

Caribbean Multihull Challenge Notice of Race:

2024 Caribbean Multihull Challenge, St Maarten, February 1-4, 2024

Sint Maarten Yacht Club www.CaribbeanMultihullChallenge.com

Sailing Area: Races will be held in the coastal waters of Dutch and French Sint Maarten; and for the Ocean Class there will be longer races around St Barth's and Saba.

Rules:

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).2021-2024. This NOR does not address the Rally which is not a race. *(The rally takes place over the same period as the racing 1-4 February but does not operate under the RRS (Racing Rules of Sailing). Rally instructions will be provided in another section of the CMC site.)*

1.2 The Sailing Instructions may change racing rules where permitted.

1.3 Classes using CSA Multihull Rule will be governed by the CSA multihull rule available at www.caribbean-sailing.com. Entrants wishing to have ratings created, modified, or converted are advised to make contact with the Caribbean Sailing Association Measurers whose details can be accessed at: <https://caribbean-sailing.com/csa-rules/measurers/>

1.4 Any class using MOCRA ratings will also be governed by the MOCRA rating rule.

1.5 Vessels not having a rating may sail in a Pirate (non-rated) class for which the Race Committee will provide a rating which may change after each race.

1.5A. If there are entrants in any class other than CSA Multihull Rule that constitute a fleet of less than four boats, the race committee has the option to have these vessels sail in the CSA Multihull class.

1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

1.7 All classes are to comply with the Heineken Regatta Safety and Equipment Regulations.

2. Eligibility and Entry

2.1 The Regatta is open to multihull boats and classes listed in Attachment A.

2.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to:

- a. Combine the start of one class with another.
- b. Subdivide any class.

2.3 The Race Committee may separate boats into classes and assign boats to those classes at its sole discretion using one of the rating systems listed in NOR 1.

2.3a. At registration the entrant will define a sail plan choice if such options exist in the rating system.

2.4 Eligible boats for the Racing (and the Rally) may enter by completing the entry form at the entry and results website prior to the close of registration on www.yachtscoring.com/

2.5 The Race Committee may cancel racing for any class or amalgamate of classes if the number of entries is less than five.

3. Entry Fees

3.1 The entry fee is US \$10.00 per foot of length overall or US \$275.00 whichever is greater. Entrants who are fully paid up members of the SMYC will enjoy a 10% entry discount. Entries received before 30 November 2023 will enjoy a 10% discount. Only one 10% discount is applicable to any entry.

3.2 A \$1.00 per foot entry fee discount applies when fully paid by midnight 31 December 2023.

3.3 Entry fees shall be paid no later than the close of registration (31 January 2024) by cash, St Maarten Bank Check, Visa or MasterCard.

4 Registration and Ratings

4.1 Each boat shall send a representative to complete the boat's registration during the hours shown under 'schedule'.

4.2 Each boat except for Pirate Class shall hold a current valid rating certificate appropriate to the class in which they are entered.

4.3 No rating certificate shall be changed after 1800 on the day before the first scheduled race of the regatta unless such change is expressly permitted in writing by the Technical Committee.

4.4 Participants in the racing division are reminded of the fact that the CSA rating system will differentiate between participants that have been weighed and certified; and those that have not. The event may assist in arranging for weighing if there is interest. To arrange weighing, participants should contact Pjonker90@gmail.com to arrange a crane time.

4.5 Participants are reminded of the fact that the rating authority is CSA and for the obtaining of certificates there are charges and conditions by that rating authority.

5. Schedule. The schedule will be posted in Attachment A

6 Identification

6.1 Boats with sail numbers shall provide sail numbers at registration. Boats without sail numbers may be provided with identification numbers at registration.

6.2 All racing participants will be provided with sponsor bow stickers which are removable after racing; and which must be attached forward to port and starboard hulls before the first start on 1 February 2024.

7 Sailing Instructions

7.1 Sailing instructions will be available at registration and may be published online prior to the event.

8 Venue

8.1 The venue is the Sint Maarten Yacht Club /Simpson Bay. Social events may be hosted by a nearby marina.

9 Courses

9.1 Course and mark descriptions will be distributed with the Sailing Instructions.

10 Penalty System

10.1 For all classes, rule 44.1 is changed so that the two-turn penalty is replaced by the one turn penalty.

11 Scoring

11.1 One race must be completed to constitute a series.

11.2 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

11.3 When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

12 Prizes

12.1 Prizes will be awarded to the first three boats in each class with five or more boats entered.

12.2 An overall prize will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

12.3 Additional awards may be provided.

13 Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. (See RRS 4, Decision to Race.) 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. The COVID-19 global pandemic presents new challenges to all event organizers and an increased need for additional safety measures for all participants. Our organizing authority intend to follow all applicable governmental and legal requirements and WHO standards, which may require postponement or cancellation of the event due to circumstances beyond their control. It is also up to each individual participant (skipper, crew, guest, etc.) to act responsibly and within their own comfort range when choosing whether and how to participate in this event. The organizing authority strongly recommends all participants take appropriate health precautions and make their travel plans with these factors in mind. The organizing authority makes no assessment or warranty of each team's preparedness or safety.

14 Insurance

Each participating vessel shall be insured with the valid third-party liability insurance.

15 Media Consent

By participating or intending to participate in a Caribbean Multihull Challenge (CMC) event (race/rally/seminar/on-shore competition, etc.) conducted with respect to these overall NOR rules; each competitor, boat owner, manufacturer, support person by providing support, parent or guardian by permitting their child to enter a race or rally, automatically grants the organizing authority, class association (s), their sponsors, and any other party to which the organizers may delegate with or without payment, the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show from time to time at their discretion in any form of media – live or recorded – print or electronic – any motion pictures, still pictures, live, taped or filmed television images and text; or any other form of media that relates to the event.

Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment, and positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority. Competitors, rally goers, seminar attendees, and onshore sports and entertainment persons may be required for interviews and press conferences relating to the event.

Participants in all aspects of CMC events are permitted use of the CMC's official photography in low-resolution format for their own non-commercial purposes; for example on individual social media pages, personal web sites, interpersonal correspondence, and the like. These photos may only be used as published by the CMC: including logo and credits and without any additional editing. High resolution versions of official photography can be purchased from the CMC official photographers for a fee to be negotiated with each professional. (Contact the CMC office for contact info.)

16. Further Information

Sailing instructions, notices of changes and results will only be posted online using the Yacht Scoring website. The Host Club is the Sint Maarten Yacht Club, Simpson Bay, Sint Maarten. For further information contact Saskia Revelman – Event Manager, Sint Maarten Yacht Club, saskia@smyc.com telephone: +1721 544 2079

Class	Eligibility requirements
CSA	Boats shall have a valid CSA certificate
MOCRA	Boats shall have a valid MOCRA certificate with a rating higher than 0.980
Pirate Class	Boats does not have any ratings.
Rally	No rating requirements, safety rules apply.