

2024 ST MAARTEN HEINEKEN REGATTA

February 29 - March 3, 2024



COMPETITOR INFORMATION FROM RACE COMMITTEE

The Race Officers; David, Mark and Rob welcome you Heineken Regatta 2024 and wish you Serious Fun.

To help ensure you and your crew will have an enjoyable time racing, we are providing the following helpful information. THESE ARE NOT OFFICIAL NOTIFICATIONS.

Please read and understand the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions, which are posted on the Official Notice Board. https://yachtscoring.com/notice_board_summary.cfm If you have any questions, we invite you to find us in the vicinity of the registration desk on Wednesday and after racing on Thursday through Sunday.

Communications between the Race Committee and the sailors will be via WhatsApp and VHF. Please refer to the *Communications with Competitors* section of the Sailing Instructions for the QR code and VHF channels. Note: Any changes to the Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Official Notice Board.

There are three distinct start boats (signal vessels).

Start Boat A will be the Signal Vessel for the following classes: CSA 1-6 and Diam 24s (except on the Round the Island Day). Signal Boat A will be located in Cole Bay to the southeast of Simpson Bay harbor.

Start Boat B the Signal Vessel for the following classes: Multihull 1&2, Bareboats 1&2, Island Time, and Diam 24s (on the Round the Island Day) will be located on the southwest corner of Simpson Bay.

Finish / Start Boat Marigot Bay will be the Signal Vessel for Diam 24s (planned on Saturday only) will be located in the center of Marigot Bay.

Starts will use the standard five (5) minute sequence per RRS 26. Please make note of your class flag and the order of starts for the first race of each day. The first leg of the race course for Thursday, Saturday and Sunday will be the typical windward first leg.

Starts for Friday (Except for Island Time and Multihull 2) will be downwind in order to better enhance boats finishing within the time limit.

The Race Officers would like to thank the competitors and the army of volunteers for making this event the Serious Fun that it is. Please thank them as well.

David Sprague, Mark Townsend and Rob Rowlands