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Royal Cape Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE 2016/17

ROYAL CAPE YACHT CLUB

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EFFECTIVE 01 JULY 2016 – 30 JUNE 2017

1. *PROGRAMME*

Race	*Date*	*Time*
Club Winter Series	*July – September 2016	**13h00**
Lufthansa Twilight Series (Community Chest)	*October – December 2016	
First Start Division 1, 2 & 3 Spinnaker		**17h55**
Second Start Division 1 & 2 Non Spinnaker		**18h00**
Third Start Division 3 Non Spinnaker		**18h05**
Fourth Start Catamarans & Cruising		**18h10**
Harken Round Robben Island Race (Pursuit)	*October 2016	**F.S. 11h00**
Lufthansa Twilight Series (NSRI)	*January – March 2017	
First Start Division 1, 2 & 3 Spinnaker		**17h55**
Second Start Division 1 & 2 Non Spinnaker		**18h00**
Third Start Division 3 Non Spinnaker		**18h05**
Fourth Start Catamarans & Cruising		**18h10**
Glacier by Sanlam Summer Series	*January – May 2017	**13h00**
Harken Round Robben Island Race	* January 2017	**11h00**

2. MANAGEMENT

2.1. Royal Cape Yacht Club (RCYC) is the Organising Authority for all racing on Table Bay in conjunction with the various organising committees within the Royal Cape Yacht Club.

2.2. The Race Officer, Rear Commodore of Sailing and/or the Race Secretary.

3. RULES

3.1. The following will apply: The *rules* as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS). The Royal Cape Rating Division (RRD) rules. The Merchant Shipping (Small Vessel Safety) Regulations 2007 –Category C. The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS). The IRC Rules, IRCPAS.

3.2. This Notice of Race or any specific Notice of Race issued for a particular Event, and amended from time to time, the current RCYC Sailing Instructions (dated 1st July 2016) and any amendments thereof as posted on the Official Notice Board or on the RCYC website (www.rcyc.co.za). In the event of contradictions, the interpretations of the Protest Committee shall be final and binding upon all participants.

4. ADVERTISING

4.1. Advertising is permitted, unless class rules do not permit, in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

4.2. Boats shall be required to display advertising supplied by the organizing authority.

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

5.1. Members and signed in visitors, wishing to race are required to enter by filling the details on the Entry List/form on the Official Notice Board (Situated at the club entrance foyer).

5.2. Entries shall show the Yacht Name, Sail Number, Skippers Name and Yacht Class. Boats failing to enter on the notice board shall receive a DNC (Did Not Compete). Competitors whose Club accounts are in arrears shall not receive a result.

6. INSURANCE.

6.1. In order to be accepted as an entry in any race and to be given a finishing position, each yacht shall have on file at the Moorings Office, a copy it's Liability Insurance policy or the signed Declaration of Insurance. By entering a race the owner/skipper acknowledges that he/she has the required liability insurance cover. Each entry shall be insured with valid liability insurance of not less than R2million.

7. START TIMES

7.1. The races are set out in the Sailing Calendar and on the RCYC website. Note that the Sailing Calendar is subject to change, please regularly check the online calendar for changes.

7.2. If fewer than 5 entries have been received, 1 (one) hour before the scheduled Start Signal, the race may, but need not be cancelled.

7.3. All start times are based on GPS time "BRAVO".

8. SAFETY STANDARDS

8.1. All entries shall at all times have as a minimum a valid "Category C" COF certificate.

8.2. All entries shall at all times have a person on board with a valid SAS/SAMSA Skippers Certificate (Day Skipper minimum), or as relevant NOR requires.

8.3. The sailing committee reserves the right to scrutinise competing boats to ensure the safety requirements are adhered to.

9. DIVISIONS/CLASSES

9.1. Yachts shall be divided into Club Divisions as per the table below. The Sailing Committee reserves the right to subdivide the fleet into different Divisions, dependent on entries, including a spinnaker or non-spinnaker division. Where a Division has been subdivided, or, when it is a series for a Club Championship Series,

5 or more starters in a Sub Division over that Series, or in a division in that series, shall constitute a Series Result. Divisions are currently subdivided as follows:

DIVISION	CLUB TCF
Division 1	1.080* and higher
Division 2	0.980 to 1.130*
Division 3	Lower than 1.000*
*Yachts with CLUB TCF rating between 0.980 – 1.000 and 1.080 – 1.130 shall elect which club division (2 OR 3) or (1 OR 2) respectively they are sailing in for the whole season. Once this choice is made, the yacht shall sail in that division for the whole season if it wants to be considered for the club championships.	

