

NOTICE OF RACE (NoR)

Golden Rock Regatta 2026

1. Organizing Authority

The Golden Rock Regatta 2026 is organized by the Round the Rocks Regatta Foundation in cooperation with the Sint Eustatius Tourism Development Foundation, Sint Maarten Yacht Club. The regatta will be governed by the Caribbean Sailing Association (CSA) Racing Rules, the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing 2025–2028 where applicable.

2. Event Overview

The Golden Rock Regatta 2026 is a premier Caribbean offshore sailing event commemorating the 250th Anniversary of the First Salute (1776–2026). The regatta consists of three offshore legs culminating in a grand arrival and celebration on Sint Eustatius. The fleet will finish off Fort Oranje, coinciding with the First Salute 250th Anniversary celebrations and Admiral's Sail Parade.

Leg	Date	Route	Distance (approx.)
1	Nov 12	Simpson Bay (St. Maarten) – St Barths	21 NM
2	Nov 13	St Barths → St Kitts	60 NM
3	Nov 14	St kitts→ Nevis	12 NM
4	Nov 15	Nevis → Oranjestad (Sint Eustatius)	24 NM
5	Nov 16	First Salute celebrations	Layday
6	Nov 17	Statia → Anguilla Road bay	48 NM
7	Nov 18	Anguilla Road bay → St Maarten Simpson Bay	17 NM

3. Rules

The regatta will be governed by:

- The World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025–2028.
- The CSA Rating Rules for handicap scoring.
- This Notice of Race (NoR) and the Sailing Instructions (SI) to be issued no later than October 15, 2026.

In the event of conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.

4. Eligibility and Entry

The regatta is open to Monohull and Multihull yachts holding a valid CSA Measurement Certificate. Charter boats with an approved CSA Charter Rating are also eligible.

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5. Entry Fees

Class	Entry Fee (USD)
CSA Racing / Cruising	\$ 12 per FT overall
Multihull	\$ 12 per FT overall
Bareboat / Charter	\$ 12 per FT overall

6. Schedule of Events

Date	Event	Location
Nov 10	Skippers' Briefing & Welcome Party	Sint Maarten Yacht Club
Nov 12	Leg 1 Start — Simpson Bay → St Barths	St. Maarten
Nov 13	Leg 2 Gustavia → St Kitts	St Barth Banana Bay
Nov 14	Leg 3 St Kitts → Nevis	Charlestown
Nov 15	Leg 4 Nevis → St Eustatius	Charlestown Oranjestad
Nov 16	Sint Eustatius	Oranje Bay (layday) Celebration of First salute
Nov 17	St Eustatius → Anguilla	Fort Oranje, Sint Eustatius Sandy Ground
Nov 18	Anguilla → St Maarten	Roadbay Simpsonbay

7. Sailing Instructions

The Sailing Instructions (SI) will be available online at least 30 days before the start of the first leg and distributed at registration.

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8. Scoring

The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply. Overall scoring will be based on CSA corrected time for all legs combined. Individual leg prizes and overall regatta trophies will be awarded.

9. Prizes

Golden Rock Trophy – Best Overall CSA Racing Yacht

Governor's Cup – First in CSA Cruising Class

Statia Spirit Award – First Bareboat/Charter Yacht

Multihull Challenge Cup – Fastest Multihull Overall

First Salute 250 Commemorative Award – Best Overall Yacht representing Caribbean Spirit

10. Safety

All yachts must comply with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 3. Each yacht shall carry functioning VHF Radio (Channel 16), lifejackets for all crew, and proof of third-party liability insurance.

11. Advertising

Advertising is permitted in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20.

Boats may be required to display event sponsors' decals or flags supplied by the Organizing Authority.

12. Communications

The official communication channel will be VHF Channel 72.

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Online Notice Board (ONB).

13. Disclaimer of Liability

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. The organizing authority, sponsors, and associated organizations accept no liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained before, during, or after the regatta.

14. Entry & Insurance

The entry fee is US\$ 12 per foot.

Each participating boat shall hold a valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of USD 1.500.000 or equivalent.

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15. Further Information:

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