



# 2020 Cape 31 Invitational Regatta. Victoria and Alfred Waterfront, Cape Town, South Africa, 12 - 15 March 2020.

## Sailing Instructions

The notation '(DP)' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee (PC), be less than disqualification.

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Event will be governed by the rules as defined in "The Racing Rules of Sailing" (RRS).
- 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. All nominated boat representatives will be excluded from the weigh in and the nominated crew members' weight will be calculated at 85 kilograms.
- 1.4 The Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations 2007 – Category D will apply.
- 1.5 In RRS 29 & 30, the words "no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment" are replaced by "no part of a boat's hull, crew or equipment excluding the bow sprit and equipment forward of the hull stem". This changes RRS 29 & 30.
- 1.6 As permitted by RRS 86.3, with the written permission of the National Authority, the definition of START in the RRS is changed to read:  
"A boat starts when, having been entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line at or after her starting signal, and having complied with RRS 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line in the direction of the first mark."

### 2 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board (ONB) located in the V&A Waterfront, North Wharf Pavilion at the Cape 31 Race Village. The Regatta website ([www.cape31.co.za](http://www.cape31.co.za)) will also have all race documentation and notices to competitors.
- 2.2 The VHF call sign for the Race Committee (RC) will be "Cape31 Bridge". VHF channel 06 will be used to communicate with Competitors.
- 2.3 In addition to VHF radio, a WhatsApp group will also be used to contact registered mobile numbers for each boat providing notifications and RC intentions. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress and changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 2.4 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats. (DP)
- 2.5 Communication with the "Swing and Bascule bridges" will be on VHF channel 71, however the opening times of the bridges will be a quarter to or quarter past the hour.
- 2.6 Communication and permission to exit and enter the Cape Town Port Control is on VHF channel 14, all competitors are to request permission to exit and enter the harbour.

### 3 SAFETY

- 3.1 Retirement. A boat that retires from a race shall either: notify the RC using VHF before leaving the race area, or leave a message on the Race Management WhatsApp group, or by telephoning the RCYC sailing office: 021 421 1354. (DP)
- 3.2 Any Competitors Support Boats shall carry on board, and operate while on the water, a marine VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on International marine VHF channels and agree to assist the RC if directed to do so. [DP]

### 4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the ONB and the website at least 90 minutes before the 1st warning signal on the day it will take effect.
- 4.2 Any changes to the schedule of races will be posted before 1900hrs on the day before it will take effect.

### 5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff located at the Cape 31 Race Village. Details of signals displayed ashore will be advised by VHF and the WhatsApp group.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 60 minutes' in the race signal AP. This changes RRS Race Signals.

## **6 SCHEDULE**

- 6.1 The Cape 31 Invitational Regatta will consist of up to 8 races.
- 6.2 The entry list and details of the fleet will be posted on the ONB before 17:00 on Thursday 12 March 2020.
- 6.3 The schedule will be as follows:
  - Thursday 12th of March registration and weigh in – 11:00 hrs – 14:00 hrs.
  - Thursday 12th of March free practice starts and races - 15:00 hrs.
  - Friday 13th of March weigh in – 08:30 hrs – 10:00 hrs
  - Friday 13th of March first warning signal - 12:00 hrs
  - Saturday 14th of March first warning signal - 11:00 hrs
  - Sunday 15th of March first warning signal - 11:00 hrs
  - On Sunday 15th of March, no warning signal will be displayed after 14:30hrs

## **7 RACING AREA**

- 7.1 Racing will be on Table Bay and adjacent waters. The RC will, if possible, advise competitors of the start location via VHF and the WhatsApp group initially 60 minutes prior to the first warning signal of each day.

## **8 COURSES**

- 8.1 The courses are indicated in Appendix A of the Sailing Instructions. The courses will be advised by VHF before the orange attention signal.

## **9 MARKS**

- 9.1 Starting and finishing marks will be a race committee vessel and the nearby mark.
- 9.2 The colour of any laid inflatable mark that is to be used in a race shall be provided by the RC using VHF.

## **10 THE START**

- 10.1 To alert boats that a race will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed as an attention signal at least five minutes before the first warning signal.
- 10.2 The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the RC vessel and course side of the nearby inflatable mark.
- 10.3 Individual recalls will be broadcast on VHF. Delay or failure to broadcast or receive a recalled sail number shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.

## **11 SHORTENING THE COURSE**

- 11.1 In addition to RRS 32, the RC may signal a shortened course by displaying flag F with repetitive sounds from an official boat stationed close by a mark of the course. A boat in this case shall leave the mark on the required side and proceed directly to the finish line. The RC will use VHF radio to assist in communicating the change. Failure to receive a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## **12 THE FINISH**

- 12.1 The Finishing Line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the RC vessel and course side of the nearby mark.

## **13 TIME LIMIT**

- 13.1 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## **14 PENALTIES**

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## **15 PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS**

15.1 Boats intending to protest shall radio their intention to the RC as soon as practical after finishing or retiring from the race concerned, naming any other Boats involved, and await an acknowledgement. This adds to RRS 61.1(a).

15.2 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered within the appropriate time limit.

15.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the RC has signals no more racing today, whichever is later.

15.4 Protest hearings will normally be heard as soon as possible and boats will be notified of the time of the hearing by the PC.

Notices of protests by the RC or PC will be posted on the ONB to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

15.5 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## **16 SCORING**

16.1 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.

16.2 When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

## **17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

17.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Class Rules or Safety Requirements. On the water a boat can be instructed by the RC to proceed immediately after the completion of a race to a designated area for inspection. (DP)

## **18 PRIZES**

18.1 Prizes will be awarded as per the NOR 15.1.

18.2 There will be a daily prize giving at 18:00 in the Cape 31 Race Village.

## **19 RISK STATEMENT**

19.1 See the NOR 16.

## **20 INSURANCE**

20.1 Each participating boat shall be insured as per the NOR 16.2.9.

# Appendix A – Courses.

Weather mark – (A)

Offset mark – (Ao)

Leeward Gate – C

Finish and Start Line – (S & F)



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Course Diagram



Not to scale

## Course A

S – A – Ao – C – A – Ao – F

## Course B

S – A – Ao – C – A – Ao – C  
– A – Ao – F

## Course C

S – A – Ao – F