

NOTICE OF RACE

Shorthanded Sailing South Africa 2026 Series
Organizing Authority: Royal Cape Yacht Club
Cape Town, South Africa
dated 5 January 2026

1 RULES

- 1.1 The races will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*.
- 1.2 The following rules will also apply:
 - 1.2.1 IMS Rule (www.orc.org)
 - 1.2.2 ORC Rating Systems (www.orc.org)
 - 1.2.3 Equipment Rules of Sailing (www.sailing.org)
 - 1.2.4 World Sailing Appendix WP Version 2.0 January 2025 shall apply.
https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/13024403/2025-2028-Appendix-WP-Rules-for-Waypoints_V2.0_January-2025.pdf
 - 1.2.5 Non-manual power may be used for an autopilot as provided for in ORC rule 204. This changes RRS 52.
 - 1.2.6 Words Sailing Appendix TS, dated January 2025, Section A applies to the TSS in the Table Bay Area.
https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/13024401/2025-2028-Appendix-TS_Traffic-Separation-Schemes_-V4.0_January2025.pdf
- 1.3 RRS 26, 27, 29 and 30 are changed to allow for starting the race without a race committee. The changes will appear in full in the sailing instructions. The sailing instructions may also change other racing rules.
- 1.4 A rule designated (NP) in the rules denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protest or request for redress by a boat and for which the protest committee may refuse to hold a hearing. This changes RRS 60.1 and 63.
- 1.5 A rule designated (SP) in the rules denotes rule for which a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing, or a discretionary penalty applied by the protest committee with a hearing. This changes RRS 60.5, 63.3 (a) and A5.

2 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 2.1 The regatta is open to all boats with a current ORC Double Handed certificate or ORC Certificate.
- 2.2 If the fleet is divided into classes, the class division will be as follows:
Class A: DH ORC APH ToD of equal to or less than 603.
Class B: DH ORC APH ToD more than 603.
- 2.3 Boats shall be scored in the Double Handed Fleet, unless they notify the race committee that they are sailing Single Handed.
- 2.4 A Double Handed boat shall have only two crew on board, plus an optional additional extra person who does not assist in sailing the boat while racing, and who shall remain in the cockpit or cabin of the boat at all times.

- 2.5 A Single Handed boat shall have only one crew on board, plus an optional additional extra person who does not assist in sailing the boat while racing, and who shall remain in the cockpit or cabin of the boat at all times.
- 2.6 Eligible boats may enter by being at the starting line at the time of the start. No registration is required. Please notify the race committee of the intention to race.
- 2.6 By sailing in the race all competitors agree to be bound by the *rules*.

3 DATES AND SCHEDULE

The race will start at 9:00 SAST on the dates shown below unless otherwise indicated.

If the weather forecast is favourable for later in the day it is the intention to delay the start until 11:00 or later by informing boats the day before the scheduled start:

- 3.1 6 January 2026 at 17:00
- 3.2 21 March 2026 (backup date 22 March 2026)
- 3.3 11 April 2026 (backup date 12 April 2026)
- 3.4 For information only: 2/3 May 2026 Magellan Cup (separate Notice of Race)
- 3.5 13 June 2026 (backup date 14 June 2026)
- 3.6 18 July 2026 (backup date 19 July 2026)
- 3.7 15 August 2026 (backup date 16 August 2026)
- 3.8 For information only: 12/13 September 2026: Canyon Cup (separate Notice of Race)
- 3.9 17 October 2026 (backup date 18 October 2026)
- 3.10 28 November 2026 (Dassen Island Race), no race return on the 29th.
- 3.11 Additional race days may be added at short notice, in which case this Notice of Race and the sailing instructions will apply to those races.

Year end function 5 December 2026

4 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the Official Notice Board, being the SSSA – Official WhatsApp group, at least one hour before the start. The sailing instructions will provide for a starting procedure without the race committee. Boats will be required to record their track either by phone or GPS.

5 COURSES

The courses will start in Table Bay or its surroundings.

6 PENALTY SYSTEM

RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

7 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3 Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

8 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of R5 million.

9 SAFETY

Every person on board shall wear a personal flotation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Rule 40.1 applies.

10 FURTHER INFORMATION

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