



Caribbean Multihull Challenge Notice of Race:

Caribbean Multihull Challenge, St Maarten, February 4 - 7, 2027

Sint Maarten Yacht Club www.CaribbeanMultihullChallenge.com

Sailing Area: Races will be held in the coastal waters of Dutch and French St Maarten / St Martin; and for the Ocean Class (larger and higher speed potential entrants) there will be longer races around St Barth's and Saba.

1. Rules:

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028. This NOR does not address the Rally which is not a race. *(The rally takes place over the same period as the race February 4 to 7, 2027 but does not operate under the RRS. Rally instructions will be provided in another section of the CMC site.)* <https://caribbeanmultihullchallenge.com/>

1.2 The Sailing Instructions may change racing rules where permitted.

1.2a Entries will be accepted for sailing under the MOCRA rule and the CSA Multihull Rule

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. No local support is available for measurement of the MOCRA rule.

1.5 Vessels not having a rating (exempting one design classes) may sail in the Rally (non-rated) class for which the Organizing Authority is organizing a Time Trial.

1.5a. If there are entrants in any class other than CSA Multihull Rule that constitutes a fleet of less than three 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 as follows:

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
Diam 24	One design
F 18	One design
Hobie Cat	One Design

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 may enter by completing the entry form prior to the close of registration on February 3, 2027, on www.yachtscoring.com

3. Entry Fees

3.1 The entry fee for the CMC Racing Classes is US \$8.00 per foot of length overall (up to November 30, 2026) or US \$240.00 whichever is greater. After November 30, 2026 the entry fee is US \$12.00 per foot or US \$300.00, whichever is greater.

3.2 The entry fee for the CMC Rally Class is published in the 2027 CMC Rally Program that is published on www.caribbeanmultihullchallenge.com

3.3 Entry fees shall be paid no later than the close of registration (February 3, 2027) by cash, St Maarten Bank Check, Visa or MasterCard.

3.4 Additional Safety Fee might be charged for the one design fleets.

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 Rally 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 attended to 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

Registration: Wednesday February 3rd, 2027, 4 till 6 PM.

Skippers briefing: Wednesday February 3rd, 2027, 6.30 PM.

Scheduled times of the warning signals on Race Day 1-4 will be published in the sailing instructions.

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.

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 entering.



12.2 Separate prizes will be awarded for the first and second Catamaran in every class – for a class up to 5 boats. Or the first three Catamarans in a class over 5 boats.

12.3 Separate prizes will be awarded for the first and second Trimaran in every class – for a class up to 5 boats. Or the first three Trimarans in a class over 5 boats.

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

12.5 An award for Line Honors is to be awarded to the vessel achieving line honors in most races during the event. This award applies to all CSA rated classes, regardless of the number of races sailed by the different classes.

12.6 Other prizes may be determined by the organizing committee.

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.

Global pandemics present new challenges to all event organizers and an increased need for additional safety measures for all participants. Our organizing authority intends 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 requested 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 requested to participate in 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 Andy Cross – Event Manager, Sint Maarten Yacht Club, Andy@smyc.com telephone: + 1721 554 2079

17. This Notice of race relates only to the 'Racing' part of the Caribbean Multihull Challenge and not in any manner to the 'Rally' part of the Caribbean Multihull Challenge which runs concurrently with the Racing event. Separate guidance for the Rally will be posted on www.caribbeanmultihullchallenge.com and on Yachtscoring.