

FAQ for the St. Maarten Heineken Regatta

1. What are the bridge openings during the Regatta?

We got 2 special bridge openings for participants of the Regatta only: a **9am outbound** in case you ran late for the 8.30am bridge **and a 2pm inbound** in case your excellent racing skills give you a finish time ahead of everyone else.

OUTBOUND	INBOUND
8:30 AM	9:30 AM
10:30 AM	11:30 AM
	3:00 PM
4:00 PM	5:00 PM

IN- & OUTBOUND
8:00 AM
10:00 AM
3:30 PM

EXTRA BRIDGE OPENINGS SIMPSON BAY BRIDGE
9:00 AM OUTBOUND AND 2:00 PM INBOUND
Thursday – Sunday, Feb 29 – March 3 on call (VHF 12) only for competitors

No dinghies may use the bridge during bridge openings

2. We want to support the winners! What is done for prize giving?

We host daily prize givings on Thursday, Friday and Saturday at 6pm at the Regatta Village in Port de Plaisance. On Sunday we host the grand prize giving from 6pm – 8pm, also at the Regatta Village.

3. How about all the fun stuff? What can we expect?

REGATTA READY

Not everyone gets to go racing, but still wants to experience those “Serious Fun!” vibes ashore. For those of you we have Regatta Ready locations! Fun places on the water that are perfect to catch some of the racing, but with live broadcasting from Island 92 and footage on screens, you will definitely feel part of the racing excitement... just quietly ashore with a Heineken in hand, perfect for landlubbers! For a list of locations click [here](#)!

REGATTA VILLAGE

At the Port de Plaisance Regatta Village you will find more than ice cold **Heinekens** and local food trucks, visit the **Veuve Clicquot** bar for your celebratory toast, the **Tito's** mixing station for recommended cocktails from paradise, and one of the many bars for other refreshments. Don't forget to shop for the **official Regatta Gear at Shipwreck Shops** and the **Sint Maarten Yacht Club**, learn more about St. Maarten/Saint Martin and surrounding islands Anguilla and Saba to plan your return visit at the **Destination Hub**, and make sure to stop by the **Sint Maarten Yacht Club's Fundraising** tent to support our local junior sailing program!

ONSHORE ENTERTAINMENT

The Port de Plaisance Regatta Village opens each day at 3pm and hosts a daily prize giving at 6pm followed by live music and after parties are starting at midnight at the Green Zones. For the full schedule click [here](#), or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

PARTY SCHEDULE AND TICKET SALES

The St. Maarten Heineken Regatta is known for its “Serious Fun!” both on and off the water. Check out our artist and **entertainment schedule and buy tickets on KBAND app or [online](#)**

You can also get your tickets at our local retail partners: Divico, Mailbox (Simpson Bay), Vandorp, Kalabloom Headquarters, Tech Hub (Carrefour Bush Road), Levis Boutique Marigot, Digicel (Marigot & Hope Estate)

GREEN ZONES

Besides the Regatta Village at Port de Plaisance, which will transform into a music festival, there will be Green Zone parties at top island venues, such as Soggy Dollar Bar, Moonbar, and Elev8 at the Rainforest Adventures, these epic parties will be graced by the presence of international electronic DJs. Tickets can be bought on KBAND app or [online](#). For the Elev8 Party you can purchase tickets [here](#)

SERIOUS FUN BRIDGE SHOW

The Serious Fun Bridge Show is brought to you by the Yacht Shop representatives at the 3pm and 5pm bridge openings, scoring boats on the effort they make as they come through the bridge. You can spot the judging area by their sign which will be on the deck of the Sint Maarten Yacht Club. They will be judging on: Originality, Effort and Crowd Reaction

The judges will be taking into consideration the reaction from the crowd on the deck and will score the boats with cards from 1 to 5 which they will hold up for you to see. The winners will be crowned at the prize giving on Sunday March 3.

HEINEKEN FUN PRIZE

For all those sailors and non-sailors who come to St. Maarten not only to sail but also to party, we have a serious challenge. The Heineken Fun Prize is the only prize not limited to the Sailing Crowd. Any team actively taking part in the Fun on-shore events can win this prize. Do you and your friends want to compete to become the best on-shore performers and thus achieve the honorable status of Heineken Fun Prize Winner? Then you and your teammates have to meet the following criteria to be nominated for this unique Heineken prize.

- The whole crew should party every Regatta night (starting on Thursday February 29 through Sunday March 3) until the music stops. With party, we mean **PARTY!**
- The crew should be recognizable as a team. Same shirt, hat or other item making clear that you are in this together.
- The crew should drink Heineken and Heineken only.

4. How would I know where the boats are sailing each day? Do you broadcast courses?

We got dedicated WhatsApp Groups set up for both racing courses, every day the courses will be announced as well as any other relevant racing information. Great for the participants, but also for you and your friends ashore! Courses are decided on the night before the race day, and of course we are hoping to **race Around the Island on Friday**, if the weather allows us! The RC will also be emailing all competitors with the course decision each day, and this will be posted on the electronic Notice board.

HEINEKEN COURSE A

WhatsApp group that will be used to communicate race committee information for course A regarding start times, courses.

Please join the WhatsApp group by scanning the link below or QR code →

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/KAuxfxLj5OJKSEdmRyoz1M>



HEINEKEN COURSE B

WhatsApp group that will be used to communicate race committee information for course B regarding start times, courses.

Please join the WhatsApp group by scanning the link below or QR code →

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/ExMzfxlmxS2mK4qxzG7JB>



5. Can we hop on a shuttle again in Simpson Bay?

Yes, you can, however hours are limited this year and it's to raise funds for the junior sailing program at the Sint Maarten Yacht Club.

Water Shuttle service:

Thursday – Sat: 4pm – 8pm between SMYC and Port de Plaisance

Sun: 4pm – 10pm between SMYC and Port de Plaisance

This is a paid service open to all as a fundraiser for the Youth Sailing Program of the SMYC at \$5pp per trip.

Of course there is always the option to take a taxi back from Port de Plaisance if you decide to stay out late!

6. Is there a token system in place again?

No not this year, we are going for a cashless system using the Kband app, not a fan of apps? You can buy a card **that is easily topped up with cash or card**. It's a known system on the island and allows us to be more sustainable! No more plastic tokens!