Philipsburg, St.

Maarten

Swift code - WISBSXSM

If you choose to do a wire transfer please send an email to sam@smyc.com after you have made the payment to ensure the processing goes smoothly.

Our Fees:

		Family Member	Non Member	Junior Member
1 Lesson a week	Month		\$130.00	
2 Lessons a week	Month		\$240.00	
3 Lessons a week	Month		\$350.00	
1 Lesson a week	Term	\$295.00	\$370.00	\$350.00
2 Lessons a week	Term	\$545.00	\$680.00	\$660.00
3 Lessons a week	Term	\$795.00	\$990.00	\$970.00
1 Lesson a week	Year	\$820.00	\$1,025.00	\$965.00
2 Lessons a week	Year	\$1,520.00	\$1,900.00	\$1,780.00
3 Lessons a week	Year	\$2,220.00	\$2,775.00	\$2,595.00

PARENTS & SPONSORSHIP

The Sint Maarten Yacht Club Sailing School is successful for the students because of the support from volunteers, members and the parents. We love to get parents involved with events and highly encourage them to volunteer and learn more about sailing, to share this with your child. Please contact the office or instructors if you are interested in volunteering at events or to take on a more active role. We greatly appreciate your contribution.

The Sailing School relies heavily on sponsorships and donations to keep our equipment in a reliable state for the children to use safely. There are several ways to sponsor, for an overview check www.smyc.com/sponsor. Perhaps you have a business and are looking at additional

exposure, or could support by means of an in kind sponsorship. Please contact sam@smyc.com for the available opportunities.

Through donations we also offer scholarships to children who otherwise wouldn't be able to afford to take lessons. If you know of any children who would qualify for this program please reach out to the instructors or the office.

CONTACT INFO AND OPENING HOURS

For most queries you can visit the SMYC Boatique, located in the SMYC Bar & Restaurant. Both the Boatique and our office located above the Bar & Restaurant are open Monday - Friday 9 - 5. The Boatique is also open on Saturdays from 9 - 5.

For general queries please reach out to assistant@smyc.com or call on +1 721 544 2079.

SMYC MEMBERSHIP

When you become a member of the SMYC, you can enjoy the following advantages:

Take a RS Quest, RS Zest or Optimist out for a sail.

Get discounts on sailing lessons.

Enjoy the social events organized for our members (and guests).

Show your card at the SMYC bar/restaurant and receive a 10% discount on your check.

With your SMYC member card you will get discounts at local stores in Sint Maarten (check our website).

Most importantly, as a member you support the Youth Sailing Program and allow us to introduce more local children to sailing, offering them a fun and active way to develop themselves and broaden their horizons. Find more information about membership and fees on

<https://www.smyc.com/membership>

CODE OF CONDUCT

The code of conduct has been introduced to achieve the following:

A safe environment for children in which they can learn how to sail and race.

To allow instructors and SMYC staff to run the sailing school and regattas efficiently.

The code of conduct can be found on the last page of this document.

SAILING SCHOOL HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

Please find below the holiday schedule for the sailing season.

Holiday Start Date	Holiday End Date	Holiday Name
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13-Oct-2025	13-Oct-2025	Constitution Day
10-Nov-2025	10-Nov-2025	St. Martin's Day
27-Nov-2025	30-Nov-2025	No classes due to event
22-Dec-2025	4-Jan-2026	Christmas Break
29-Jan-2026	1-Feb-2026	No classes due to event
2-Mar-2026	15-Mar-2026	Heineken Regatta Break
3-Apr-2026	3-Apr-2026	Good Friday
5-Apr-2026	5-Apr-2026	Easter Sunday
6-Apr-2026	6-Apr-2026	Easter Monday
27-Apr-2026	27-Apr-2026	King's Day
30-Apr-2026	30-Apr-2026	Carnival Day
01-May-2026	01-May-2026	Labour Day
14-May-2026	14-May-2026	Ascension Day
24-May-2026	24-May-2026	Whit Sunday
1-Jul-2026	1-Jul-2026	Emancipation Day

STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT

- I will treat my fellow SMYC Sailing School students, competitors, coaches, parents and all others with respect.
- If I have a disagreement with a fellow student, competitor or any other I will tell the SMYC instructors/coaches.
- I will be honest, fair, courteous and a good sport whether I win or lose.
- I will comply with any reasonable request of the coaches, SMYC employees or organizers of an event.
- I will treat all equipment provided to me by the SMYC with respect and ensure that it gets returned in the state that it was presented to me.
- I will not use another's property without permission or damage another's property
- I will not swear or curse.
- I will not hit, abuse or bully anyone, nor will I make fun of or call anyone names.
- I will follow all safety procedures and instructions given by race officials, sailing instructors/coaches, event hosts and other responsible adults.

If the student doesn't comply with the aforementioned rules and guidelines, disciplinary actions may be taken which include, but are not limited to:

- Verbal warning by SMYC staff member
- Written warning
- Temporary suspension from the youth sailing program and SMYC regattas
- A permanent ban from the youth sailing program and SMYC regattas

PARENT CODE OF CONDUCT

- I will inform my child's instructor/coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
- If my child damages Sint Maarten Yacht Club equipment by malice or careless behavior I will take responsibility for the damages.
- If my child is due to arrive late, I will inform the instructor/coach. If this exceeds 30/45 minutes the child may not be able to participate in the lesson.
- If my child can't make it to his/her lesson I will inform the instructor at least 24 hours in advance.
- I will not interact with the coaches/instructors or the students during a lesson. I will wait until the lesson is done to approach the coach/instructor.

If you fail to comply with aforementioned rules and guidelines, disciplinary actions may be taken which include but are not limited to:

- Verbal warning by SMYC staff member.
- Written warning.
- Temporary suspension from the SMYC.
- Temporary suspension of your child from the youth sailing program and SMYC regattas.
- A permanent ban from the youth sailing program and SMYC regattas for you and your child.