



NOTICE OF RACE – MBR 2023

FOREWORD

The original Mossel Bay Race was first raced in 1955 with the course being from Simon's Town to Mossel Bay.

We welcome back past and new participants to this year's MBR 2023.

This year the race is scheduled to start from Simon's Town at 09h00 on Thursday 28th September 2023, hosted by False Bay Yacht Club and Mossel Bay Sailing Club and supported by Protea Hotel Mossel Bay. The intention is to allow boats to deliver back over the Weekend, therefore, prize giving is planned for the following Friday evening at FBYC.

Please take note that the minimum safety requirements for this race is a Cat C with life rafts and the equipment as stated in Schedule 1 (Schedule 1 is a Race Requirement). The Cat C COF legally only allows boats a maximum of 15NM offshore. So, should skippers feel they might wish to venture further, they would have to upgrade their COF to comply with the law... The onus remains with the skipper to ensure their boat complies with all laws. We would recommend considering upgrading to a Cat B.

Our appreciation to the patron of this race, Mr. Ted Kuttel whose vision it was that this race be reintroduced and run as an annual happening being the motivating factor, not to mention his assistance in other areas.

If you have questions or require advice, please don't hesitate to contact the sailing office at FBYC, who are there to help.

The Race Committee

1) THE RACE

The Mossel Bay Race is a race from Simon's Town, False Bay, to Mossel Bay, in South Africa, and starts on Thursday 28th September 2022. The race is organized by the False Bay Yacht Club and Mossel Bay Sailing Club.

2) ELIGIBILITY

a) The race will comprise the following fleets:

i) Overall ORC Handicap Racing Fleet.

ii) Multihull Texel Handicap Fleet.

b) All boats shall have an overall length (LOA) of not less than 9.0 meters.

c) All boats to be considered suitable for Offshore sailing. The Race Committee's decision is final.

d) All boats shall have a *minimum* of a valid South African Sailing (SAS) Category "C" COF and in addition an, in date, LIFE RAFT onboard, proof of which shall be lodged with the Race Secretary by 16h00 SAST Monday, 18th September 2023.

e) *It should be noted that all vessels will be required to abide by the restrictions of their relevant COF for the duration of the race in terms of the law i.e., CAT C, no more than fifteen miles offshore.*

f) Every competing yacht shall also carry the additional safety equipment deemed necessary by Schedule 1 of this notice.

g) The Race Committee has the discretion to form further classes should there be sufficient numbers, e.g., Double-Handed at its sole discretion. This will be scored in addition to the overall ORC Handicap system.

3) COURSE & DATE

a) The race will start in Simon's Town and finish in Mossel Bay, a race distance of approximately 210 nautical miles.

b) The race will start on Thursday 28th September 2023, with the warning signal to start scheduled for 08h55 SAST.

c) Details of the start and finish lines, plus starting and finishing instructions, will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

4) TIME LIMITS

a) The race for all fleets will end at 23h59 SAST on Sunday, the 1st October 2023.

b) The Race Committee reserves the right to extend the time limit at its discretion.

5) RULES

a) The race will be governed by -

i) The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs) as applicable in terms of this Notice and the Sailing Instructions,

ii) The rules as defined in The World Sailing (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), subject to changes made in terms of this Notice & the Sailing Instructions,

iii) The Safety Equipment and Scrutinizing Check List contained in Schedule 1 of this Notice of Race

iv) The South African National Small Vessel Safety Regulations

b) Part 2 of the RRS relating to 'when boats meet' shall apply for two hours after the start, after which the right-of-way will be determined by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs).

6) CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING

a) RRS 52 is amended to allow boats to make use of autopilots to steer the boat during the race.

7) ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

a) RRS 44.1 – a Two-Turn penalty will apply for breaking a rule of RRS, Part 2, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start, until 2 hours after the time of the start of the first class to start.

b) RRS 44.3 – a Scoring Penalty will apply for breaking the COLREGS, which shall apply from 2 hours after the time of the start of the first class to start until such time as the last boat has finished.

c) RRS 64.1 – Scoring Penalties may be applied at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

d) The scoring penalties will be applied in accordance with the Sailing Instructions where applicable.

