SINT MAARTEN YACHT CLUB STUDENT/PARENT GUIDE 2021/2022

The Student/Parent Guide contains all necessary information regarding the 2021-2022 sailing season, such as opening hours, events, fees and code of conduct. We kindly ask you to read it carefully, so you are aware of what can be expected from the SMYC and Sailing School and how you can assist in making our operations more productive.

CALENDAR

The calendar will provide you with an overview of the events and regattas scheduled throughout the season (subject to change). You will be able to find this on <https://www.smyc.com/youth-sailing>. Events will be announced through email, whatsapp, social media and the website.

EQUIPMENT

The Sailing School has a number of boats that are used for lessons. The Club has Third Party Liability insurance in case of accidents, but we expect those who are using the boats to treat them and all equipment/parts with care. Life jackets are made available for students, however if the student becomes an avid sailor, we recommend to invest in getting their own life jacket. We request all students to bring a reusable water bottle to bring aboard the boat as we work with a water station instead of bottles. Once the student gets more involved in racing, we recommend investing in proper racing gear to further excel as a sailor.

FEES

Fees are calculated on a per year basis. **Since this season 2021-2022 you can only pay per term of year.**   
The number of lessons can differ per month or term, but average out over the year. Discounts are given to members and rates get more attractive if you purchase a term package or pay per year.

Monthly payment arrangements can be made, contact [saskia@smyc.com](mailto:saskia@smyc.com)

Fees have to be paid prior or at the first lesson of a new term, if no payment is in at the first lesson the student can’t take part in the lesson. The payment secures a spot in the group, without an adequate advance notice there will be no refund possible. Please inform the instructors when a student won’t be able to partake any longer during the month or term, or when he/she stops with the program completely, so another student can enroll the program and invoicing can be stopped.

1 lesson per week

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| **SMYC MEMBER** | **FEE** | **TOTAL / YEAR** |
| MONTH | 230 | 690 |
| YEAR | 640 | 640 |

2 lessons per week

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| **SMYC MEMBER** | **FEE** | **TOTAL / YEAR** |
| MONTH | 420 | 1260 |
| YEAR | 1160 | 1160 |

1 lesson per week

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| **NON – MEMBER** | **FEE** | **TOTAL / YEAR** |
| MONTH | 290 | 870 |
| YEAR | 820 | 820 |

2 lesson per week

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| **NON - MEMBER** | **FEE** | **TOTAL / YEAR** |
| MONTH | 525 | 1575 |
| YEAR | 1475 | 1475 |

PARENTS

The Sint Maarten Yacht Club Sailing School is successful because of the support from volunteers, members and the parents for the students. We love to get parents involved with events and highly stimulate them to volunteer and learn more about sailing, to share this with your child. Please contact the office or instructors if you are interested in volunteering at events, or take on a more active role, we greatly appreciate your contribution.

SPONSORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

The Sailing School relies heavily on sponsorships and donations. There are several ways to sponsor (for an overview check <https://www.smyc.com/sponsor> perhaps you have a business and are looking at additional exposure, or could support by means of an in kind sponsorship. Please contact the General Manager for the available opportunities.

Through donations we also offer scholarships to children who otherwise wouldn’t be able to afford to take lessons. If you know of any children who would qualify for this program please reach out to the instructors or the office.

REGATTAS

Throughout the season a number of regattas take place. Some are hosted by the SMYC, others by Yacht Clubs on other islands. For SMYC regattas the following principles apply:

* Reservation of boats goes at a first come first serve base.
* Non-members will have to pay a boat rental fee for the use of the boats during regattas.
* Registration for regattas and reservation of boats has to be done via email.
* Registration is final after the entry fee has been paid at the SMYC office.
* If the registration is cancelled within 3 days of the event no refund is possible.

We send out notices regarding regattas taking place at other islands. If you/your child would like to participate you can make it known to the instructors. The instructors will select those that qualify for the regattas.

CONTACT INFO AND OPENING HOURS

**SAILING SCHOOL**

**Instructors**

Sam Peeks: [Sam@smyc.com](mailto:Sam@smyc.com)   
Saskia Revelman: [Saskia@smyc.com](mailto:Saskia@smyc.com)

**Regular Opening hours Sailing School (May vary):**

Mo-Fr: 10:00 – 18:00

Sa/sun: depending on activities

**SINT MAARTEN YACHT CLUB OFFICE**

**Opening hours**

Mo-Fr: 08:00– 17:00

General Manager:

Michele Korteweg: [manager@smyc.com](mailto:manager@smyc.com) +1721 581 0559

SMYC MEMBERSHIP

When you become a member of the SMYC, you can enjoy the following advantages:

* Take a Laser, RS Vision or Pico for a sail.
* Get discounts on sailing lessons.
* Enjoy the social events organized for our members (and guests).
* Show your card at the SMYC bar/restaurant and receive a 10% discount on your check.
* And with your SMYC member card you will get discounts at local stores in Sint Maarten (check our website).

Most importantly, as a member you support the Youth Sailing Program, and allow us to introduce more local youngsters to sailing, offering them a fun and active way to develop themselves and broaden their horizon.

Find more information about membership and fees on; <https://www.smyc.com/membership>

CODE OF CONDUCT

The code of conduct has been introduced to achieve the following:

* A safe environment for children in which they can learn how to sail and race.
* To allow instructors and SMYC staff to run the sailing school and regattas efficiently.

STUDENTS

* I will treat my fellow SMYC Sailing School students, competitors, coaches, parents and all others with respect.
* If I have a disagreement with a fellow student, competitor or any other I will tell the SMYC instructors/coaches.
* I will be honest, fair, courteous and a good sport whether I win or lose.
* I will comply with any reasonable request of the coaches, SMYC employees or organizers of an event.
* I will treat all equipment provided to me by the SMYC with respect and ensure that it gets returned in the state that it was presented to me.
* I will not use another’s property without permission or damage another’s property
* I will not swear or curse.
* I will not hit, abuse or bully anyone, nor will I make fun of or call anyone names.
* I will follow all safety procedures and instructions given by race officials, sailing instructors/coaches, event hosts and other responsible adults.

If the student doesn’t comply with the aforementioned rules and guidelines, disciplinary actions may be taken which include, but are not limited to:

* Verbal warning by SMYC staff member
* Written warning
* Temporary suspension from the youth sailing program and SMYC regattas
* A permanent ban from the youth sailing program and SMYC regattas

PARENTS

* I will inform my child’s instructor/coach of any physical disability or ailment that may affect the safety of my child or the safety of others.
* If my child damages Sint Maarten Yacht Club equipment by malice or careless behavior I will take responsibility for the damages.
* If my child is due to arrive late, I will inform the instructor/coach. If this exceeds 30/45 minutes the child may not be able to participate any more
* If my child can’t make it to his/her lesson I will inform the instructor at least 24 hours in advance.
* I will not interact with the coaches/instructors or the students during a lesson. I will wait until the lesson is done to approach the coach/instructor.

If you fail to comply with aforementioned rules and guidelines, disciplinary actions may be taken which include but are not limited to:

* Verbal warning by SMYC staff member.
* Written warning.
* Temporary suspension from the SMYC.
* Temporary suspension of your child from the youth sailing program and SMYC regattas.
* A permanent ban from the youth sailing program and SMYC regattas for you and your child.