

The Magellan Cup 2026
incorporating the ORC Doublehanded Provincial Championship

Dates: 2 May 2026 with back-up date 3 May 2026
Venue: RCYC and Offshore
Organising Authority: RCYC

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Version 1.0 dated 17 March 2026



1 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board - a WhatsApp Group "SSSA - Official Notice Board" at the link found [here](#).
- 1 The race office is located at Royal Cape Yacht Club. For further information please contact: Matthys Lourens on cell +27832702344 or email shorthandedsailingsa@gmail.com
- 1 While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 1 Each boat shall have a VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on Channels 06, 14, 16, 69 and 71, and VHF 16 shall be monitored at all times during the event whilst boats are away from their moorings.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 90 minutes before the start, except that any change to the schedule of race will be posted by 19h00 on the day before it will take effect.

3 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 3 Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

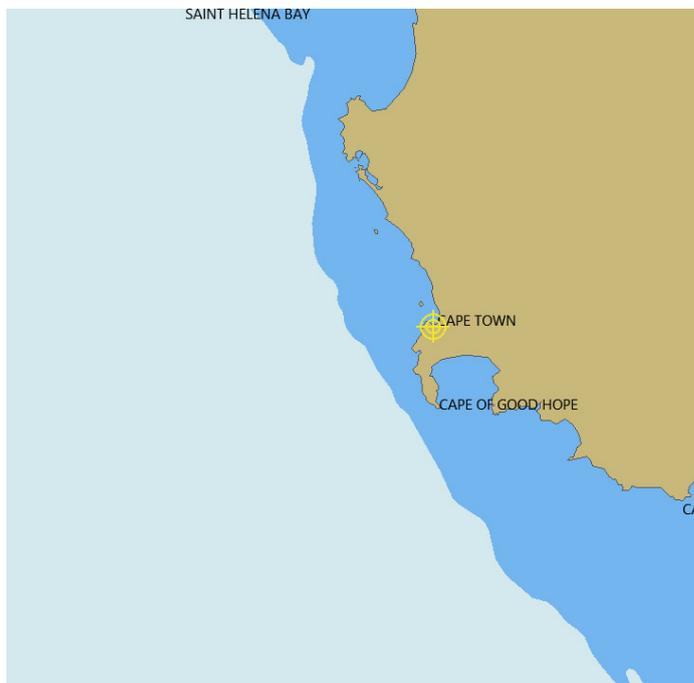
- 4 Signals made ashore will be displayed virtually on the Official Notice Board.
- 4 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 60 minutes" in Race Signals AP.

5 CLASS FLAGS

- 5 Class flags and the order of starting will be posted at registration.

6 RACING AREA

- 6 The racing area will be coastal and offshore off the Cape Peninsula and surrounds.



7 COURSE

- 7 The Magellan Cup is a 12-hour endurance and navigational challenge.
- 7 The objective is to sail the greatest distance, measured as a straight line between self-nominated waypoints.
- 7 A minimum of 2 hours of sailing is required in order to be scored.
- 7 Competitors are required to take their own start time, mark rounding times and finish time, and provide GPS evidence of all of these. A downloaded GPS track, or a screengrab of the GPS coordinates and time in each instance, is suitable. These are to be submitted on the Race Declaration Form – see SI 17.

8 WAYPOINTS

- 8 Competitors may nominate one to three waypoints (excluding Landfall), to be rounded in any order. All nominated waypoints must be rounded.
- 8 Waypoints must be nominated by WhatsApp to Matthys Lourens on cell +27832702344 at least one hour prior to starting.
- 8 Landfall may be used as a “Joker” waypoint (starboard) and rounded multiple times without penalty. Joker waypoints do not require nomination.
- 8 All waypoints (including Joker) and finish times and positions must be recorded on the Declaration Form provided.
- 8 A nominated waypoint may only be used once.
- 8 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.
- 8 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.

9 THE START

- 9 The start will be at 06h30 on 2 May 2026, alternatively 3 May 2026.
- 9 The start line will be virtual, being a line extending 500m due south from the Landfall Mark, at charted position at S33°51.907’ E018°25.463’ – leaving Landfall to starboard. Competitors are to take their own start time and provide GPS evidence of their crossing.

10 THE FINISH

- 1 The finishing line will be a virtual line extending 50m due east from the Landfall Mark, at charted position at S33°51.907’ E018°25.463’, with the Landfall Mark at the starboard end of the line. Competitors are to take their own finish time and provide GPS evidence of their crossing. See also 8.7.

11 SHORTENING COURSE

- 1 No shortening of the course will be applicable to this format of racing.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 1 The penalty system is as described in the Notice of Race.

13 Race end time

- 1 The race end time is 18h30 on 2 May 2026 alternatively 3 May 2026.

14 HEARING REQUESTS

- 1 A protest may be lodged on the SSSA-Interactive WhatsApp group within the time limit of 09h00 on the following day.
- 1 Hearing request forms may be downloaded [here](#).
- 1 Notices to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses will be posted 1 hour after the protest time limit. Hearings will be held in the protest room, located at the race office, or remotely, as instructed by the race office, beginning at the time posted.

15 SCORING

- 1 Corrected distance is calculated by applying the Single Number APH TOT handicap to the distance sailed. The winner shall be the boat with the greatest corrected distance, after penalties.
- 1 If boat's certificate needs to be changed in accordance with ORC Rules 305.2 or 305.3, her APH ToT will be modified for the same percentage as the difference in APH ToT between old and new certificate.
- 1 For the ORC Doublehanded Provincial Championship, a minimum of 5 boats are required to finish to constitute a Provincial Championship.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 1 All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.
- 1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 1 A boat not intending to race shall inform the race office before the scheduled warning signal.
- 1 Any use of the engine for propulsion purposes for rescuing people, giving help or any other reason shall be included on the race declaration form provided, stating the reasons and time of the incident/s, and must be submitted to the race committee together with her finishing time.

17 RACE DECLARATION FORM

- 1 Persons in Charge are required to complete and sign the race declaration form, supplied by the Organising Authority, recording the information required as well as any relevant incident that may have occurred.
- 1 Declarations Forms are to be completed, signed & delivered to the Race Committee within three (6) hours of crossing the Finish Line. A photograph or scan is suitable and can be sent by WhatsApp to +27832702344 or email shorthandedsailingsa@gmail.com

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race or sailing instructions.
- 1 When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

19 ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION

- 1 While racing, boats may be required to display event decals. The organising authority will supply the decals and instructions for their use at or before registration.