9.2. Club Handicap, the Royal Cape Ratings Review Division shall calculate TCF's on receipt of a RRD application form that can be collected from the RCYC reception, the application shall be completed and submitted to rrd@rcyc.co.za.

9.3. The Owner/Skipper of any yacht that has had changes made to any dimensions of any of its sails, hull or rig measurements, since the issue of a RRD TCF (RCYC Club Rating), or an IRC Rating, shall submit a new RRD or IRC application form, informing the RRD of such changes, so that the boat's rating can be reviewed and updated. Ratings' shall be computed based on current information, and can be updated via www.rcyc.co.za or by completing an RRD rating application form and submitting it to rrd@rcyc.co.za

10. COURSES

10.1. The courses shall be announced on the designated VHF channel 20 minutes and again 10 minutes before the first Start signal.

10.2. In the case of Wednesday Twilight racing, the courses shall be announced on the designated VHF channel at 17h30 and again at 17h45.

10.3. The approximate positions of the RCYC fixed marks are:

NAME	*DESCRIPTION*	*APPROXIMATE POSITION*
RCYC Start Hut	Orange Panel on Wall	S 33°54.29' E 018°26.60'
No. 10 Harbour Mark	Yellow Steel	S 33°54.08' E 018°26.87'
No. 8 Harbour Mark	BRB: 2x balls	S 33°53.61' E 018°26.75'
No. 4 Harbour Mark	Red: Square	S 33°53.87' E 018°26.44'
No. 2 Harbour Mark	Red: Square	S 33°53.05' E 018°26.23'
No. 1 Harbour Mark	Green: Triangle	S 33°53.08' E 018°25.84'
Landfall Harbour Mark	(Fairway): RW: 1 ball	S 33°51.97' E 018°25.57'
Barker Rock (North Lion's	Rock off Clifton	S 33°55.84' E 018°21.82'
RCYC Milnerton	Yellow steel cylinder	S 33°52.64' E 018°28.77'
RCYC Paarden Island	Yellow steel cylinder	S 33°54.39' E 018°28.03'

RCYC Woodbridge	Yellow steel cylinder	S 33°53.37’ E 018°28.08’
RCYC Harken Mark	Yellow steel cylinder	S 33°54.46’ E 018°27.98’
RCYC Finish Mark	Red polyprop drum	S 33°54.18’ E 018°26.67’

11. PRIZES

11.1. Details of the Annual Club Championship Prize Giving and Trophies shall be in the Programme or on the Notice Board, and/or the Club Newsletters.

12. GENERAL

12.1. Obey the Harbour Regulations at all times

12.2. Keep a listening watch on VHF Channel 14 whilst in the Harbour area.

12.3. All yachts leaving the RCYC Basins shall be SIGNED “OUT” AND “IN” in the Registers at Reception.

12.4. Boats that fail to display their correct sail number as per the Club’s Fleet Register shall not receive a result.

Club Championships Notice of Race

The championship consists of the overall positions in the following series:

1. Club Winter Series (4 Race Dates, up to 8 Races) July – September 2016
2. Wednesday Twilight Series; only Spinnaker Div 1, Spinnaker Div 2, Spinnaker Div 3 (8 Races) – October – December 2016
3. Wednesday Twilight Series; only Spinnaker Div 1, Spinnaker Div 2, Spinnaker Div 3 (8 Races) – January – March 2017
4. Overnight Race (1 Race) – November 2017
5. Club Summer Series (4 Race Dates, up to 8 Races) – January – May 2017
6. Round Robben Island Races (2 Races) – October 2016 and January 2017

The best results of five completed series shall count towards the club championships. Once the top positions have been finalised, the successful teams will be nominated for club colours. The club colours will be awarded to the successful teams at an annual gala dinner hosted by RCYC during the month of May 2017.
You will notice that we have purposely left out our *Premier* regattas from the club championship, [Summer Regatta, Mid-Summer Fling & Mykonos Offshore], however competing in these regattas will only help to contributing towards your chances of receiving your RCYC colours.
We are confident that our annual club championships will be supported by our usual competitive racers in all our divisions, however we would like to encourage these same competitors to muster support from the yachtsman who are the occasional racers. Club racing is a wonderful opportunity in introducing new people to sailing.

For enquiries about our club championship please email either Toni or Adrian at our sailing office. sailing@rcyc.co.za

RCYC Sailing Committee