

St. Maarten Heineken Regatta

March 5 – March 8, 2020

Organising Authority: Sint Maarten Yacht Club

Venue: Regatta Village at Port de Plaisance

Event website: <http://heinekenregatta.com>

Official Notices, Entry, and Results on website:

<https://yachtscoring.com/emenu.cfm?eID=9651>

and on the Official Notice Board located at the Venue.



Sailing Instructions

1. Rules

1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.

1.2. RRS Appendix T will apply.

1.3. No national prescription will apply.

1.4. All competing boats shall comply with the *St. Maarten Heineken Regatta Safety and Equipment Regulations*.

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1.5. For all classes using the CSA rating system, the CSA Rating Rule will apply.

1.6. Bareboat classes will also be governed by the *St Maarten Heineken Regatta Bareboat Rule*.

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1.7. RRS 55 *Trash Disposal* is changed by this addition of the following sentence:

“Lightweight non-synthetic material, yarn, or thread used to band a spinnaker is not ‘trash’ for the purposes of this rule”.

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

2. Ratings

2.1. No rating certificate shall be changed after 18:00hs on the day before the first scheduled race of the 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 18:00hs on the day before the first scheduled race of the regatta.

2.3. 'Island Time' classes will be rated by an arbitrary system, where ratings may be changed daily by the Technical Committee.

3. Safety

3.1. No boat shall race with an anchor overhanging the bow or forward crossbeam. Written application made prior to the close of registration for exemption from this requirement may be made to the Race Director, who may, at his sole discretion, grant exemption from this instruction and the associated regulation in the *St. Maarten Heineken Regatta Safety and Equipment Regulations*.

3.2. Any boat retiring shall advise the Race Committee by VHF before leaving the race area or by telephoning or emailing the Race Committee Desk: email rc@heinekenregatta.com telephone +1 721-554-4946

4. Notices to Competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on both the Official Notice Board located at the Venue and the website:

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5. Changes to Sailing Instructions

5.1. Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted by 08:00hs on the day it will take effect.

5.2. Any change to the schedule will be posted by 19:00hs on the day before it will take effect.

6. Signals Made Ashore

There will be no signals made ashore.

7. Communication with Competitors

7.1. Committee Boats will make broadcasts and stand by on the following channels:

- a) Committee Boat A: VHF 72
- b) Committee Boat B: VHF 77
- c) Committee Boat C (if used): VHF 71
- d) Simpson Bay Finish: VHF 73

7.2. The Race Committee will use the VHF radios to make competitors aware of its intentions, the course to be sailed, starting times, course changes, On Course Side (OCS), postponements, and other information regarding the racing. Failure of the Race Committee to make a broadcast, the timing of a broadcast, or the failure of a boat to hear a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress under RRS 62.1(a).

8. Identification

8.1. All boats with sail numbers on her sails shall provide that information at registration.

8.2. Boats without sail numbers may be provided with bow and stern numbers at registration and if provided they shall be clearly displayed on both sides of the bow and stern of the boat.

9. Classes and Class Flags

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

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

10. Location, Schedule and Order of Starts

10.1. The planned schedule of races, location of the Committee Boats, the classes using each Committee Boat, and the order of starts for the first race of the day will be posted by 19:00hs the day before each day of racing and may additionally be transmitted by electronic means.

10.2. 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.

10.3. 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.

11. Courses

11.1. Appendix A shows:

a) The symbols, descriptions, and approximate locations of the marks, 11.2. The course to be sailed by each class will be displayed at the stern of the Committee Boat prior to or with the warning signal for that class and it will remain

displayed until shortly after the one-minute signal for that class.

11.5. The course axis, compass bearing, and range to the first mark for each class maybe provided by the Race Committee, by VHF.

11.6. The course to be sailed, for each class will be announced by VHF before the start for that class and may be

transmitted by other electronic means in addition.

12. Marks

12.1. Start marks will be Orange inflated marks.

12.2. Finish marks will be Yellow inflated marks.

12.3. Marks will be one of:

a) Orange, Yellow, Red or White 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, or

d) rocks, islets, or islands or groups thereof.

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

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

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

13. Course Restrictions and Obstructions

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

a) The entire area of Cole Bay between any Yellow mooring or mark and the shoreline of Cole Bay.

b) The area between any Yellow restriction mark in Maho Bay (airport) and the nearest shoreline.

c) The area between Mark 05 (Submerged rock, Point Plum) and the nearest shoreline.

13.2. Any boat observed entering the areas listed in SI 13.1 may be

disqualified without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1.

