

## FAQ for the St. Maarten Heineken Regatta

1. Where can I find all racing information, results, notice board, start times, SI's and more?

Yachtscoring.com has all the information you need to ensure smooth sailing, besides the talent of your crew of course! Use the QR Code to get to the St. Maarten Heineken Regatta site directly.



2. Okay, that's great, but is there a direct way of getting to the formal documentation?

There sure is! That would be our official notice board. You can find that [here!](#)

3. How would I know which courses I am sailing? Or how can my friends and family stay in the loop?

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 you as the participant, but also for 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.

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### 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/KAuxfxLj50JKSEdmRyoz1M>



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### 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/ExMzfxlmxS2mK4qzxG7JB>



4. I don't like it, however it sometimes does have to happen.. How do I file a protest?

- Click on Event Full Site
- Log in to the Owner's Corner
- Select "File a Protest Online."
- Fill out the hearing request form completely.
- Select "**continue and file this protest**"
- On the mobile site check in RC Dock / Race Protests for your protest.

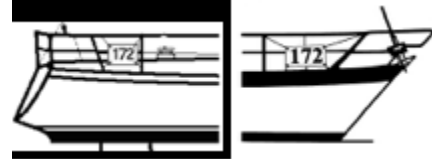


You can also still lodge a paper protest at the protest desk within the protest time limit. The Committee and Protest Desk can be found on the Terrace by Port de Plaisance on all days.

5. What are these bow numbers you gave me and what do I do with them after the racing? And how about the class flag?

The race committee will make identification numbers available at Registration for boats that do not have sail numbers. Only participating boats without sail numbers will be required to have bow and stern numbers.

It is the obligation of the participant to ensure that they are visible especially during the start and finish!!



**The identification numbers** will be “tie-on” guardrail banners. Please be aware that a deposit of US\$100 or €100 is required- for the bow and stern numbers handed to you at registration. This deposit will be refunded when handing the bow and stern numbers back on Sunday at PDP from 2pm -6pm or Monday at the SMYC from 9am – 3pm.

**Class flags** are collected at registration, we kindly ask you to support our sustainability efforts and return these with your bow numbers, or in the allocated bin at the SMYC.

6. 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
<b>9:00 AM OUTBOUND AND 2:00 PM INBOUND</b>
Thursday – Sunday, Feb 29 – March 3 on call (VHF 12) <b>only for competitors</b>

*No dinghies may use the bridge during bridge openings*

7. I hate to think about it, but safety first: What to do in case of an injury on the water?

## St Maarten Heineken Regatta Emergency Card

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### SAFETY FIRST



#### Emergency or Life-threatening Injury - Steps

1. Render assistance
2. Call Emergency Coordinator VHF 16 or +5999 5167895
3. Call for help and emergency medical assistance  
Coastguard: VHF 16 or +5999 5167895  
Ambulance: 912  
Medical Center: 910  
Police: 911
4. If on the water: proceed toward nearest shore pickup location
5. Monitor and administer first aid
6. Request assistance from other on-water emergency crew if needed
7. Transfer injured to the emergency services
8. Inform Emergency Coordinator of status
9. Complete an incident report

#### Be prepared to tell the Emergency Services:

1. Current location of injured person
2. Description of boats (if requesting on-water help)
3. Transfer location if bringing injured person ashore
4. Number of injured and age and gender
5. Type of injury or nature of emergency
6. Your name and telephone number

#### Emergency numbers

##### Dutch Side

Sea Rescue		+1 721 524 9190/520 0026
Ambulance	912	+1 721 542 2111
Medical Centre	910	+1 721 543 1111
Coast Guard	913	+5999 5167895
Police	911	+1 721 542 2222

##### French Side

SNSM Sea Rescue	+590 690 76 75 00
Ambulance	+590 590 29 29 34
Medical Centre	+590 590 52 25 52
	+590 590 52 21 90/
Gendarmerie	+590 590 52 23 31

The Coast Guard is concerned with safety and will actively pursue the following issues

- **Dinghy Capacity:** The Coast Guard will prosecute dinghies where the number of persons on board exceeds the manufacturers' specification. If your dinghy has a specification for four persons there should only be up to four persons on board. The number of persons is usually on the plate of the transom.
- **Speed:** Whilst there is no defined speed limit, your speed should be such to be safe and not cause the threat of danger or disturbance from a wake due to your speed. In the bridge channel and in locations where visibility is restricted that is a low speed that is certainly no more than 5 mph.
- **Lights:** When driving your dinghy at night you must have a proper flashlight with you as required by the Island Legislation. It must of course be functional.

8. What should I know to make sure we don't break any rules regarding sustainability and the environment?

Please visit the websites of the **Nature Foundation** and [Reserve Naturelle](#) for all details. It is whale season, which means these beautiful mammals pass through our waters. Check out the full details in the leaflet attached to this document!

