

MSC 2023 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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**ORC SA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2023
L26 CLASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2023**

and including

Sanctioned 31 May 2023

A Regatta Championship for any One-Design, Racing or Cruising Keelboat (Min. Category C) and any Racing or Cruising (Min. Category C) offshore Multihull yacht

Dates: 01 July to 07 July 2023

Venue: Point Yacht Club Offshore

Organising Authority: Point Yacht Club in conjunction with the South African Sailing and the L26 Class Association and ORC SA with the consent of SA Sailing.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 1.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at Point Yacht Club and on a MSC Week 2023 WhatsApp group.
- 1.2 The race office is located at Point Yacht Club.
- 1.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 90 minutes before the first start 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.

3 CODE OF CONDUCT

[DP] Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Point Yacht Club Main Club (harbour).

- 4.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, “1 minute” is replaced with “not less than 55 minutes” in Race Signals 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 be 60 minutes.

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 twelve races are scheduled for all classes. The Race Committee reserves the right to sail a middle-distance course for Micro –Multihull, ORC and MSC Classes.
- 5.3 Notice and course of a middle-distance race will be posted before 19h00 preceding the day it is to be sailed.
- 5.4 The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race each day is 10h55.
- 5.5 When there are no further races to be sailed on the day, the Flag ‘AP’ over ‘A’ will be displayed at the Finish.
- 5.6 On the last day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 13h00.

6 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags and the order of starting will be posted before the close of registration.

7 RACING AREA

The racing area is offshore Durban.

8 COURSES

The diagram(s) in SI Addendum 1 show(s) the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

9 MARKS

A description of all marks will be posted before the commencement of registration.

10 THE START

- 10.1 The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the signal vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.
- 10.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 10.3 [DP] Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races.
- 10.4 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

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.

12 THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee vessel at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end finishing mark.

13 SHORTENING COURSE

In addition to the provisions of RRS 32, the race committee may also signal a shortened course by displaying flag F with repeated sounds. On this signal boats shall pass between marks 3P and 3S as required to sail the course, and thereafter proceed directly to the finishing line. This signal shall be made before the first boat reaches marks 3P/3S, and shall continue to be made until all boats still racing have passed these marks. This changes RRS 32.

14 PENALTY SYSTEM

For all classes, RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

15 TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes on corrected time of the first boat in her class to sail the course and finish, and not subsequently retiring, being penalised or given redress, will be scored Time Limit Expired (TLE) without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be scored points for the finishing place one more than the points scored by the last boat that finished within this time limit. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.

16 HEARING REQUESTS

- 16.1 For each class, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat in that class finishes the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing for that day, whichever is the later. The time will be posted on the official notice board.
- 16.2 Hearing request forms will be available from the Regatta Office .
- 16.3 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings 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 4 races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 18.3(a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 18.3(b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 18.3(c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

[DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 19.1 [DP] Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 19.2 [DP] Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 20.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules, notice of race or sailing instructions.
- 20.2 [DP] When instructed by a race official on the water, a boat shall proceed to a designated area for inspection.

21 SUPPORT PERSON VESSEL

- 21.1 [DP] 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.
- 21.2 Individual Support or Coach boats shall be marked with a White Flag.

22 TRASH DISPOSAL

[DP] No trash may be dropped into the water. Trash may be placed aboard official or support person vessels.