8) RATING CERTIFICATES AND HANDICAPS

a) The race will be sailed under the ORC rating system:

i) Boats racing must submit a valid ORC rating certificate with their race entry documents.

b) A list of ratings for the fleet will be published on the Official Notice Board by Tuesday, 26th September 2023.

c) The placing of each boat in its particular fleet shall be determined by the corrected time taken by that boat to complete the course, calculated as follows:

i) TCF. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.

d) Class allocations at Race Committee's Discretion.

9) SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND SCRUTINY

a) Each boat shall be crewed by at least 2 persons, including the skipper.

b) The skipper shall satisfy the Race Committee by 16h00 on Tuesday 26th September 2023 that he or she holds at least a SAS Coastal Skipper certificate of competence or higher.

c) All boats will be scrutinized by the Race Committee or the appointed safety scrutinizing officers to ensure compliance with the Schedule 1 - Safety Equipment & Scrutinizing Check list. This is not a COF Survey, but purely for race purposes. Please ensure you deal with your COF requirements independently.

d) A boat which has not passed scrutiny by 16h00 Tuesday 26th September 2023 may not start the event and the onus shall be on the skipper to ensure that his boat is scrutinized in time.

e) If a boat does not comply with these regulations its entry may be rejected or it may be liable to disqualification or such other penalty as may be prescribed by the Protest Committee, giving due regard to the schedule in the Sailing Instructions.

f) Notwithstanding anything herein contained, the safety, management and insurance of a boat and its crew shall always remain the sole responsibility of her skipper, who must ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face and, are capable of handling the boat in bad weather. The skipper must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails, and all gear.

The skipper must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that all crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue the Race and all those taking part in the Race do so at their own risk.

g) The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in the race or to continue racing is hers alone (RRS 4).

h) The Crew List, on the prescribed form provided together with a copy of each crew member's valid Identity Document (or passport in the case of foreign nationals), shall be submitted to the Race Secretary by 16h00 Tuesday 27th September 2022.

i) Changes to crew after 16h00 Tuesday 27th September 2022 may be permitted under exceptional circumstances, and only with the written permission of the Race Committee.

k) A Skippers Briefing will be held on Wednesday 28th September at 18h00 in the FBYC Committee Room.

10) ENTRIES

a) An entry, on the prescribed entry form, shall be submitted with the relevant entry fee to the Race Secretary, Mossel Bay Race 2022 at: P O Box 45, Simons Town, 7995; e-mail: mbr@fbyc.co.za; or fax: 021786 3925; by 18h00 SAST on Monday 19th of September 2022.

b) Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the race committee and subject to the late entry fee being paid.

c) The standard entry fee shall be R200 per crew member and R500 per boat.

d) The late entry fee shall be R1200 per boat, payable in addition to the standard entry fee.

e) Entry Fees may be paid in cash, by cheque made payable to the False Bay Yacht Club, credit card or by bank transfer. **A legible copy of the deposit slip or electronic transfer advice shall accompany the entry form.** Entry fees are non-refundable.

f) Public Relations & Media. In the interests of public relations and the media, it will be helpful to the promotion of the race if each entry is accompanied by a brief biographical note of the owner and/or skipper which may include information on the crew and, if possible, should include photographs of the owner and/or skipper and of the boat. The Organizing Committee shall be authorized to use any such information and photographs in connection with any advertising, publication, promotion, sponsorship, or the like relating to the race whether in printed or electronic form or howsoever.

g) Tracking Devices. A boat may be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the Organizing Authority.

h) The Organizing Authority also reserves the right to place a camera on board any boat for media purposes, and all participants agree to operate such camera to the best of their ability.

i) Failure to carry and operate a tracking device or to carry and operate a camera when required may lead to the cancellation of an entry or the disqualification of the boat from the race (refer RRS 76.1)

j) In accordance with RRS 76.1 the Organizing Authority may reject or cancel the entry of a boat from the Race at its sole discretion.

