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SVG Sailing Week 2026 Set to Deliver Exciting Multi-Island Experience

The SVG Tourism Authority has announced exciting developments for the 2026 edition of the event, promising an expanded program, stronger partnerships and a vibrant multi-island experience across St. Vincent and the Grenadines.

The updates were shared during a media briefing held this morning, where stakeholders highlighted the continued growth of the signature Caribbean sailing event and its role in positioning the country as a premier sailing and marine tourism destination.

Officials explained that SVG Sailing Week 2026 will bring together local, regional and international sailors, marine enthusiasts and visitors to experience the beauty of the islands both on and off the water. The event celebrates the vibrant sailing culture of St. Vincent, the charm of Bequia, and the elegance of Canouan, creating a unique multi-island experience that blends competitive sailing with culture, community involvement and environmental stewardship.

Speaking at the briefing, Quality Development Manager Aina Browne of the St. Vincent and the Grenadines Tourism Authority provided an update on preparations, noting that interest in the event continues to grow steadily among sailors and visitors alike.

“SVG Sailing Week continues to build momentum each year,” she said. “This year’s edition will feature enhanced prizes, expanded partnerships and a broader international reach. We are excited about what lies ahead and invite sailors and visitors from around the world to be part of this incredible experience.”

The event is expected to attract hundreds of participants and spectators, further strengthening the country’s reputation as one of the Caribbean’s most dynamic sailing destinations.

Chair of the Bequia Onshore Committee, Kasi Simmons, also addressed the media, highlighting the island’s preparations to host a range of onshore activities. He noted that Bequia remains central to the event’s community spirit, with entertainment, cultural showcases and family-friendly activities planned throughout the week.

Minister of Tourism, Civil Aviation and Sustainable Development, Dr. Hon. Kishore Shallow, delivered the feature address, emphasizing the importance of sailing events in strengthening the country’s tourism product.

Minister Shallow said initiatives such as SVG Sailing Week support the continued development of sports tourism while creating economic opportunities for communities across the islands. “Sailing is more than just a sport; it is a key part of our tourism offering and an avenue for economic growth,” the minister stated. “Events like these bring visitors, generate activity for local businesses and showcase the natural beauty and hospitality of St. Vincent and the Grenadines.”

Organizers also emphasized efforts to promote environmental sustainability during the event, including initiatives to reduce waste and encourage eco-friendly practices among participants and visitors.

During the question-and-answer segment, members of the media raised issues relating to accommodation capacity in Bequia and transportation for visitors

traveling from mainland St. Vincent. Officials indicated that coordination with tourism and transport stakeholders is ongoing to ensure smooth logistics for the expected influx of visitors.

SVG Sailing Week 2026 is expected to feature a full schedule of races, cultural showcases and entertainment events designed to appeal to both sailing enthusiasts and families alike. Organizers say preparations are well underway and are encouraging the public and international visitors to make plans early to experience what promises to be one of the most exciting editions yet.

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