



Caribbean Multihull Challenge

1-4 February 2024

Organising Authority: Sint Maarten Yacht Club

Venue: Sint Maarten Yacht Club

Event website: <https://www.caribbeanmultihullchallenge.com/>

Official Notices, Entry, and Results website: <https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=16124>

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Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

- 1.1 The regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024*
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T will apply.
- 1.3 No national prescription will apply.
- 1.4 All classes shall comply with the *St. Maarten Heineken Regatta Safety and Equipment Regulations* as posted on regatta documents.
- 1.5 For all classes using the CSA Multihull Rating, the CSA multihull rule will apply.
- 1.6 For all classes using the other rule systems, the relevant rules of that rating system will apply.
 - 1.6.1 For the Diam 24 class, the relevant class rules and safety rules shall apply.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. Ratings

- 2.1 No rating certificate shall be changed after 1800 on the day before the first scheduled race of each regatta unless such change is expressly permitted in writing by the Technical Committee.
- 2.2 When a rating system offers multiple sail configurations or other alternative ratings, the entrant shall declare the choice to the Technical Committee no later than 1800 on the day before the first scheduled race of each regatta.

3. Safety

- 3.1 Any boat retiring shall advise the Race Committee by VHF or the Race Committee Desk by telephone. This needs to be done as soon as possible or at the first opportunity that VHF contact or mobile phone contact is possible before leaving the race area.

4. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notices, Entry, and Results website www.yachtscoring.com. There is no physical official notice board.

5. Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 5.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 0730 on the day it will take effect.
- 5.2 Any change to the schedule will be posted by 1800 on the day before it will take effect.

6. Signals Made Ashore

There will be no signals made ashore.

7. Schedule

Scheduled times of the warning signals for the racing class and the cruising class are as follows:

Skippers briefing; Wednesday January 31st, 6 PM.

'The Yacht Club at Port de Plaisance' Race Day 1 – Thursday Feb 1, first start 0930

'Sint Maarten Tourism Bureau' Race Day 2 – Friday February 2, first start 0930

'Moorings/Sunsail' Race Day 3 – Saturday February 3, first start 0930

'The Multihull Company' Race Day 4 – Sunday February 4, first start 0930

8. Communication with Competitors

- 8.1 Committee Boats will make broadcasts and stand by on the following channels:

a) Committee Boat : VHF 72

- 8.2 The Race Committee will regularly broadcast its intentions for the day's schedule from one hour before the first scheduled warning signal.
- 8.3 The Race Committee may additionally transmit messages by other electronic means.
- 8.4 Additionally, the Race Committee may broadcast time checks prior to the first scheduled start of each day.

9. Identification

9.1 All boats should provide sail numbers at registration.

10. Classes and Class Flags

10.1 A list of classes and class flags and the appropriate flag for each regatta will be provided to each boat at registration.

10.2 Class flags provided shall be displayed prominently on the boat at the stern, preferably from the backstay.

11. Location, Schedule and Order of Starts

11.1 The planned schedule of races, location of the Committee Boats and the order of starts for the first race of the day will be posted by 1800 the day before each day of racing and may additionally be transmitted by electronic means. On the first day this will be at the Skippers Meeting.

11.2 Subsequent races will start as soon as possible after the end of the previous race, and the order and planned times of these starts will be announced by the Race Committee by VHF 72.

11.3 To alert boats that a race or sequence of starts will begin soon, the orange starting line flag may be displayed (with one sound) as an attention signal at least five minutes before the first warning signal.

12. Courses

12.1 Appendix A shows the courses.

12.2 The course to be sailed, will be announced by VHF before the preparatory signal for that class and may be transmitted by other electronic means in addition.

13. Marks

13.1 Pre-set Marks will be one of:

- a) Orange or yellow inflated mark, some of which may display advertising, or
- b) Permanent yellow Nature Reserve spar buoys on the French side of the island, or
- c) The west cardinal mark in Marigot Bay

13.2 The colour of any laid inflatable mark will be provided by the Race Committee by VHF.

13.3 If a mark is missing, in addition to the provisions of RRS 34, it may be replaced by a small round orange mark.

13.4 If a mark of a gate is missing, the remaining mark shall be rounded on the same side as the previous mark

13.5 In addition to the provisions to RRS 33, the Race Committee will announce by VHF any change of mark description.

14. Course Restrictions and Obstructions

14.1 While racing, boat shall not enter the following areas which are hereby defined as obstructions:

- a) The entire area of Cay Bay between any yellow mooring or mark and the shoreline of Cay Bay.
 - b) The area between any yellow restriction mark in Maho Bay and the nearest shoreline and airport restriction markers.
- 14.2 Any boat observed entering the areas listed in SI 14.1 may be disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

15. The Start

- 15.1 The start line will be between an orange flag or shape on the Committee Boat for the class and an orange start mark.
- 15.2 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after the last starting signal in a sequence of consecutive starts in which her class started will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 15.3 The starting sequence will be 5 minute starting sequence, according to the RRS 26.

Class Flags:

- 1. CSA 1 class - Pink class flag
- 2. CSA 2 class - Yellow Class flag
- 3. CSA 3 class - Green Class Flag
- 4. Diam Class - Number Flag 5



16. The Finish

- 16.1 The finish line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on a Committee Boat and a nearby yellow finish mark.

17. Penalty System

- 17.1 The Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty, changing RRS 44.1.

18. Time Limit

- 18.1 For all classes, the time limit will be:
 - a) 16:45 for the last race of any day.
 - b) When two races are held on a day the time limit for the first race of the day will be one hour after the first boat finishes in her class.

19. Protests and Requests for Redress

- 19.1 Protest forms are available online. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered to the following mail address and shall request a confirmation of receipt within the appropriate time limit. The mail address is Saskia@smyc.com
Handwritten forms can be photographed and attached. Bridge opening times and the return of boats to moorings will not normally be considered as a reason to extend a protest time limit.
- 19.2 Protest Time Limit. For each competitor, the protest time limit is the earlier of one hour after the protesting boat’s finish time or on any race day of scheduled racing : 17:00

- 19.3 Notices will be posted online to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest room or, located at the SMYC or in case of too many people, in the bar area of the SMYC. The hearings will begin at the time posted.
- 19.4 Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee, or Jury will be posted online to inform boats under RRS 61.1b).
- 19.5 Appendix T Arbitration will apply to this regatta amended so that an arbitrator may be part of a protest committee in a subsequent protest. When all parties are present at the Protest Desk, every reasonable effort will be made to begin arbitration under RRS Appendix T, or to hold a hearing as soon as possible, even if it is prior to the end of protest time.
- 19.6 Measurement Protests
 - a) No measurement or rating protest may be lodged by any competitor after their protest time limit on the first day of scheduled racing. This changes RRS 60.1 a).
 - b) If at any time prior to the last protest time limit on the final day of scheduled racing the Regatta Measurer finds that an error exists in a measurement certificate, he will file a request for redress. If the Jury is satisfied that the certificate is in error, the measurer will reissue the certificate and all affected races in the regatta will be re-scored using the new certificate. This changes RRS 78.3.

20. Scoring of Races

- a) One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- b) For each class, when fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- c) For each class, 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.