9. Our crew gets hungry and thirsty easily, what F&B options are there?

When you return to the Regatta Village you have several bars to rehydrate and a food court to fill up on delicious local food and of course St. Maarten is well known for its wide array of restaurants offering a

taste for every pallet. We also have some great sponsors that can cater lunch and drinks for your boat. **Find the different options at the bottom of this document.**

**10. I would love to race, but don't own a boat and haven't found one to race on yet, any suggestions?**

Have a look at our crew board [online](#), or hang out at the Port de Plaisance Regatta Village at Registration, or the Sint Maarten Yacht Club to snatch up those last minute spot on boats.

**11. I feel like I will be one of 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, there is no charge to attend the prize givings.

**12. 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](#)!

**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. Competitors will have free access to the Regatta Village. After parties are starting at midnight at the Green Zones, for which there is a charge, but discounts are offered to sailors. For the full schedule click [here](#), or follow us on Facebook and Instagram.

**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!

**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.

### 13. How do we get around during the Regatta?

By water for sailors only by calling VHF 68:

**Wednesday: 8am – 6pm** between SMYC and Port de Plaisance

**Thursday – Sun: 7am – 9am & 2pm – 4pm** between participating boats and SMYC

This is a free service for participants only

By water for all:

**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.

### 14. 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!



# REGATTA SANDWICHES

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Turkey, Gouda, Tart Green Apple, Lettuce

**Ham and Swiss**.....\$7.50  
Smoked Ham, Swiss Cheese, Lettuce, Tomatoes

**Italian**.....\$8.25  
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SUNDAY, 5 MARCH

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HEINEKEN REGATTA

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The Reserve Naturelle Nationale de Saint-Martin and the Agoa Sanctuary for marine mammals would like to draw your attention on the **high risk of collisions between vessels and large whales** during sailing races, both for participating and supports vessels.

Indeed, competitors are likely to encounter several species of marine mammals present in the Agoa Sanctuary, including:

- **humpback whales**, spending their breeding season (December-May) in Caribbean waters to breed, give birth and nurse their calves. They are regularly seen close to shore;
- resident delphinids (dolphins, pilot whales), particularly the **bottlenose dolphin**, a relatively coastal species, and spotted dolphins (pan-tropical and Atlantic species).

To a lesser extent, competitors may encounter other delphinid species (Clymene dolphin, rough-toothed dolphin) or deep-diving species (beaked whale, dwarf sperm whale, sperm whale).

**The risk of collision is a serious concern.** The Agoa Sanctuary shares with you some key recommendations. The goal is to minimize the risk of collisions to preserve the integrity of crews and their vessels and reduce disturbance to these species protected by law, in particular within a sanctuary dedicated to their peacefulness.

**Maintain visual watch at all times.** Whales are air-breathing mammals that must surface to get the air they need. At sea, marine mammal can be spotted by their blows – exhalation of air through the blowholes that looks like small cloud of water and air from 1 to 2 m high.

**In case of a last-minute encounter with a large marine mammal, reduce your speed and sail away from the animal, or the group of animals, preferably bypassing it from the rear.**

**Pursuing animals is strictly forbidden.**

**Do not interact with cetaceans.**

In the event of **cetaceans voluntarily approaching under 300m** of the vessel, **reduce your speed** and alter course only if there is a risk of collision.

We invite all following vessels to moderate their speed. In addition to the necessity of complying to speed regulations, **speed is an aggravating factor in collisions**, both for mariners and marine mammals.

Marine mammals are protected by a decree of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 2011 which lists marine mammals that are protected on the national territory and the terms of their protection. It also prohibits the prosecution and harassment of animals. The local decree n°R-2017-03-15-



003 from March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2017 regulates the approach of cetaceans in water under French jurisdiction in the West Indies and prohibits the approach of marine mammals closer than 300m in all French West Indies. We remind you that failure to comply with these rules constitutes an infraction punishable by up to three years of imprisonment and 150,000€ fine.



During the race, **any disturbance of cetaceans in the French Exclusive Economic Zone must be immediately reported to the Agoa Sanctuary (+596 696 33 19 15) and to the MRCC (phone 196 / VHF 16).**

If you witness entanglements, strandings or marine mammals in distress, immediately notify the local person in charge of the National Stranding Network:

- Saint-Martin: Réserve Naturelle de Saint-Martin +590 690 38 77 71
- Agoa Sanctuary: Jérôme COUVAT +596 696 33 19 15

In order to improve knowledge of marine mammals, the organizer is requested to forward all marine mammal observation data collected during the race to the following addresses: [sanctuaire.agoa@ofb.gouv.fr](mailto:sanctuaire.agoa@ofb.gouv.fr) (+596 696 38 45 38). This information should include date, GPS location and species identification. It can then be used for future studies.

We are at your disposal for any further information you may require.