

# The Magellan Cup 2026

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<b>Race Dates</b>	2 May 2026 with 3 May 2026 as alternative back-up date
<b>Registration</b>	30 April 2026 at RCYC
<b>Prizegiving</b>	7 May 2026 at RCYC
<b>Venue</b>	RCYC and Offshore
<b>Organising Authority</b>	RCYC

## NOTICE OF RACE



## **1 RULES**

- 1.1** The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2** The latest versions of the following rules and regulations will also apply: IMS Rules; ORC Rating Systems Rules; and the Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations, 2007, as applicable to the operational limits in which competitors intend to sail.
- 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**

- 2.1** 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 published by the Organising Authority.
- 3.2** All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 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 is limited to a crew of up to three people and requires at least one person aboard with a SAS Day 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](http://www.sssa.africa) on or before 27 April 2026.
- 4.3** To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements.
- 4.4** Late entries may be accepted under the additional condition that a completed entry form is submitted online on [www.sssa.africa](http://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**

- 6.1** 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 on 30 April 2026 at RCYC. Compulsory attendance is required by a representative of each boat.
- 7.2** Inspection and or clarification of equipment: 10h00-16h00 on 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, with back-up 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 a valid ORC certificate activated on the ORC website.

## **9 PENALTY SYSTEM**

**9.1** RRS 44.1 is changed such that the Two-Turns Penalty and the One-Turn Penalty are replaced by a distance penalty in terms of NOR 9.3.

**9.2** A boat breaking a rule described in NOR 1.4, as applicable, may take a distance penalty in terms of NOR 9.3. This changes RRS 64.2.

**9.3** The distance penalty per incident in NOR 9.1 and NOR 9.2 is 1 nautical mile 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. A signalled boat shall record her position at 18h30 and will be deemed to have finished. A penalty of 10% of the "distance to go" described in NOR 10.8.6 will be deducted from the overall distance sailed by the boat 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 ORC Single Number APH ToT handicap to the distance sailed. The winner shall be the boat with the greatest corrected distance, after penalties.

**10.4** Start time: 06h30B or within 120 minutes thereafter.

**10.5** Finish time: 18h30B or upon crossing the finish line, whichever occurs first.

**10.6** Start line: from Landfall (starboard) to a point 500 m south of the mark.

**10.7** Finish line: from Landfall (starboard) to a point 50 m 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.

**10.9** Waypoints must be nominated by WhatsApp to Matthys Lourens on 083 270 2344 at least one hour prior to starting.

**10.10** Landfall may be used as a "Joker" waypoint (starboard) and rounded multiple times without penalty. Joker waypoints do not require nomination.

**10.11** All waypoints (including Joker), finish times and positions must be recorded on the Declaration Form provided.

**10.12** A nominated waypoint may only be used once.

**10.13** A waypoint is deemed to have been used if the boat's track passes within 50 m in such a manner that the scoring course is not shortened when the course line is drawn tight.

**10.14** If a boat has not reached its next waypoint or the finish line by 18h30B, 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 18h30B 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 and 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 Very important:** Photographs of the GPS screen at the time of all waypoint roundings as well as a complete GPX file of the boat's track must be sent to Matthys Lourens by Whatsapp on +27 83 270 2344 immediately after finishing. These are mandatory requirements in order to score the race.

## **12 PRIZES**

**12.1** Prizes will be awarded as follows: First, Second and Third place overall with The Magellan Cup presented to the overall winner.

**12.2** Additional prizes may be awarded at the organiser's discretion.

## **13 RISK STATEMENT**

**13.1** 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.

**13.2** Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia or other causes.

**13.3** Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk; see RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority, 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.

**13.4** Each boat owner or his representative accepts these terms by ticking the box on the online entry form.

## **14 INSURANCE**

**14.1** 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**

**15.1** For further information please contact Matthys Lourens on +27 83 270 2344 or at [shorthandedsailingsa@gmail.com](mailto:shorthandedsailingsa@gmail.com).