

THE MSC REGATTA 2015

Incorporating

The J22 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

The L26 CLASS PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2015

and including

**A Regatta Championship for any One-Design, Racing or Cruising Keelboat and
any Racing or Cruising Category 2 offshore Multihull yacht**

TO BE SAILED AT THE POINT YACHT CLUB, DURBAN

from

SATURDAY 27th JUNE TO FRIDAY 3TH JULY 2015

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-16**.
- 1.2 The following prescriptions of the South African National Authority apply: **The South African Sailing (SAS) Requirements for National and Provincial Championships**.
- 1.3 **The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2013-16**, all **Class Rules**, the **Notice of Race** and these **Sailing Instructions** will apply.
- 1.4 Rule changes are as listed below:
 - Racing rule RRS 44.1 will be changed as 15.1 below. (not for the J22 class)
 - Racing Rule RRS 62.2 is changed as 17.7 below.
 - Racing Rule RRS 66 is changed as 17.6 below.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the Point Yacht Club Foyer.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09h00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19h00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole located in the South East corner of the PYC parking area.
- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 55 minutes" in the race signal AP.
- 4.3 Flag B, fully hoisted with one long sound signal means that Protest Time has begun. Lowered, to the dip, with one long sound signal, shall mean that 10 minutes remain to the expiry of the Protest Time. Lowered completely, with one long sound signal, shall mean that the protest time has ended.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>All Classes</u>
Monday	29 th June	Racing offshore
Tuesday	30 th June	Racing offshore
Wednesday	1 st July	Racing offshore
Thursday	2 nd July	Racing offshore
Friday	3 rd July	Racing offshore

5.2 A maximum of TEN races are scheduled for all IRC and Micro-multihull classes, a maximum of FIFTEEN races are scheduled for J22, L26 and all club racing classes and a maximum of FIVE races are scheduled for the MSC Racing Fleet. The Race Committee reserves the right to sail a middle distance race for classes. The Race Committee also reserves the right to sail an additional race should it become necessary to achieve the minimum number of races to qualify for the Regatta.

5.3 The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race each day is 10h55. When there has been a postponement, the Flag 'AP' will be lowered with one sound signal, one minute before the Warning Signal for the next Start.

5.4 When there are further races to be sailed, the Flag 'R' will be displayed at the Finish. The Flag 'R' will be lowered with one sound signal one minute before the Warning Signal for the next Start.

5.5 On the last day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 14h00.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class flags will be displayed on the official notice board before 09h00 on Sunday 29th June.

7. RACING AREAS

7.1 Racing will take place offshore Durban between the North breakwater and Virginia.

7.3 MSC Racing class daily courses, and the IRC / Micro-multihull class medium distance courses will be detailed on the official Notice Board before 09h00 on the applicable days.

8. THE COURSES

8.1 Racing courses will be as detailed in the diagram Addendum #A and Addendum #B.

8.2 The MSC Racing courses, and the IRC / Micro-multihull class medium distance courses will be in configurations as detailed daily on the Official Notice Board.

8.3 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee signal boat may display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

9. MARKS

9.1 Marks 1, 4, 5 and 6 will be Yellow Pyramid buoys.

9.2 Marks 2 and 3 will be Red Cylindrical marks.

9.3 The IRC Division 1 and Micro-Multihull mark for the Middle Distance Race will be a Safety boat displaying the Flag 'M'.

9.4 The IRC Division 2 mark for the Middle Distance Race will be a Red Cylindrical mark.

9.5 The MSC Racing distance mark will be displayed with the course on the Official Notice Board .

9.5 The starting and finishing marks will be Yellow Cylindrical marks.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2 The starting line will be the line between the Start Mark on the Port end and the staff displaying an Orange Flag on the Committee boat on the Starboard end. Any object connected to the Committee boat will be considered as part of the starting line.
- 10.3 Boats not starting shall keep clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4 A boat starting later than FOUR minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.
- 10.5 If a boat breaks RRS 30.3, the Race Committee at Mark 1 will point flag X at her, make a sound signal and hail her sail number. The hailed boat shall immediately leave the course area. If she fails to do so she will be disqualified without a hearing and her score will not be excluded.

11. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 11.1 To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.
- 11.3 The direction of the changed leg shall be indicated according to by RRS 33(a)(2) (red / green flags).

12. THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finishing line will be the line between the Finish Mark on the Port end and the staff displaying the Blue Flag on the Committee boat on the Starboard end.

Note: The Finish is 'downwind' and the Finish Line is separate from the Start Line.

13. SHORTENING COURSE

- 13.1 The Race Committee may shorten the course at the Mark 6 by displaying the code flag S and the appropriate Class Flag(s), with two sound signals before the leading boat of the class concerned has reached that mark. Boats of that class (those classes) shall then finish at the prescribed Finish Line after rounding Mark 6.
- 13.2 The Race Committee may shorten the course at Mark 1 and/or 2 by displaying the code flag S and the appropriate Class Flag(s), with two sound signals before the leading boat of the class concerned has reached that mark. Boats of that class (those classes) shall then finish between Mark 1 or 2 and the Blue flag displayed on the nearby committee boat from the direction of Mark 6.

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 Except for the J22 class, Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 14.2 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.

15. TIME LIMITS

- 15.1 Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat in her class sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. (This will be 20 minutes on corrected time for IRC and Club Rating classes).

16. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protest shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 16.2 The 'Protest Time' will be displayed ashore as described in 5.3 above.

- 16.3 Notices will be posted within as soon as possible after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings and times thereof in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located in the Point Yacht Club.
- 16.4 Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 16.5 A list of boats that have acknowledged breaking RRS 42 or have been disqualified by the (Protest Committee) (jury) will be posted before the protest time limit.
- 16.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered.
 - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision that day.This changes RRS 66.
- 16.7 On the last day of the regatta a request for redress from a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

17. SCORING

- 17.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply.
- 17.2 FOUR races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 17.3 When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.4 When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 17.5 When 10 to 14 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.
- 17.6 When 15 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her three worst scores.
- 17.7 The Middle Distance Race is non-discardable.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 All boats shall sign out and sign in each day, on the sheets provided in the yacht club foyer.
- 18.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 18.3 All boats shall comply with the safety requirements as set out in section 13 of the Notice Of Race.

19. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

20. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee Measurer to proceed immediately after the completion of a race to a designated area for inspection.

21. SUPPORT BOATS

21.1 Team leaders, Coach or individual support boats shall be marked with a **White Flag** and shall stay 150 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Preparatory Signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Non-compliance with this rule may lead to action from the Protest Committee.

22. TRASH DISPOSAL

22.1 Boats shall not discard trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats.

23. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

24. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

24.1 Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

25. RADIO COMMUNICATION

25.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

25.2 All communications from the Bridge and Race Committee vessels will be conducted on VHF Channel 6.

26. PRIZES

26.1 Prizes will be awarded as detailed in the Notice of Race.

27. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

27.1 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority, nor any of its personnel, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

28. INSURANCE

28.1 Each participating boat is encouraged to carry sufficient valid third-party liability insurance to cover any liability arising during the event.