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CAPE TOWN RACE WEEK

OFFICIAL INFORMATION & NOTICE OF RACE

15th – 20th December, 2016

Cape Town, South Africa

The 2016 Cape Town Race Week will be organized and conducted by the Royal Cape Yacht Club (RCYC).

PART 1: GENERAL ADMINISTRATIVE INFORMATION

1. EVENT MANAGEMENT

Address all correspondence pertaining to the regatta to:

Royal Cape Yacht Club (RCYC)

Tel: 021 421 1354

Fax: 021 421 6028

Email: sailadmin@rcyc.co.za

Web: www.rcyc.co.za

Marina Manager:

Email: marina@rcyc.co.za

Tel: 021 421 1354

2. RACE MANAGEMENT

Race Chairman	Simon Borchert
RCYC Rear Commodore	Greg Davis
RCYC Sailing Committee	Neil Gregory
RCYC Sailing Event Manager	Toni Mainprize
RCYC Sailing Secretary	Fanie Naude
Race Officer	Stuart Childerley

3. RACE WEBSITE

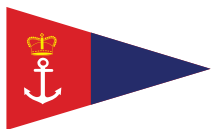
Periodic updates and the latest information on the regatta can be found on Cape Town Race Week pages on the RCYC web site: www.rcyc.co.za. The event website is available on www.capetownraceweek.com

4. RACE HEADQUARTERS

Race Headquarters and the Jury Rooms will be located at the RCYC. The Official Notice Board will be located in the RCYC main hall.

5. REGISTRATION

Registration will take place at the RCYC on Thursday 15th December 2016 from 12h00 – 16h00.



5. SLIPS/DOCKING

Visiting yachts with paid up entry fees will receive free berthing one week before and one week after the regatta. Once you have entered, please contact the RCYC Marina Manager to arrange your mooring.

PART 2 RULES AND CONDITIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by:
 - 1.1.1. The current rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS)
 - 1.1.2. The 2016 IRC Rules as amended in 2.2 below.
 - 1.1.3. The Royal Cape Rating Division (RRD) rules.
 - 1.1.4. The Merchant Shipping (Small Vessel Safety) Regulations 2007 – Category C.
 - 1.1.5. The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS).

2. OTHER RULES & REQUIREMENTS

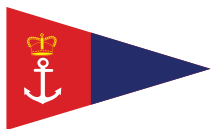
- 2.1. All boats shall carry an operating VHF radio.
- 2.2. IRC crew number and limitations:
 - 2.2.1. IRC 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by “The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a yacht shall be the number shown on the certificate. There is no weight limit.” IRC special crew dispensation is allowed. The total crew is limited to the yachts Certificate of Fitness (COF).
 - 2.2.2. Crew substitutions are allowed. The Race Office needs to be informed of any changes prior to them taking place.
- 2.3. The maximum total crew for RRD TCF racing is to be per the table below.

Yacht LOA in feet	Yacht LOA in metres	Maximum RRD Crew Number*
Under 30	Under 9.14m	7
30 – 35	9.14 – 10.67m	9
34 – 40	10.67 – 12.19m	12
40 – 45	12.19 – 13.72m	14
45 – 50	13.72 – 15.24m	16
50 – 55	15.24 – 16.76m	18
55 and over	16.76m and over	20

*Maximum RRD Crew Number or COF crew limit, whichever is the lesser number

3. ADVERTISING

- 3.1. Advertising is permitted, unless class rules do not permit, in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 3.2. Boats may be required to display advertising supplied by the Organizing Authority.



4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1. The Cape Town Race Week is open to One Design, IRC and RRD rated monohull and multihull boats.
- 4.2. The entry deadline is 12h00, Friday 9th December, 2016. A completed entry on the prescribed entry form, together with a crew list must be submitted with the relevant entry fee and or proof of payment to the Race Secretary. Fax (021 421 6028) or e-mail sailadmin@rcyc.co.za
- 4.3. The Entry fee will be R600 per boat including skipper and an additional R100 per crew member. The entry fee is not refundable.
- 4.4. The entry fee is to be paid into the Royal Cape Yacht Club bank account, details of which are below, alternatively instruction may be given in writing to the RCYC accounts department to debit your club account.

First National Bank
Branch Code: 250655
Branch: Adderley St
Account number: 500 500 45316

Please ensure a proof of payment is sent with your entry form. Boat name is to be displayed on the proof of payment.

- 4.5. Late entries will be accepted if received by 12h00 on Wednesday 15th December, 2016. A late entry fee of an additional R500.00 will apply.
- 4.6. Competitors wishing to race under IRC must submit a copy of their 2016 valid "Endorsed" IRC rating certificate with their completed entry form, or if waiting for a new certificate, prior to the final entry deadline.
- 4.7. All Royal Cape Rating Division and Coastal Division entries shall have a valid RRD rating.
- 4.8. Each entry shall be insured with valid liability insurance of not less than R2million.
- 4.9. In accordance with the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Regulation 19 (Eligibility Code), all competitors (Helmspersons and all other crew) shall be members in good standing of a Yacht Club affiliated to and in good standing with SA Sailing or their Member National Authority.

