

Sint Maarten Yacht Club

Standard Sailing Instructions for Keelboat and Multihull Club Racing

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2025-2028.
- 1.2. The regatta is also governed by any class identified as a 'CSA' class, the *CSA Rating Rules*.
- 1.3. No national prescriptions will apply
- 1.4. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take preference.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

The regatta is open to boats in the classes listed.


4. FEES

See Notice of Race.

5. IDENTIFICATION

- 5.1. All boats shall provide their sail number or other identification at registration.
- 5.2. If bow numbers are issued by the Race Committee, a deposit as stated in the NOR will be charged, payable at registration and refunded when numbers are returned within thirty days after the regatta.
- 5.3. If the Race committee is unable to identify the vessel due to there being no identification there will be no recourse.

6. CLASSES

- 6.1. Classes may be subdivided or combined at the discretion of the Race Committee and Sailing Committee and not subject to protest.
- 6.2. Vessels in the CSA 1 and CSA 2 class will be handicapped under the CSA Monohull rating rule
- 6.3. Vessels in the CSA multihull class will be handicapped under the CSA Multihull rating rule
- 6.4. Class flags: CSA 1 – Pink, CSA 2 – Yellow, Sun Fast 20 class – Green, CSA Multihull – Number Flag 5 

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 7.1. The Race Officer may issue amendments to the sailing instructions and the courses to be sailed on the water
- 7.2. The Race Officer will communicate on Channel 72 VHF
- 7.3. Every competitor must have a VHF radio on board.

8. THE COURSES

- 8.1. The intended courses are a mix of windward/leeward and around buoys or geographic obstacles. Specific courses will be relayed via VHF radio channel 72.
- 8.2. Prohibited Areas while racing, boats shall not enter the following areas which are defined as obstructions:
 - a) The area between any mooring buoy or mark in Cole Bay and the nearest shoreline.
 - b) The area between any yellow mark in Maho Bay and the nearest shoreline.

8.3 The course to be sailed for each class will be signaled not later than the warning signal for that class by displaying a course board on the committee vessel or by announcing the course by VHF radio or other means of communication.

9. MARKS

Orange shaped tetrahedron marks will be used as marks. Besides that other marks can be used, such as: Special Mark Cable marker, Cardinal marks, and others.

10. THE START

The start line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting vessel and a nearby small orange ball-shaped fender or orange flag on a buoy.

11. THE FINISH

The finish line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting vessel and a nearby small orange ball shaped fender.

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 The Protest Committee may, at its discretion, impose an alternative penalty in lieu of disqualification for any infringement, including safety requirements, except for an infringement of the Racing Rules parts 1 and 2.

This changes RRS 64.

12.2 For protests involving an alleged breach of a Rule of Part 2, arbitration will be held prior to a protest hearing if all parties agree. This changes Part 5, Section B of the Rules.

12.3 A boat that could have taken a penalty under Rule 44.1 but has not taken such a penalty may accept a 30% exoneration penalty prior to arbitration or a 40% penalty prior to the opening of a protest hearing about the incident calculated in the same way as a scoring penalty under Rule 44.3. This changes Rule A4.2.

12.4 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

13.1 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.

14. PHOTOGRAPHIC AND MEDIA RIGHTS

14.1 The entrant and all crew grant to 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.

15. SAFETY EQUIPMENT

All vessels will comply with the requirements as in the Heineken Regatta Safety Equipment Rules

Racing Rules of Sailing

<http://www.sailing.org/documents/racingrules/index.php>

CSA Measurement

<http://caribbean-sailing.com>
