

Regatta royalty

Setting sail for luxury and adventure in Caribbean paradise at St. Barths Bucket Regatta

Every year, the azure waters surrounding the enchanting island of St. Barthélemy play host to the most anticipated event on the Caribbean sailing calendar, the St. Barths Bucket Regatta. This maritime extravaganza is a celebration of nautical prowess, engineering and design that has attracted, over the years, elements of luxurious living, and the sheer thrill of navigating the open seas.

Nestled in the heart of the Caribbean, against the backdrop of St. Barths pristine beaches, the island transforms into a haven for sailing enthusiasts

and socialites during the annual St. Barths Regatta – a spectacle that combines the thrill of high-stakes racing with the elegance of luxury living and the mixed array of professional and amateur teams.

Far more than a simple race, the St. Barths Regatta is a showcase of opulence on the waves. Ranging classes from 29m

Pictured: The spectacular St Barths springs to life for the annual Bucket Regatta; a fun-filled gathering for yacht enthusiasts

sleek bullets to 62m sea monsters, onlookers will experience the power and engineering beauty of floating speed machines by such designers as Hoek, Perini Navi, Setzer, and Frers, who competed in St Barths 2023. These majestic yachts, their sails billowing in the Caribbean breeze to cut through the blue and white of the sea. Elite sailors from around the globe converge on the island, all vying for the coveted silver bucket and title of the St. Barths Champion. attempting to claim the renowned silver bucket and engineering and sailing bragging rights.

The regatta offers a series of challenging courses that wind around the island, providing breathtaking views of St. Barths coastline, cliffs, and coves. The unpredictable Caribbean winds add an extra layer of complexity, ensuring that only the most skilled sailors emerge victorious. Each race becomes a strategic dance with nature, testing the mettle of the participants.

However, while the regatta takes center stage, St. Barths offers a plethora of activities for both participants and spectators. Exclusive beach parties, glamorous soirées, and culinary delights await those who descend upon the island during this maritime fiesta. The charming streets of Gustavia, the capital, come alive with the clinking of glasses and the laughter of those reveling in the fusion of sport and luxury. ➤





The St. Barths Regatta is not an exclusive affair reserved for seasoned sailors and the elite; rather it's a community event that engages locals and tourists alike. Sailing clinics provide novices with the opportunity to learn the ropes from seasoned experts, adding an educational aspect to the festivities. The regatta also takes pride in sponsoring local charities such as, The Youth Sailing Program at the St Barths Yacht Club (SBYC), contributing to the well-being of the island community.

The St. Barths Regatta is not just about sailing — it's about sailing responsibly and in an era where environmental consciousness is paramount, event organizers have collaborated with local environmental groups to minimize disruption to marine life and ecosystems.



Sailors are encouraged to adopt eco-friendly practices, making

Top: The beautifully colourful Caribbean Gustavia Harbour in Saint Barthélemy Above: Helicopters provide safety and footage for race-goers

the regatta a shining example of responsible yachting.

As the sun dips below the horizon, signaling the end of each day's races, the island transforms into a twinkling oasis. Yachts moored in the harbor are illuminated, creating a spectacle

that rivals the stars above.

Evenings are filled with champagne toasts, live music, and the clinking of glasses as participants and spectators come together to celebrate the magic of the sea.

The St. Barths Regatta transcends being a mere competition — it's a celebration of the symbiotic relationship between humankind and the sea, a testament to the island's magnetic allure, and a display of the unity that sailing fosters. As the regatta concludes each year, it leaves behind indelible -memories of sleek vessels slicing through the waves, the laughter of those gathered on pristine beaches, and the undeniable charm of St. Barths — a haven for those who seek adventure, luxury, and the beauty of the open sea. 21-24 March 2024.

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