

THE MSC REGATTA 2017

incorporating

The L26 CLASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

and including

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

will be sailed at

The Point Yacht Club, Durban

from

Saturday 1st to Friday 7th July 2017

**The Organising Authority (OA) is Point Yacht Club in conjunction with the South African Sailing and the
L26 Class Association**

Sanctioned 30 May 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-20.
- 1.2 The following prescriptions of South African Sailing (SAS) will apply: **“The SA Sailing Requirements for National Championships”**.
- 1.3 Boats participating in this regatta shall conform to the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2017-20, the Class Rules of the L26, or any other qualifying Classes, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising permitted subject to the limitations of World Sailing (WS) Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Boats shall be required to display event advertising on the forward part of the hull. Yachts shall not display any advertising which is in conflict with that of any official event sponsor without the written consent of the Race Committee.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 In accordance with World Sailing (WS) 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 SAS or their Member National Authority in the case of non-South Africans. The Yacht Club name and membership details shall be stated on the entry form or crew list. Current valid SAS Membership Cards or similar proof of MNA Membership in cases of non-South Africans shall be presented at Registration.
- 3.2 The Owner of a boat in the L26 Class, or if the Owner does not form part of the crew, then the Skipper shall be a member in good standing of the L26 Class Association.
- 3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to:

**The Regatta Secretary,
P O Box 2224,
Durban, 4001**

or

by faxing the completed entry to

031 305 1234

or

by email to

gillcam@telkomsa.net

or

by handing it in at registration

to be received no later than 10h00 on Monday, 03 July 2017.

- 3.4 In cases of electronic or faxed entry, confirmation of payment as outlined in 3.3 above shall clearly bear the following reference **MSC Week 2017** and be faxed or e-mailed, together with the Entry, to the Regatta Secretary.

4. FEES

- 4.1 Entry Fee: R400.00 per Boat & Skipper plus R100.00 per crew member.
- 4.2 All Entry Fees and Class subscriptions shall be paid prior to the close of Registration. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the affected yacht being recorded as Did Not Compete until such time as the required payment is made. This changes rule A11 (DNC).

5. SCHEDULE

- 5.1 Registration:

Saturday & Sunday 01 st & 2 nd July	From 09h00	To 16h00
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- 5.2 Measurement and inspection:

Saturday & Sunday 01 st & 2 nd July	From 09h00	To 16h00
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- 5.3 Dates of racing:

Monday 03rd July to Friday 07th July. Warning signal for the first race of the day at 10h55.

- 5.4 Number of races:

Racing Classes:

Micro-Multihulls - Maximum 15 races (Including possible Medium Distance Race).

L26, & Club Classes - Maximum 15 races (Including possible Medium Distance Race).

MSC Racing Class - Maximum 10 races.

- 5.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for offshore racing is 10h55.

- 5.6 On the last day of the regatta, no warning signal will be made after 13h00.

6. MEASUREMENTS

Each boat shall produce a valid measurement/rating certificate. In addition spot measurements may be taken at any stage during the regatta.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from the Regatta Secretary on completion of registration formalities.

8. VENUE

Racing will take place from the Point Yacht Club offshore Durban.

9. THE COURSES

Racing courses may be Windward/Leeward or any other configuration as depicted in the diagram attached to the Sailing Instructions.

The course for the 'MSC Racing Class' and any Middle Distance for other classes will be detailed on the official Notice Board before 09h00 on the day of sailing. (Hard copies of the course will be available for competitors on the day).

10. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for an infringement of Part 2 of the RRS.

11. SCORING

11.1 Low Point System of Appendix A4 will apply.

- 11.2
- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When from 10 to 14 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races excluding her two worst scores.
 - (d) When 15 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races excluding her three worst scores.

12. CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify as a National Class Championship the following criteria shall be satisfied:

- A minimum of ten valid entries have been received no later than the closing time for entries one hour before the scheduled starting time of the first race.
- At least ten finishers in any two races of the series.
- At least four races completed.

REGATTA CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify as an MSC Championship the following criteria shall be satisfied:

- A minimum of three valid entries have been received no later than the closing time for entries one hour before the scheduled starting time of the first race.
- At least three finishers in any one race of the series.

At least four races completed (two races for the MSC Racing class).

13. SAFETY

13.1 Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.

13.2 All competitors shall have a personal buoyancy aid capable of supporting a 5 kg steel weight on board at all times while afloat in a yacht.

13.3 Wet or dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!

13.4 Notwithstanding any class requirements, all boats shall carry the following minimum safety equipment :-
Exceptions may be made for certain classes at the discretion of the Race Committee.

Minimum two litres fresh water, at all times

Minimum one serviceable fire extinguisher.

Minimum one stout bucket with lanyard attached

One anchor suitable for the size of boat, together with chain and min' 20m warp.

One lifebuoy.

Minimum 20m tow rope.

Serviceable operational inboard or outboard motor.

- 13.5 It is recommended that all boats carry the following: -
 One VHF transceiver with at least channels 6, 9, 16 & 68.
 ("Durban Port Control" operates on Channel 9.)
 One First Aid kit.

14. SUPPORT PERSONAL AND BOATS

- 14.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay 150 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Preparatory Signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished racing, unless the Race Committee signals, a postponement or abandonment. Non-compliance with this rule may lead to action under RRS 64.4.
- 14.2 Individual Coach and Support boats shall be marked with a Yellow Flag.

15. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

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

16. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

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.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, 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.

18. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- 18.1 **SAS Medals** will be presented to competitors in the L26 Class in accordance with the SA Sailing requirements for National Championships and in accordance with the following table and subject to the Classes qualifying for Championship status:

MEDALS	Number of entries
GOLD	5 to 7 entries
GOLD & SILVER	8 to 11 entries
GOLD, SILVER & BRONZE	12 or more entries

- 18.2 **MSC Awards** will be presented to all competitors in accordance with the following table and subject to the Classes qualifying for Championship status:

<u>Qualifying Boats</u>	<u>Prizes</u>
3 to 6	1 st and 2 nd
7 or more	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd

19. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the Organizing Authority nor its officials or other persons associated with the organization of the event will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

20. INSURANCE

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

21. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

Regatta Convenor : Ron Pet pet@glenwoodhighschool.co.za

Regatta Secretary: Gill Campbell gillcam@telkomsa.net

22. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (NOT FORMING PART OF THE NOTICE OF REGATTA)

- All boats whose entries are received by the Race Secretary by close of business on Friday 9th June 2017 will receive one free regatta T-shirt for each member of her crew.
- A limited number of camping sites are available at the PYC site, and bookings are required.
- A welcome cocktail function will be held at 18h30 on Sunday 2nd June 2017 in the PYC Islander Room to which all competitors are invited. Extra tickets for support crew are available from the Club Secretary.
- There will be entertainment in 'Charlie's Bar' during the evening.
- A Prize Giving function will be held at 18h30 on Friday 7th July 2017 in the PYC Islander Room to which all competitors are invited. Extra tickets for support crew are available from the Club Secretary.
- Shipping of boats to and from Durban from Cape Town will be provided free of charge to competitors (subject to size and weight limitations) by The Mediterranean Shipping Co. As in previous regattas, it is anticipated that all port charges will be waved (to be confirmed).