

Mauritius to Durban Yacht Race **(Bluewater Indian Ocean Crossing)**

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NOTICE OF RACE

1 THE RACE

The Mauritius to Durban Yacht Race 2017 is from Port Louis, Mauritius to Durban, eThekweni, in South Africa, and starts on 17 June 2017. The race is organised by the Point Yacht Club with the assistance of the Grand Baie Yacht Club, Mauritius, under the auspices of South African Sailing (SAS).

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The race will comprise the following fleets:
 - 2.1.1 IRC racing fleet for Monohull boats with a valid IRC certificate
 - 2.1.2 ORC racing fleet for Monohull boats with a valid ORC certificate
 - 2.1.3 PHRF racing fleet for Monohull boats which do not have a valid IRC or ORC certificate
 - 2.1.4 Multihull racing fleet
- 2.2 A Monohull boat may only enter one of the fleets listed in 2.1.1, 2.1.2 or 2.1.3 above.
- 2.3 Boats intending to participate in the race shall prove, to the satisfaction of the Race Committee, by no later than 17h00 SAST on 19 May 2017 that the boat has completed a non-stop passage of at least 400 nautical miles in the 9 months preceding the start of the race.
 - 2.3.1 The Vasco Da Gama Ocean Race 2017, shall qualify as such a passage.
 - 2.3.2 For the passage to qualify, at least 50% of the crew for the Mauritius to Durban Race 2017 shall have been on the boat for the duration of the passage
- 2.4 Monohull boats shall have an overall length (LOA) of not less than 9.5 metres.
- 2.5 Multihull boats shall have an overall length (LOA) of not less than 10.5 metres.
- 2.6 All boats shall have a valid Category "A" registration with South African Sailing (SAS), or its equivalent from their Member National Authority (MNA), proof of which shall be lodged with the Race Secretary by 17h00 SAST on 19 May 2017.
- 2.7 Should there be sufficient entries in any fleet; the Race Committee may divide that fleet into two or more classes, at its sole discretion.
- 2.8 In accordance with the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) 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 South African Sailing or their Member National Authority (MNA) in the case of non-South Africans. The Yacht Club name and membership details shall be stated on the crew list. Current valid SAS Membership Cards or similar proof of MNA Membership in cases of non-South Africans shall be presented at Registration by no later than 16h00 MUT on 15 June 2017.

3 COURSE & DATE

- 3.1 The race will start in Port Louis, Mauritius, leave the islands of Reunion and Madagascar to Starboard, and finish in Durban, a race distance of approximately 1 680 nautical miles.
- 3.2 The race will start on Saturday 17 June 2017, with the warning signal for the first fleet to start scheduled for 11h55 SAST (13h55 Mauritian time (MUT)).
- 3.3 Details of the start and finish lines, plus starting and finishing instructions, will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

4 TIME LIMIT

- 4.1 The race for all fleets will end at 12h00 SAST on 30 June 2017.
- 4.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to extend the time limit at its discretion.

5 RULES

- 5.1 The race will be governed by -
 - 5.1.1 The rules as defined in The World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), subject to changes made in terms of this Notice and the Sailing Instructions.
 - 5.1.2 The IRC 2016 Rules - Parts A, B & C, as applicable to competing boats. Rating certificates issued under this rule shall be deemed to be valid for the purpose of and duration of this race only, notwithstanding the stated expiry date of 31 May 2016, due to the closing date for entries falling within the validity period of the certificates and even though the start date of the race falls outside the validity period of the certificate.
 - 5.1.3 The ORC Rating System 2017, as applicable to competing boats
 - 5.1.4 The Safety Equipment and Scrutineering Check List contained in Schedule 1 to this Notice of Race
 - 5.1.5 The South African National Small Vessel Safety Regulations

6 CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING

- 6.1 RRS 61.3: There is no time limit on protests by the Race Committee. No other protests may be filed after 12h00 SAST on 30 June 2017.
- 6.2 RRS 41: Whilst racing a boat may retrieve data from any page of the event website, even if that page is not publicly available; the event Face Book page; or the information provided by YB Tracking in respect of the race whether available via its website, or any of its Mobile Applications. Amends RRS 41(c).

During the race a boat may obtain assistance in the form of any readily available commercial meteorological or hydrographical information regardless of cost. Amends RRS 41(c).

- 6.3 RRS 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: “However discarding elastic or wool bands when setting a sail is permitted.”

