



NOTICE OF RACE

1 THE RACE

The Mauritius to Durban Yacht Race 2023 is from Mauritius to Durban, South Africa, and starts on Wednesday, 4 October 2023. 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 ORC racing fleet for Monohull boats with a valid ORC certificate.

2.1.2 PHRF fleet for Multihull yachts.

2.2 Boats intending to participate in the race shall prove, to the satisfaction of the Race Committee, by no later than the start of the race to have completed a non-stop passage of at least 300 nautical miles in the 9 months preceding the start of the race.

2.2.1 The Vasco da Gama Ocean Race 2023, shall qualify as such a passage.

2.2.2 For the passage to qualify, at least 50% of the crew for the Mauritius to Durban Race 2023 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 23 September 2023.

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 World Sailing 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 1 October 2023.

3 COURSE & DATE

- 3.1 The race will start in Port Louis or Grand Baie, Mauritius and finish in Durban, a race distance of approximately 1 680 nautical miles.
- 3.2 The race will start on Wednesday, 4 October 2023, with the warning signal for the first fleet to start scheduled for 12h55 SAST (10h55 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 18 October 2023.
- 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 International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs) as applicable in terms of this Notice and the Sailing Instructions,
 - 5.1.2 The rules as defined in World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) (2021 – 2024), subject to changes made in terms of this Notice & the Sailing Instructions,
 - 5.1.3 The ORC 2023 Rules Parts A, B & C or the DRS Handicapping System, as applicable to competing boats.
 - 5.1.4 The Safety Equipment and Self Scrutineering Check List contained in Schedule 1 to this Notice of Race.
 - 5.1.5 The South African National Small Vessel Safety Regulations.
 - 5.1.6 This Notice of Race.
 - 5.1.7 The Sailing Instructions.
 - 5.1.8 The SAMSA Category “A” Safety Requirements.
 - 5.1.9 The legally binding Declaration made by the skipper on signing this event’s Entry Form and Scrutineering Safety Equipment Check List.
- 5.2 Part 2 of the RRS relating to ‘when boats meet’ shall apply for four hours after the start of the first fleet to start, after which the right-of-way will be determined by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs).

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 18h00 SAST on 18 October 2023.
- 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 Facebook page; or the information provided by YB Tracking in respect of the race whether available via its website, or any of its Mobile Applications. This amends RRS 41(c).
- 6.3 During the race a boat may obtain assistance in the form of any readily available commercial meteorological or hydrographical information. This amends RRS 41(c).
- 6.4 RRS 55 is changed by adding the following sentence to the rule: “The discarding of wool bands when setting a sail is permitted. No elastic bands may be used.”

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 64.2 - 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. COMMUNICATIONS

- 8.1 A means of satellite communication is compulsory.

9 RATING CERTIFICATES AND HANDICAPS

- 9.1 Boats shall have rating certificates and/or handicaps, as follows:
 - 9.1.1 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 23 September, 2023. The Race Committee reserves the right to extend the time limit in exceptional circumstances.
 - 9.1.3 Boats racing in the Multihull fleet will be allocated a PHRF rating by the rating committee where a TCF is issued.
- 9.2 Only in exceptional circumstances and showing good cause and with the prior written approval of the Race Committee, changes may be made to a boat's ORC rating certificate up to 12h00 MUT on 1 October 2023.
- 9.3 A list of ratings for each fleet will be published on the Official Notice Boards by 12h30 MUT on 1 October 2023.
- 9.4 Any protest relating to a boat's rating shall be submitted to the Race Secretary, in writing, by 16h00 MUT on 1 October 2023, for consideration by the Race Committee whose decision shall be final.
- 9.5 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:
 - 9.5.1 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.
 - 9.5.2 In respect of the 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.
- 9.6 Boats competing in 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. The Bona Fide will have to be proved.

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 17 September 2023.
- 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 23 September 2023, that at least 1 person on board has a SAS Yachtmaster Offshore certificate of competence or higher.
- 11.4 In addition, the skipper shall satisfy the Race Committee, by 17h00 SAST on 23 September 2023, that at least 1 person on board has a SAS Coastal Skipper certificate of competence or higher.
- 11.5 The skipper shall satisfy the Race Committee, by 17h00 SAST on 23 September 2023, 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 is present at the scrutiny.
- 11.7 A boat which has not passed scrutiny by 12h00 MUT on 1 October 2023 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 Part 1, 3).

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 17h00 MUT on 7 August 2023.
- 12.2 Changes to crew after 17h00 MUT on 7 August 2023 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 2023 via e-mail to gillcam@telkomsa.net by 17h00 SAST on 7 August 2023. Late entries will be accepted up to 17h00 SAST on 23 September 2023 subject to the late entry fee being paid.
- 13.2 The standard entry fee shall be R 4750.00 per boat and skipper plus R 750.00 per crew member.
- 13.3 The standard entry fee shall be paid on submission of the entry.
- 13.4 The late entry fee shall be R 5 000.00 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.
- 13.5 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 a time penalty or 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 WS Advertising Code, Regulation 20.
- 15.2 The Organising Committee may require boats to display sponsor's advertising in accordance with WS 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/Grand Baie Yacht Club (weather dependent), during the times as set out below, after which registration shall close:

Sunday 1 October 2023	10h00 MUT to 16h00 MUT
Monday 2 October 2023	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 not before 19h00 SAST on 18 October 2023 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 or Grand Baie Yacht Club (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 Part 1, Rule 3, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".**

21 JURISDICTION

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:

Race Office Details:

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