



Caribbean Dinghy Championship 2026 - Welcome Notice

The Sint Maarten Yacht Club is excited to welcome all sailors, coaches, team leaders, families, and supporters to the 2026 Caribbean Dinghy Championship! We are looking forward to a fantastic weekend of racing, friendly competition, and bringing together the Caribbean sailing community. This document contains some useful information about the event. **Please note that this is NOT an official race document.**

1. Arrival & Registration

All teams are requested to report to the registration desk upon arrival. We kindly ask team leaders/coaches to coordinate registration for their sailors where possible. Registration will be in the SMYC Office, from 9:30AM - 5PM on Thursday October 22.

During registration, team leaders/coaches will:

- Confirm their team's registration details.
- Receive instructions for boat allocation and collection.
- Receive instructions regarding the coach boats.
- A \$100 (US DOLLAR) **CASH** deposit is required for each chartered boat.
- Confirm any outstanding requirements.
- Please bring a country flag, it will be returned at prize giving.

3. Boats & Equipment

Boats will be made available for collection on **Thursday, October 22**. After the charter agreement has been signed and the deposit has been paid. Sailors and coaches should inspect their allocated boats and equipment upon collection and report any concerns to the fleet representative **before** going sailing. Please return all boats and equipment to their designated locations after sailing each day. If there are any issues with the boats during the regatta the sailor needs to come to the fleet representative **as soon as possible after sailing**. Not in the morning before racing.

Coach boats will be available from Thursday, October 22. Coaches might be required to share their boat with other coaches. The SMYC will provide fuel for the coach boats, but coaches are responsible for filling their tanks. Coaches should bring their own VHF radios, and all coaches are required to wear a PFD.

All chartered and allocated equipment must be returned following the conclusion of racing on Sunday, October 25, unless otherwise agreed with the organizing team. Please ensure boats are properly derigged, cleaned, and returned with all allocated equipment. After the boat has been checked by our staff we will return your deposit.

4. Practice

Practice sailing will be available ahead of the championship, on Thursday, October 22.

Practice hours: 9:30AM - 5PM

Practice area: Simpson Bay LAGOON

All sailors should check with Sam Peeks before launching and follow the instructions regarding permitted sailing areas. The SMYC is right next to the Simpson Bay Bridge, and a busy channel. **Sailors are NOT allowed to sail through the bridge without prior permission.**

5. Food & Drinks

Included in the entry fee:

Thursday: Opening dinner – Buffet at SMYC Dock (6PM) *Extra tickets available for \$20.*

Friday: Light breakfast - Granola bars / Fruit for on the water - Late lunch buffet after sailing

Saturday: Light breakfast - Granola bars / Fruit for on the water - Late lunch buffet after sailing

Sunday: Light breakfast - Sandwich after sailing - Snacks during prize giving

Refillable water stations will be provided at the dock & to coach boats. **Competitors need to bring their own refillable water bottle.** Coaches are responsible for picking up their team's water, and snack bags in the morning.

Please inform Maike van 't Laar (maike@smyc.com) for any changes, add-ons & dietary requirements or food allergies that have not already been communicated.

6. Communication & Official Information

Event updates and general information will be shared through the designated CDC WhatsApp group.

We kindly ask all team leaders to ensure that their coaches and other relevant team representatives are included in the group to avoid unnecessary emails and ensure everyone receives the same information.

Please note: Official race notices, changes to the Sailing Instructions, and other racing announcements will be communicated through the Official Notice Board.

Event website:

<https://smyc.com/caribbean-dinghy-championship/>

7. Social Schedule

Thursday October 22: 6PM Opening ceremony, 6:30PM Opening dinner. @SMYC

Saturday October 24: 5PM Coaches Happy Hour @Huppel the Pub

Sunday October 25: 2:30PM Scheduled time for prize giving. @SMYC

8. Contact Information

For any questions before or during the event, and in case of emergency please contact:

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