

The Magellan Cup 2026

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Dates

2 May 2026 with back-up date 3 May 2026

Venue

RCYC and Offshore

Organising Authority

RCYC

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS



1 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 1.1** Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, being the WhatsApp Group “SSSA - Official Notice Board” at the link published by the Organising Authority.
- 1.2** The race office is located at Royal Cape Yacht Club. For further information please contact Matthys Lourens on +27 83 270 2344 or at shorthandedsailingsa@gmail.com.
- 1.3** 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.
- 1.4** 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

- 2.1** 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 races will be posted by 19h00 on the day before it will take effect.

3 CODE OF CONDUCT

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

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1** Signals made ashore will be displayed virtually on the SSSA - Official Notice Board.
- 4.2** When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 60 minutes” in Race Signals AP.

5 CLASS FLAGS

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

6 RACING AREA

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

7 COURSE

- 7.1** The Magellan Cup is a 12-hour endurance and navigational challenge.
- 7.2** The objective is to sail the greatest distance, measured as a straight line between self-nominated waypoints.
- 7.3** A minimum of 2 hours of sailing is required in order to be scored.
- 7.4** 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 screenshot 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

- 8.1** Competitors may nominate one to three waypoints (excluding Landfall), to be rounded in any order. All nominated waypoints must be rounded.
- 8.2** Waypoints must be nominated by WhatsApp to Matthys Lourens on +27 83 270 2344 at least one hour prior to starting.
- 8.3** Landfall may be used as a “Joker” waypoint (starboard) and rounded multiple times without penalty. Joker waypoints do not require nomination.

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

8.5 A nominated waypoint may only be used once.

8.6 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.

8.7 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.

9 THE START

9.1 The start will be at 06h30 on 2 May 2026, alternatively 3 May 2026.

9.2 The start line will be virtual, being a line extending 500 m due south from the Landfall Mark, at charted position 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

10.1 The finishing line will be a virtual line extending 50 m due east from the Landfall Mark, at charted position 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 SI 8.7.

11 SHORTENING COURSE

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

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

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

13 RACE END TIME

13.1 The race end time is 18h30 on 2 May 2026, alternatively 3 May 2026.

14 HEARING REQUESTS

14.1 A protest may be lodged on the SSSA-Interactive WhatsApp group within the time limit of 09h00 on the following day.

14.2 Hearing request forms may be downloaded at the link published by the Organising Authority.

14.3 Notices to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses will be posted one 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

15.1 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.

15.2 If a boat's certificate needs to be changed in accordance with ORC Rules 305.2 or 305.3, her APH ToT will be modified by the same percentage as the difference in APH ToT between the old and new certificate.

16 SAFETY REGULATIONS

16.1 All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment.

16.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

16.3 A boat not intending to race shall inform the race office before the scheduled warning signal.

16.4 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 or incidents, and must be submitted to the race committee together with her finishing time.

17 RACE DECLARATION FORM

17.1 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.

17.2 Declaration forms are to be completed, signed and delivered to the Race Committee within six hours of crossing the finish line. A photograph or scan is suitable and can be sent by WhatsApp to +27 83 270 2344 or by email to shorthandedsailingsa@gmail.com.

18 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

18.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race or sailing instructions.

18.2 When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

19 ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION

19.1 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.