7 ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 7.1 RRS 44.1 – a Two-Turns 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 4 hours after the time of the start of the first class to start.
- 7.2 RRS 44.3 – a Scoring Penalty will apply for breaking a rule of RRS, Part 2 from 4 hours after the time of the start of the first class to start until such time as the last boat has finished.

- 7.3 RRS 64.1 – Scoring Penalties may be applied at the discretion of the Protest Committee, in accordance with the provisions of the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.4 RRS 64.1 - The penalty for breaking a rule of the RRS with the exception of Part 2 thereof, the provisions of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, be less than disqualification.

8 RATING CERTIFICATES AND HANDICAPS

- 8.1 Boats shall have rating certificates and/or handicaps, as follows:
 - 8.1.1 Boats racing in the IRC fleet shall have a current, valid, endorsed and signed IRC certificate issued under the IRC 2016 Rules. IRC certificates shall be lodged with the Race Secretary by 17h00 SAST on 19 May 2017. The Race Committee reserves the right to extend the time limit in exceptional circumstances.
 - 8.1.2 Boats racing in the ORC fleet shall have a current, valid, endorsed and signed ORC certificate. ORC certificates shall be lodged with the Race Secretary by 17h00 SAST on 19 May 2017. The Race Committee reserves the right to extend the time limit in exceptional circumstances.
 - 8.1.3 Boats racing in the PHRF and Multihull fleets will be allocated a PHRF handicap by the handicap committee where a TCF is issued.
- 8.2 On showing good cause and with the prior written approval of the Race Committee, changes may be made to a boat's IRC or ORC rating certificate up to 12h00 MUT on 15 June 2017.
- 8.3 A list of ratings for each fleet will be published on the Official Notice Boards by 12h30 MUT on 15 June 2017.
- 8.4 Any protest relating to a boat's rating shall be submitted to the Race Secretary, in writing, by 16h00 MUT on 15 June 2017, for consideration by the Race Committee whose decision shall be final.
- 8.5 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:
 - 8.5.1 In respect of boats in the IRC Fleet, the corrected time will be the elapsed time, plus any penalty time, less any redress time granted, multiplied by the relevant boat's IRC TCF. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.
 - 8.5.2 In respect of boats in the ORC Fleet, the corrected time will be the elapsed time, plus any penalty time, less any redress time granted, multiplied by the relevant boat's ORC TCF. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.
 - 8.5.3 In respect of the PHRF and Multihull fleets, the corrected time will be the elapsed time, plus any penalty time, less any redress time granted, multiplied by the relevant boat's TCF. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.
- 8.6 Boats competing in the PHRF racing fleet for Monohull Boats or the Multihull racing fleet are permitted to carry a spare mainsail on board to be used as a bona fide replacement for a mainsail damaged during the race.

9 IRC REQUIREMENTS & CHANGES TO IRC RULES

- 9.1 IRC boats shall have a current, valid, endorsed and signed IRC Certificate issued under the IRC 2016 Rule.
- 9.2 IRC boats shall comply with the IRC 2016 Rule, save to the extent they are specifically

amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

- 9.3 A boat may be inspected prior to the start of the race, and at the finish, to ensure compliance with its IRC 2016 Certificate.
- 9.4 In terms of IRC Rule 11.2, Rule 21.6 is varied to the extent that a boat may carry one more spinnaker than shown on her current IRC certificate of area no greater than rated SPA without an increase in rating.
- 9.5 IRC Rule 21.1.5(e) is amended to permit a spare mainsail, carried on board, to be used as a bona fide replacement for a mainsail damaged during the race.

10 ORC REQUIREMENTS AND CHANGES TO THE ORC RULES

- 10.1 ORC Rule 206.1 is amended to permit a spare mainsail, carried on board, to be used as a bona fide replacement for a mainsail damaged during the race.

