

The Magellan Cup 2026
incorporating the ORC Doublehanded Provincial Championship

Race Dates: 2 May 2026 with 3 May 2026 as alternative backup date
Registration: 30 April 2026 at RCYC
Prizegiving: 7 May 2026 at RCYC
Venue: RCYC and Offshore
Organising Authority: RCYC

NOTICE OF RACE

Version 1.1 dated 19 March 2026



1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules Of Sailing* [RRS]
- 1.2 The latest version of the following rules and regulations will also apply:
 - 1.2.1 IMS Rules (found at www.orc.org/uploads/files/Rules-Regulations/2025/IMS-2025.pdf)
 - 1.2.2 ORC Rating Systems Rules (found at www.orc.org/uploads/files/Rules-Regulations/2025/ORC-Rating-Systems-2025.pdf)
 - 1.2.3 Boats are required to hold a valid safety certificate appropriate to the operational limits in which they intend to sail, as defined by the Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations 2007 (found at www.gov.za/sites/default/files/gcis_document/201409/30151b.pdf)
- 1.3 The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea [IRPCAS] replace RRS Part 2 from sunset to sunrise.
- 1.4 Automatic and wind-vane devices for steering may be used. This changes RRS 52.
- 1.5 RRS 78.2 is deleted.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available for each entrant no later than registration and may be posted earlier on the SSSA Official Notice Board.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board **will be the WhatsApp Group “SSSA - Official Notice Board”** at the link found [here](#).
- 3.2 All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on 06, 14, 16, 69 and 71.
- 3.3 All boats shall carry a device capable of communicating on WhatsApp.
- 3.4 Satellite Phones are highly recommended for emergency use during the race.

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The event is open to all boats with a valid ORC certificate; but limited to
 - 4.1.1 a crew of up to three people; and
 - 4.1.2 at least one person aboard with a SAS Skipper Certificate of Competence (or equivalent) applicable to the course nominated.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing an online entry form on www.sssa.africa on or before 27 April 2026.
- 4.3 To be eligible for the ORC Doublehanded Provincial Championship:
 - 4.3.1 A boat must enter with a valid ORC DH certificate and must have a two-person crew and satisfy all other requirements stipulated in ORC 301.3.
 - 4.3.2 The minimum number of ORC Doublehanded entries and finishers in the race shall be 5.
- 4.4 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements.
- 4.5 Late entries may be accepted under the additional condition that a completed entry form is submitted online on www.sssa.africa by 29 April 2026.

5 FEES

- 5.1 **Entry is free.**
- 5.2 A donation may be made to the Little Optimist Trust in any amount.

6 ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Registration and race, weather briefing: 17h30 for 18h00 - 30 April 2026, at RCYC (compulsory attendance required by a representative of each boat).
- 7.2 Inspection and/or clarification of equipment: 10h00–16h00 30 April 2026. This is by prior written request of an entrant only and such request is not mandatory.
- 7.3 Dates of racing: 2 May 2026 – backup date 3 May 2026.
- 7.4 The scheduled time of the warning signal is not before 06h25 on 2 May 2026 – alternatively 3 May 2026.
- 7.5 A single 12-hour race is scheduled with a minimum of 2 hours sailed in order to be scored.

8 MEASUREMENT

- 8.1 Each boat shall have valid ORC certificate activated on the ORC website.

9 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 RRS 44.1 is changed such that the Two-Turns and One-Turn Penalty are replaced by a distance penalty per NOR 9.3.
- 9.2 A boat breaking a rule described in NOR 1.4, as applicable, may take a distance penalty per NOR 9.3. This changes RRS 64.2.
- 9.3 The distance penalty per incident in NOR 9.1 and NOR 9.2 is 1nm deducted from the boat's corrected distance. The penalty shall be declared at the time of the incident on the race declaration form provided, noting the incident and time, and must be submitted to the race committee together with her post race declaration form.
- 9.4 At the discretion of the protest committee, a boat that is party to a hearing and has broken a rule may be subject to a penalty less than disqualification. This changes RRS 60.5(c).
- 9.5 Additional waypoints beyond the nominated three will incur a 10% corrected total distance penalty per extra waypoint.
- 9.6 A boat that does not round a declared waypoint will be scored NSC.
- 9.7 The Race Committee may signal a virtual Whisky flag to all boats still racing at 18h30. The signalled boat/s shall record their position at 18h30 and will be deemed to have finished. A penalty of 10% of the "distance to go" described in NoR 10.11.4 will be deducted from the overall distance sailed by the boat/s at 18h30. This changes RRS 28.1 and A3.

10 SCORING

- 10.1 The Magellan Cup is a 12-hour endurance and navigational challenge.
- 10.2 The objective is to sail the greatest distance, measured as a straight line between self-nominated waypoints.
- 10.3 Corrected distance is calculated by applying the Single Number APH TOT handicap to the distance sailed.
- 10.3.1 The winner shall be the boat with the greatest corrected distance, after penalties.
- 10.4 Start Time: 06:30B or within 120 minutes thereafter.
- 10.5 Finish Time: 18:30B or upon crossing the finish line, whichever occurs first.
- 10.6 Start Line: From Landfall (starboard) to a point 500m south of the mark.
- 10.7 Finish Line: From Landfall (starboard) to a point 50m east of the mark.
- 10.8 Competitors may nominate one to three waypoints (excluding Landfall), to be rounded in any order. All nominated waypoints must be rounded.
- 10.8.1 Waypoints must be nominated by WhatsApp to Matthys Lourens (083 270 2344) at least one hour prior to starting.
- 10.8.2 Landfall may be used as a "Joker" waypoint (starboard) and rounded multiple times without penalty. Joker waypoints do not require nomination.
- 10.8.3 All waypoint (including Joker) and finish times and positions must be recorded on the Declaration Form provided.
- 10.8.4 A nominated waypoint may only be used once.
- 10.8.5 A waypoint is deemed to have been used if the boat's track passes within 50m in such a manner that the scoring course is not shortened when the course line is drawn tight.
- 10.8.6 If a boat has not reached its next waypoint or the finish line by 18:30B, the distance of the final leg will be calculated from the last rounded waypoint to the perpendicular intersection of the scoring course with a line projected from the boat's 18:30B position.

11 NAUTICAL CHARTS and NAVIGATION

- 11.1 The following nautical charts of the South African Navy Hydrographic Office may be utilised as a reference in the Sailing Instructions: SAN 119; SAN 1013.
- 11.2 One to three self-declared waypoints will be required, and boats will have to record their tracks on a GPS device.
- 11.3 Photographs of the GPS screen at the time of ALL waypoint roundings are mandatory.

12 PRIZES

- 12.1 Prizes will be awarded as follows:
- 12.1.1 The Magellan Cup: For all boats scored together: First, Second and Third place
ORC Doublehanded Provincial Championship: ORC South Africa Gold, Silver and Bronze Medals will be awarded to the skipper and crew member of the First, Second and Third placed yachts respectively, regardless of nationality, depending on the number of finishers:
Gold – 5 or more finishers; Silver – 8 or more finishers; Bronze – 12 or more finishers.
- 12.1.2 Additional prizes may be awarded at the organiser's discretion.

13 RISK STATEMENT

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes. Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk, see RRS 3 - Decision to Race. The organizing authority, ORC South Africa, SA Sailing, the race committee and race officer, the protest committee, the technical committee, the volunteers, and any other party involved in the organisation of the event will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. Each boat owner or his representative accepts these terms by ticking the box on the online entry form.

14 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of R5 million per incident or the equivalent, and valid for the limit of crew aboard.

15 FURTHER INFORMATION

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