



## Cape 31 “Summer in the South” Regattas

### 20 – 22 January and 17 - 19 February 2018

#### NOTICE OF RACE

##### ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Royal Cape Yacht Club, Cape Town, South Africa

#### 1. RULES

- 1.1 The regattas will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.
- 1.2 The Cape 31 Class Rules will apply with the following amendment: All restrictions in terms of the World Sailing Sailor Classification Codes of the helmsman and crew members are deleted.
- 1.3 The Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations 2007 – Category C will apply.

#### 2. ADVERTISING

Advertising is permitted in accordance with the Cape 31 Class Rules and World Sailing Regulation 20. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and/or supplied by the Organising Authority.

#### 3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Teams may enter one or both regattas by sending the completed entry form by 16:00 on Thursday January 11<sup>th</sup> for the January regatta, or by 16:00 on Thursday February 8<sup>th</sup> for the February regatta, to the Sailing Events Manager. Fax +27 21 421 6028 or e-mail [sailing@rcyc.co.za](mailto:sailing@rcyc.co.za).
- 3.2 In accordance with the International World Sailing Regulation 19 (Eligibility Code), all competitors (Helmspersons and all other crew) shall be members in good standing of a Yacht Club affiliated to and in good standing with SA Sailing or their Member National Authority. Whether a competitor satisfactorily meets the eligibility criteria for entry in the event is decided by the Organising Authority and this decision will be final and binding.
- 3.3 The entry fee for each regatta for teams chartering a Cape 31 will be covered by the charter fee. The entry fee for owners of boats that are not required for the charter pool will be R300 plus R50 per crew member.
- 3.4 Each chartered boat will have an owners’ representative on board. For the purpose of complying with the Cape 31 crew weight limit of 595 Kgs, the owners’ representatives will be deemed to weigh no more than 85 Kgs.

#### 4. SAFETY

- 4.1 All boats shall carry on-board a VHF Radio capable of receiving all the usual marine channels.
- 4.2 All boats will have a valid Category C COF certificate unless the Race Committee grants special exemption.
- 4.3 All boats will have a person on board with a valid Skippers Certificate (Day Skipper minimum).
- 4.4 A man-overboard procedure shall be practiced aboard each boat at least once by the crew racing in the regatta prior to the first race of the series.

#### 5. COMMUNICATION

- 5.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.
- 5.2 In addition to VHF announcements the Race Committee will use “WhatsApp” to communicate using a boat’s registered mobile telephone number provided to the RCYC Sailing Secretary.



## 6. SCHEDULE AND FORMAT OF REGATTAS

### 6.1. January Regatta:

Saturday 20 <sup>th</sup> January	13:00 to 15:00 Registration at RCYC 15:30 Harbour exit 17:00 Warning Signal – Practice Race.
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup> January	09:00 Harbour exit 10:00 First Warning Signal – 3 races scheduled 18:00 Drinks and early Dinner at RCYC
Monday 22 <sup>nd</sup> January	09:00 Harbour exit 10:00 First Warning Signal – 3 races scheduled No Warning Signal will be made after 15:00 Prize-giving after racing (target time 17:00)

### 6.2 February Regatta:

Saturday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	13:00 to 15:00 Registration at RCYC 15:30 Harbour exit 17:00 Warning Signal – Practice Race.
Sunday 18 <sup>th</sup> February	09:00 Harbour exit 10:00 First Warning Signal – 3 races scheduled 18:00 Drinks and early Dinner at RCYC
Monday 19 <sup>th</sup> February	09:00 Harbour exit 10:00 First Warning Signal – 3 races scheduled No Warning Signal will be made after 15:00 Prize-giving after racing (target time 17:00)

6.3. The January and February regattas will each consist of up to 6 completed races.

## 7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions for both the January and February regattas will be posted on the Royal Cape Yacht Club website events page by 15<sup>th</sup> January and will also be available at registration for each event.

## 8. RACE AREAS

The race area will be in and around Table Bay.

## 9. THE COURSES

The Courses will use various Harbour Navigational buoys, RCYC permanent buoys, Robben Island, Barker Rock and special laid inflatable buoys. A variety of windward / leeward and round-the-buoys courses will be provided to test the performance of a boat and its crew whilst sailing all angles of the wind. Downwind and reaching starts may be used. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

## 10. PENALTIES

The sailing instructions will change RRS 44.1 so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a One-Turn Penalty.



## 11.0 PROTESTS

For protests involving an alleged breach of the rules of Part 2 of the RRS, the parties may elect to have an arbitration hearing. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

## 12. SCORING

12.1 For each regatta one race is required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.2 **When** 5 or more races have been completed in each regatta, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## 13 HAUL OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

## 14 PRIZES

For each regatta prizes will be awarded at the prize-giving to the first, second and third placed boats.

## 15 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- i. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- ii. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- iii. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- iv. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- v. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event Organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- vi. The provision of patrol boat cover if any is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
- vii. It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any safety briefing held for the event;
- viii. They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.
- ix. Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least R2,000,000 against third party claims;

## 16 RIGHT & COPYRIGHT

In participating in these Cape 31 regattas any competitor automatically grants to the Organising Authority permission to make, use and show, from time to time, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event without compensation, in perpetuity.

## 17 FURTHER INFORMATION

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