11 SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND SCRUTINY

- 11.1 The Boat Information Sheet, with the required particulars of the boat, shall be submitted to the Race Secretary by 17h00 SAST on 19 May 2017.
- 11.2 Each boat shall be crewed by at least 4 persons, including the skipper.
- 11.3 The skipper shall satisfy the Race Committee, by 17h00 SAST on 19 May 2017, that at least 1 person on board has a SAS Yachtmaster Offshore certificate of competence or higher.
- 11.4 The skipper shall satisfy the Race Committee, by 17h00 SAST on 19 May 2017, that at least 2 persons on board have a current and valid certificate in Survival at Sea or a STCW certificate.
- 11.5 The skipper shall satisfy the Race Committee, by 17h00 SAST on 19 May 2017, that at least 2 persons on board have a current and valid first aid certificate
- 11.6 All boats may be scrutinised by the Race Committee to ensure compliance with the Schedule 1 – Safety Equipment and Scrutineering Check List. The skipper is obliged to ensure that he/she and at least one other member of the crew are present at the scrutiny.
- 11.7 A boat which has not passed scrutiny by 12h00 MUT on 16 June 2017 may not start the event and the onus shall be on the skipper to ensure that his boat is scrutinised timeously.
- 11.8 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 Race Committee.
- 11.9 Notwithstanding anything herein contained, the safety, management and insurance of a boat and its crew shall at all times 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.
- 11.10 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in the race or to continue racing is hers alone (RRS 4).

12 CREW LIST

- 12.1 The Crew List, on the prescribed form provided, together with a copy of each crew member's valid Passport, shall be submitted to the Race Secretary by 16h00 MUT on 15 June 2017.
- 12.2 Changes to crew after 16h00 MUT on 15 June 2017 may be permitted under exceptional circumstances, and only with the written permission of the Race Committee.

13 ENTRIES

- 13.1 An entry, on the prescribed entry form, shall be submitted with the relevant entry fee to the Race Secretary, Mauritius to Durban Yacht Race 2017 via e-mail to sailing@pyc.co.za and gillcam@telkomsa.net by 17h00 SAST on 5 May 2017. Late entries will be accepted up to 17h00 SAST on 19 May 2017 subject to the late entry fee being paid.
- 13.2 The standard entry fee shall be R 10 000.00 per boat plus R 750.00 per crew member.
 - 13.2.1 The standard entry fee shall be paid on submission of the entry
 - 13.2.2 The crew member (the skipper is a crew member) entry fee shall be paid by close of entries
- 13.3 The late entry fee shall be R 10 000.00 per boat, payable in addition to the standard entry fee and shall be paid together with the standard entry fee, crew member entry fees and the late entry fee on submission of the late entry.
- 13.4 Entry Fees shall be paid to the Point Yacht Club bank account as specified on the entry form. A legible copy of the deposit slip or electronic transfer advice shall accompany the entry form.

14 PUBLIC RELATIONS, TRACKING AND MEDIA

- 14.1 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.
- 14.2 Tracking Devices - a boat may be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 14.3 Cameras - the Organising Authority 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. Should boats have personal cameras on board, it would be helpful for the promotion of the race if any photographs or videos could be made available to the organisers.
- 14.4 The skipper of a boat, if and when requested to do so, shall from time to time provide the organisers 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.
- 14.5 The organisers and sponsors shall be entitled to make use of any biographical notes, information, photographs, 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.
- 14.6 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).

15 ADVERTISING

- 15.1 Advertising will be permitted in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code, Regulation 20.
- 15.2 The Organising Committee may require boats to display sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.
- 15.3 A boat shall display the race sponsor's bow decals, backstay flags and forestay flags, if supplied by the Organising Authority, from the time they are supplied until immediately prior to her warning signal, and after finishing, until the completion of the event.

16 REGISTRATION

Registration shall take place at the Regatta Office at Le Caudan Marina, Port Louis, during the times as set out below, after which registration shall close:

Tuesday 13 June 2017	10h00 MUT to 16h00 MUT
Wednesday 14 June 2017	10h00 MUT to 16h00 MUT
Thursday 15 June 2017	10h00 MUT to 16h00 MUT
Friday 16 June 2016	10h00 MUT to 16h00 MUT

17 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

18 PRIZE-GIVING

- 18.1 Prize giving for all fleets will take place at 18h00 SAST on 1 July 2017 at the Point Yacht Club (or any other venue and time as advised in due course).
- 18.2 Trophies and Prizes to be awarded are published as Schedule 2 to this Notice of Race.

19 OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARDS

The Official Notice Boards, bearing the name of the Race, shall be located at the Regatta office at Le Caudan Marina, Port Louis (prior to the start) and the Point Yacht Club (after the start).

20 INDEMNITY

- 20.1 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 dependants and their sponsors to have indemnified the Organisers, the host clubs, 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.
- 20.2 Owners and skippers are advised to obtain counter-indemnities from each member of the crews.
- 20.3 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".**

21 JURISDICTION

21.1 Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3.

- 21.2 The event, being organised from Durban, is subject to the laws of South Africa and accordingly this Notice of Race and the Sailing 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, Durban, 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.

22 ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

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

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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