13.3. Start and Finish Lines

a) After completing the first leg of the course, a boat shall not pass through any start line.

b) A boat shall not cross any finish line unless finishing.

c) Any start or finish line that a boat is prohibited from crossing is an obstruction for that boat.

14. The Start

14.1. The start line will be between an Orange flag or shape on the Committee Boat for the class and a nearby start mark.

14.2. Any boat or buoy attached to the committee boat shall be considered to be part of the committee boat.

14.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid any starting area during the starting sequence for other races. A breach of this instruction can be protested by the Race Committee only. This changes RRS 60.1 a).

14.4. 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. The Finish

15.1. The finish line will be between an Orange flag on a Committee Boat and a nearby finish mark.

16. Penalty System

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

17. Time Limit

17.1. Boats failing to finish before the time limits below will be scored 'TLE' without a hearing. This changes RRSs 35, 63.1, A5, and A11. TLE, to be defined in 19. Scoring.

17.2. For all classes, the time limit will be:

- a) 17:00hs for the last race of any day except for the last day.
- b) 15:00hs for the last race of the last day of the regatta.
- c) 40 minutes after the first boat to finish in her class for any other race.

18. Protests and Requests for Redress

18.1. Protest forms are available at the Protest Desk, located at the Venue. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit. Bridge opening times and the return of boats to moorings will not normally be considered as a reason to extend a protest time limit.

18.2. Protest Time Limit

For each competitor, the protest time limit is two hours after the protesting boat's finish time but not later than:

- a) On any race day except the last day of scheduled racing of the regatta: 18:30hs.
- b) On the last scheduled day of racing of the regatta: 16:30hs.

18.3. On the last scheduled day of racing of the regatta a request for redress based on a Jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

18.4. Notices will be posted to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the protest

room, located at the Venue beginning at the time posted.

18.5. Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or Jury will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1b.

18.6. 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 posted hearing time.

18.7. Measurement Protests 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).

18.8. When the Jury sits with a panel of fewer than 5 members, in accordance with Appendix N 1.4 b) the time limit for the parties to request a full International Jury hearing shall be thirty minutes from the time the initial decision is announced.

18.9. Except for breaches of Parts 1 and 2 of the RRS, the International Jury may apply any penalty that they deem equitable. This changes RRS 64.1.

18.10. Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

19. Scoring

19.1. One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

19.2. There will be no discards. This changes RRS A2.1

19.3. Boats scored "TLE" under SI 17 will be scored for the position two places more than the number of boats that finished, though not worse than DNF. This changes RRS A4.2

20. Equipment and Measurement Checks

20.1. A boat or her equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with rating rules and sailing instructions by a member of the Technical Committee.

On the water, a boat instructed by a member of the Technical Committee to proceed to a designated area for inspection shall comply with those instructions.

21. Official Boats

21.1. Official boats will display a 'RC' flag.

21.2. Committee Boats will display their Committee Boat letter on a flag, banner, or sign.

21.3. The Simpson Bay Finish Boat will display the 'Star H' flag.

22. Use of Engines

22.1. Any boat that uses her engine for propulsion while racing and does not retire shall submit a written report of the incident including the time and distance covered and the reasons for using the engine to the jury within the protest time. The jury may, following a hearing take any action it deems appropriate.

23. Prizes

23.1. For each day of racing except Sunday the following prizes will be awarded at the daily prize-giving:

a) 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place for each class using the daily scores for that day

23.2. The following prizes will be awarded at the prize giving on Sunday:

a) 1st place for each day in the Island Time class,

b) 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place using the series score in each class except Island Time classes,

c) The Columbus Cup for the Overall Winner in the Bareboat classes,

d) Round-the-Island Trophies for the Monohull Spinnaker, Monohull Non-Spinnaker, Bareboat, and Multihull boats with the fastest elapsed time in the

Around the Island Race,

e) Most Worthy Performance for each day may be awarded at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

f) The D. Randy West Trophy for the Most Worthy Multihull of the Regatta as determined by the Race Committee at their sole discretion.

g) The Sint Maarten / Saint Martin Cup for the Most Worthy Performance of the Regatta as determined by the Race Committee at their sole discretion,

24. Disclaimer of Liability

24.1. 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.

25. Media Rights

25.1. By participating in this event, competitors grant to the organising authority and the event sponsors the right, in perpetuity, to make, use, and show, at their discretion, any photography, audio and video recordings, and other reproductions of them made at the venue or on the water from the time of their arrival at the venue, until their final departure, without compensation.