11) ADVERTISING AND REFERENCE TO RACE

a) Advertising will be permitted in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code, Regulation 20.

b) The Organizing Committee may require boats to display sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

c) A boat shall display the race sponsor's bow decals, backstay flags and forestay flags if so supplied by the Organizing Authority. Prior to her warning signal, and after finishing, a boat shall display the event flags.

d) The name of any boat, whether displaying advertising or not, must be acceptable to the Race Committee. No entry will be accepted from a boat displaying advertising or having a name which conflicts with any interests of the race sponsor, or any sub-sponsor of the event.

e) The owner and skipper of all boats shall ensure that no “ambush marketing” or “hijack signage” is carried out by or on behalf of themselves or their sponsors with reference to the event and that nothing else is done which might undermine the event, the rights of the event sponsor, or any other sponsor or participant in the event.

f) The organizers and sponsors shall be entitled to make use of any photograph, film, or other form of electronic reproduction of or relating to all boats participating in the event, their owners and crew and to make use of all interviews, broadcasts and reports by any of them for any purpose relating to or arising from the event or the sponsorship thereof.

g) The skipper of a boat, if and when requested to do so, shall from time to time provide the organizers with a written or verbal report of the boat’s current position or any other matter of interest, suitable for use on the radio, television, and internet.

h) The entry of a boat breaching any of the provisions of this clause may be rejected and any boat breaching any of these provisions may be subject to disqualification or such penalty to her corrected time as the Protest Committee may deem fit.

i) If in doubt, a boat may enquire of the Organizing Committee whether it infringes the provisions of any of the above advertising rules.

12) REGISTRATIONS

a) Registration shall take place at False Bay Yacht Club during the times as set out below, after which registration shall close: **Wednesday 27th September 2023 10h00-16h00 SAST**

13) SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be made available after the closing time for entries.

14) PRIZE GIVING

Prize giving for all fleets will take place at **19h30 SAST on Friday, 6th October 2023** at the False Bay Yacht Club (or any other venue and time as advised in due course).

15) OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARDS

The Official Notice Board, bearing the name of the Race, shall be located at the False Bay Yacht Club.

16) INDEMNITIES

a) The owner and the skipper of each boat entered shall be deemed, on the acceptance of the entry by the Race Committee, on behalf of themselves, their crew, their dependents and their sponsors, to have indemnified the Organizers, the host club, the sponsors and all those involved in the running of the event against all claims of any kind arising from any injury to person or property incurred during or in connection with the event, or from any other cause arising whatsoever.

b) Owners and skippers are advised to obtain counter indemnities from each member of the crews.

c) Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone”.

17) JURISDICTIONS

a) The event, being organized from Cape Town, is subject to the laws of South Africa and accordingly this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

b) Instructions will be construed in accordance with such laws. All participants, owners, skippers, and crews shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the High Court of South Africa, Cape Town, which alone shall have jurisdiction in regard to any legal disputes which may arise in connection with or arising from the event and a participant's participation therein.

c) Owners and skippers of boats participating in the event will be responsible for ensuring that the provisions of this Notice of Race are understood and agreed by all individuals concerned and hereby indemnify the organizers, the sponsors and all those involved in the running of the event against all claims, loss or harm suffered as a result of a failure to do so.

18) ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

On good cause, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend any of the provisions of this Notice of Race.

Attachments:

Schedule 1 Safety Equipment & Scrutineering Check list

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Race Office Details:

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Bank Details

Standard Bank-current account

Account name: False Bay Yacht Club

Standard Bank Fish Hoek

Branch Code: 036009

Acc No: 072066547

Reference: **MBR2023-** [BOATNAME/SAIL NO]