5. SAFETY STANDARDS

- 5.1. All entries shall at all times have a valid Category C COF unless the Race Committee grants special exemption as described in NOR 5.4.
- 5.2. All entries shall at all times have a person on board with a valid Skippers Certificate (Day Skipper minimum).
- 5.3. The race committee reserves the right to scrutinize competing boats to ensure the safety requirements are adhered to.
- 5.4. Class, traditional, classic or any other boat that does not meet the requirements of Cat C in any respects must, not later than Wednesday 14th December 2016 at 12h00, request exemption from the Race Committee in writing for those items with which the boat will not comply. The decision of the Race Committee shall be final and binding.
- 5.5. Boats shall comply with their class safety and buoyancy requirements.



6. PRELIMINARY SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Thursday, December 15th, 12h00 – 16h00

Registration and Welcome

Twilight Racing – starting not before 16h00 followed by Sponsors Opening Night Party

Friday, December 16th

Racing not starting before 12h00 followed by Boat Owners Charity Dinner

Saturday, December 17th

Racing not starting before 12h00 followed by live music and a raft-up party

Sunday, December 18th

Racing not starting before 12h00 followed by The Crew Party

Monday, December 19th

Lay Day – Event TBC

Tuesday, December 20th

Racing not starting before 12h00 followed by prize giving and after-party

A Social program has been organised each evening and will be available separately.

7. MEASUREMENT, FLEETS & DIVISIONS

7.1. Class Breaks

The race committee will split the fleet depending on entries and ratings. (Club Division 1, Club Division 2, Club Division 3, IRC 1, IRC 2, Coastal Division), providing there are sufficient entries. The preliminary list of divisions / class breaks will be available on or before 15th December, 2016 on the RCYC web site.

7.2. Royal Cape Rating Division

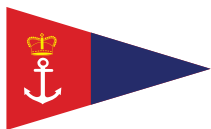
Rating changes during the series will not be permitted. Any yacht that has changed its sail or hull measurements since the issue of its Club RRD rating must apply for a new RRD rating on the official RRD application form. RRD rating applications will be accepted up until 7 days prior to the first race.

7.3. Coastal Division

The Coastal Division caters for all those yachts looking for a less demanding race schedule, or are typical cruising yachts, with a valid RRD rating.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and may be available at www.rcyc.co.za prior to registration.



9. RACING AREAS AND RACING FORMAT

- 9.1. The racing will be in Table Bay.
- 9.2. Up to five races are scheduled. It is intended to race one race a day with one day allocated to a longer middle distance race. If the Race Committee is required to fit in more races in a day to achieve a regatta then a maximum of 2 races will be sailed each day. However if required the RC may amend the race schedule to preserve the regatta status.
- 9.3. No warning signal will be displayed after 15h00 on Tuesday, December 20th.
- 9.4. The Race Courses will include Medium Distance races set around a selection of marks using Harbour Navigational buoys, a Mark Vessel, RCYC permanent buoys, Robben Island, Barker Rock, special laid inflatable buoys.

10. SCORING

The Low Point System of Appendix A will apply with the following changes:

- 10.1 Three races shall be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 10.2 1 discard will be allowed if 5 to 8 races are completed.
- 10.3 2 discards will be allowed if 9 races are completed.
- 10.4 The IRC and Club Division will be scored using the IRC or RRD Time Correction Factor using time on time scoring.
- 10.5 The races may be dual scored using ORC.

11. RESPONSIBILITY

- 11.1. The safety of a boat and its crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Skipper who must ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced and physically capable crew. Neither the establishment of regulations or inspection of a boat in any way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibility of the Skipper.
- 11.2. It is the sole and inescapable responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or continue in any race.
- 11.3. The RCYC and participating Sponsors of the 2016 Cape Town Race Week do not accept responsibility for loss of life or injury to participants or others, or for the loss or damage to any vessel in any way or from any cause during or related to this event.

12. PRIZES

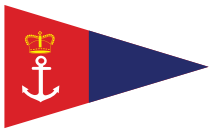
Overall series awards will be awarded to first, second and third place boats in each division.

13. SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats are to be conspicuously marked with a Yellow flag.

14. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out after the start of the first race and the completion of the final race, except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.



15. **AMENDMENTS TO THIS NOTICE**

Any amendments of this notice of race made prior to December 15th, 2016 will be posted on the RCYC website: www.rcyc.co.za. Any amendments thereafter will be posted on the Official Notice Board and copies will be available at Race Headquarters.

16. **INDEMNITY**

The competitor entered shall be deemed, on the acceptance of the entry by the Race Committee, on behalf of themselves, their crew, their dependants and their sponsors to have indemnified the organizers, the sponsors and all those involved in the running of the event against all claims of any kind arising from any injury to person or property incurred during or in connection with the event, or from any other cause arising whatsoever. The Race Committee indemnifies itself against any costs for "Search and Rescue".

