

Heineken Regatta

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INTRODUCTION

■ About the Heineken Regatta

Race, race, party, party, sums up this major international regatta on the French & Dutch Island of St Martin. The three day regatta finishes in a different harbour each night and exhilarating sailing is followed by some of the best parties in the Caribbean! Now fully matured as an international yachting event, the Heineken Regatta has been gradually nurtured in the French/Dutch Caribbean Island of St Martin (to the French), Sint Maarten (to the Dutch) over the past few years.

The Regatta started like all regattas do – as a little fun racing between a few friends. After a year or two, the local Heineken importer noticed that the event caused quite an increase in beer sales and decided to support the event. The Heineken Regatta has since developed from strength to strength and now, annually taking place in early March, the event attracts over 150 yachts and 500 spectators from countries all over the world.

Racing is provided under the auspices of the Caribbean Yachting Association with the cruising boats rated under the St Martin handicapping system. The actual racing takes the format of four races over three days including races up and down the Anguilla Channel around the waters of Marigot Bay and the popular race which circumnavigates the whole island.

Like all good regattas, Heineken boasts its share of parties and social events too – pounding steel drums, insistent Soca rhythms, clinking cold green bottles are a familiar sound during the three days. The socialising reaches a peak with the famous prize giving ceremony and part taking place on the final Sunday night/Monday morning.

■ Official Regatta Information

The information given in this section is just to give you a basic idea about the various regattas. For more up-to-date information about organising authorities, racing rules and regulations, programmes, racing classes, handicap systems, entry, etc., contact the individual racing committee:
www.heinekenregatta.com

■ Background Racing Information

When racing, it is better to have a lower rating. This means that when you are taking part in the race, there will be less time added to your racing time. The higher the rating is; the more time that is added to your racing time. Charterers will obviously wish to have the lowest rating possible.

If the yacht has a furling mainsail, then their rating is lower, as in theory it takes longer to get around the course, whereas if they have a fully battened mainsail, the rating is higher as in theory the yacht will get around the course quicker.

■ Entry & Registration

Boats may enter by sending their entry form to the St Maarten Yacht Club by fax, mail or email no later than 30 days before the start of the race.

Regatta Office
P.O. Box 999
Philipsburg
St. Maarten - Netherlands Antilles
Tel: +(5995) 20644 / 24370 Email: office@heinekenregatta.com
Fax: +(5995) 20643 Website: www.heinekenregatta.com

The race-courses are on the waters around the island of St. Maarten / St Martin. The sailing instructions and course layout are available at registration.

■ Dates for 2011

31st Heineken Regatta 2011 – 3rd to 6th March.

■ **Entry Closing Dates**

The closing date for entry into the Heineken Regatta is 30 days prior to the start. Anyone wishing to enter the race after this time will be liable to a supplement and is subject to Race Committee approval.

■ **Booking & Price Information**

- Actual race days: March 3 - March 6, 2011
- Base: St. Martin
- Suggested dates for charter: March 1- March 8, 2011
- Suggested booking: 7 days, 2 days before start of race, and 2 days after end of race
- Type of Race: This is an international race, which is point to point.
The race consists of sailing around St Martin.
- Event Code – HR11
- All Security Deposits and Insurances must be paid in advance of the charter.

€EU		SAILING WEEK COSTS
Charter Fee	See Caribbean prices	
Regatta Supplements	€525	For Monohulls up to 38ft
	€660	For Monohulls 39-43ft
	€1040	For Monohulls 44ft+
	€1125	All Catamarans
Racing Security Deposit (refundable)	€5000	Per yacht: Compulsory charge covering all elements of loss or damage during the specified period, except for negligence; payable by credit card at the Base. This deposit will cover the period of the race week plus 2 days. It is the client's responsibility to ensure the boat is cleared by the base before switching back onto CDW cover (if requested).
YDW (non-refundable)		Standard YDW charge for any charter days before/after RSD period detailed above
Race Entry Package	€630	Per yacht (payable in advance with final balance payment)
Entry to official functions		Payable locally

