

THE MSC REGATTA 2017

Incorporating

The L26 CLASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2017

including

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

TO BE SAILED FROM THE POINT YACHT CLUB, DURBAN

from

SATURDAY 1st JULY 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

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1 The Regatta will be organized by the Point Yacht Club under the authority of South African Sailing (SAS).
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-20**.
- 1.3 The following prescriptions of the South African National Authority apply: **The South African Sailing (SAS) Requirements for National Championships**.
- 1.4 **The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2017-20**, all **Class Rules**, the **Notice of Race** and these **Sailing Instructions** will apply.
- 1.5 The following changes to the RRS will apply:
 - Rule 44.1 "Two-Turns" penalty is replaced with "One-Turn" penalty.
 - Rule 61.3 Protest time shall be as described in 4.3 below.
- 1.6 Appendix P does not apply.

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. The "Protest Time" will not be less than 1 Hour.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

5.1 Dates of racing:

| <u>Day</u> | <u>Date</u> | <u>All Classes</u> |
|------------|----------------------|--------------------|
| Monday | 3 rd July | Racing offshore |
| Tuesday | 4 th July | Racing offshore |
| Wednesday | 5 th July | Racing offshore |
| Thursday | 6 th July | Racing offshore |
| Friday | 7 th July | Racing offshore |

5.2 A maximum of FIFTEEN races are scheduled for all Micro-multihull classes, L26 and all club racing classes and a maximum of TEN races are scheduled for the MSC Racing Fleet. The Race Committee reserves the right to sail a middle-distance course for Micro –Multihull, L26, and Club Classes.

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 13h00.

6. CLASS FLAGS

6.1 Class flags will be displayed on the official notice board before 09h00 on Sunday 2nd July 2017.

7. RACING AREAS

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

7.2 MSC Racing class daily courses, and any 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 on the Official Notice Board – hard copied will be available for competitors' convenience.

8.2 The MSC Racing courses, and the medium distance courses will be in configurations as detailed daily on the Official Notice Board.

9. MARKS

9.1 The Shape & Colour of all Marks will be detailed on the Official Notice Board.

9.2 The starting and finishing marks will be yellow cylindrical buoys and the Race Committee boat.

10. THE START

10.1. Races will be started in accordance with 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 should keep clear of the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. Failure to comply may result in a protest by the Race committee.

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, and continues to race, a Committee safety boat will, as soon as possible, hail and verbally inform her to leave the course. She shall be disqualified without a hearing, but not if the race is restarted or resailed.

10.6 If a boat breaks RRS 30.4, and continues to race, a Committee safety boat will, as soon as possible, hail and verbally inform her to leave the course. She shall be disqualified without a hearing, even if the race is

restarted or resailed, but not if it is postponed or abandoned before the starting signal. If a general recall is signalled or the race is abandoned after the starting signal, the race committee shall display her sail number before the next warning signal for that race, and if the race is restarted or resailed she shall not sail in it. If she does so, her disqualification shall not be excluded in calculating her series score.

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.
- 11.2 The direction of the changed leg shall be indicated according to by RRS 33 (a) (2) This will be signalled by red or green rectangular flags.

This changes RRS 33 (a) (2).

12. THE FINISH

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

Note: The Finish may be 'downwind' as detailed on the course diagram, and the Finish Line is separate from the Start Line.

13. SHORTENING COURSE

- 13.1 The Race Committee may shorten the course at the Leeward Mark 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 the Leeward Mark. This changes RRS 32.2
- 13.2 The Race Committee may shorten the course at Mark 1 and/or 2 by displaying the 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 flag S displayed on the nearby committee boat from the direction of the last mark

14. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1 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 4.3 above.
- 16.3 Notices will be posted 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.

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, except that only TWO races are required for the "MSC Racing Class".
- 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.

18. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 18.1 All boats shall sign out each morning and sign in within 1 hour on return from racing , on the sheets provided in the yacht club foyer. This is mandatory. Failure to do so will result in a discretionary penalty as decided by the Race Committee.
- 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 In the L26 Class, substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.
- 19.2 In the L26 Class, 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. SAFETY

- 20.1 Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.
- 20.2 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.
- 20.3 Wet or dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!
- 20.4 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.
- 20.5 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.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

21.1 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.

22. SUPPORT PERSONAL AND BOATS

22.1 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.

22.2 Individual Support or Coach boats shall be marked with a Yellow Flag.

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 Organizing 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.