■ **What's Included**

INCLUDED IN RACE ENTRY PACKAGE	NOT INCLUDED IN RACE ENTRY PACKAGE
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Race Entry fees - Welcome cocktail - Race Support - Yacht Preparation & Hull Cleaning - Yacht Measurement - Pre-race Briefing | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Flights - Taxi transfers - Local cruising taxes - Mooring fees - Departure Taxes - Provisioning & beverages - Spinnakers, poles, cruising chutes - not available in the Caribbean - Delivery charges to/from Race locations (if required) - Tickets & entry to official functions |
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■ **Classes & Classification**

Spinnaker

Big boat, Racing and Racer / Cruiser. CSA Rating Rule

Non-Spinnaker

Cruising. CSA Rating Rule

Bareboat

Boats of this class will be restricted to recognised bareboat fleets acceptable to the Race Committee. Only equipment provided as standard by Bareboat companies will be allowed. No spinnakers, spinnaker poles, whisker poles or second head sail will be permitted. CSA Rating Rule.

Multihull

St Maarten - Multihull Handicap System.

Fun Class

Simplified CSA Rating Rule

Beach Cat

Texel Rating Rule

■ **Racing/After Racing Programme**

Example programme below - for information only. The programme contents do change from year to year.

Day of the Week	Programme of Events
Thursday	Race registration & skipper's briefing
Friday	First race, Philipsburg to Marigot Party in the evening
Saturday	Second race, Marigot to Philipsburg Party in the evening
Sunday	Round the Island



Racing / Regattas

Standard Yacht Racing Conditions

SECURITY DEPOSIT

1. The charterer shall pay a refundable Racing Security Deposit, as stated on the Sunsail Race Information sheet, to Sunsail by cash, credit card or cheque, not less than 4 weeks prior to the commencement of the charter. This deposit is as security against:
 - The vessel being returned in a condition other than its condition on the commencement of charter.
 - Any loss or damage suffered by Sunsail due to any breach of this agreement by the charterer, but without prejudice to any claim over and above the security deposit that Sunsail may have.
2. The security deposit or the balance, if any, remaining after any deductions have been made shall be returned within 14 days of the return of the vessel to Sunsail. In case of any dispute, the security deposit or such balance (if any) shall be refunded upon settlement of the dispute.

DAMAGE/COLLISION

1. Charterers are responsible for damage caused to their yacht during the charter period irrespective as to whosoever caused such damage. In the event of damage the charterer will lose his security deposit, except in the following instances:
 - The total repair or replacement costs are less than the deposit in which case the remainder of the deposit (after these costs are deducted) will be refunded.
 - It can be proved that the damage was caused by another yacht that was at fault AND the charterer took all possible measures to avoid collision AND the other skipper will pay for all damage caused. In which case the security deposit will be refunded on payment by the guilty party.
 - Where the yacht was under the responsibility of a Sunsail skipper and he was at the helm. Should the charterer be in charge of the helm then this exclusion does not apply.
2. At the end of the charter period in which a collision has occurred, involved parties will be required to agree and apportion blame. Deposits, if appropriate, will then be refunded (Should repair costs be less than the deposit). If no agreement can be reached then Sunsail will decide which party is responsible. Sunsail's decision except in case of manifest error shall be final.
3. In the event of a collision, either between a non Sunsail yacht or any other number of Sunsail yachts, ALL security deposits will be withheld, irrespective of the initially perceived costs or blame until such time as a decision has been reached. A further security deposit will be taken from all parties before the charter may continue. This applies for each and every separate incident during the charter period.

Standard yacht racing conditions cont'd...

In the event that the 3rd party of a collision is a non Sunsail yacht, charterer must make his best efforts to obtain details of the yacht, skipper, insurer and a report on the collision, Sunsail will make every effort to assist in recovering the money from the 3rd party if appropriate.

In the event that a charterer requests a replacement item for any damage caused directly by the charterer: e.g. replacement spinnaker or in extreme cases a replacement yacht, the charterer shall top up their security deposit to the extent of the damage caused or the value of the original security deposit or whichever is the lower. Replacement of the item remains at the discretion of Sunsail (subject to availability) and if no replacement is made no refund of charter or race fees will be made.

Liability of the charterer is unlimited if the damage was caused while the skipper was drunk/drugged or the damage was reckless/wilful or negligent.

In the event of damage to the yacht, the local Sunsail representative must be informed immediately and his decision as to whether the yacht is able to continue charter without repair shall be final.

To be signed on behalf of the Charterer:

Event: _____

Date: _____