



EFFECTIVE 01 JULY 2016 – 30 JUNE 2017

1. RULES

- 1.1. As per the Club's Notice of Race 01 July 2016 to 30 June 2017.
- 1.2. Or any specific Notice of Race issued for a particular Event, the Sailing Programme as issued, which may be amended from time to time, and these Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereof as posted on the Notice Board. In the event of contradictions, the interpretations of the Protest Committee shall be final and binding upon all participants.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located in the RCYC foyer and or the RCYC website www.rcyc.co.za

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any change of Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 90mins before the scheduled start of the applicable race. This will be signalled by the display of the "L" flag flown from the flagpole at the yacht club and with one long sound signal.

4. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 4.1. The schedule of Races is set out in the Sailing Programme. Specific Events, for which separate Notice of Race and/or Sailing Instructions have been issued, may have different starting times.

5. SHORTENING COURSE

- 5.1. In addition to the methods of shortening course in the RRS, a race may be shortened by the hoisting of an "S" flag, accompanied by repeated sound signals aboard a boat stationed near a rounding mark of the course.
- 5.2. Races may also be shortened, by an announcement on the designated VHF channel, and the flying of the "S" flag at the Bridge Hut with the appropriate sound signal.
- 5.3. For 5.1 and 5.2, boats shall round the next mark and proceed directly to the finish line, finishing in the direction of the course from the last mark rounded.

6. CLASS FLAGS FOR DIVISIONS

Class flags for Club racing will be:

FLAG	ALL RACES (except Twilight)	TWILIGHT RACING
Numeral Pennant No 1	IRC & Club H'Cap Div 1 Spinnaker	Club H'Cap Div 1 NON-Spinnaker
Numeral Pennant No 2	IRC & Club H'Cap Div 2 Spinnaker	Club H'Cap Div 2 NON-Spinnaker
Numeral Pennant No 3	IRC & Club H'Cap Div 3 Spinnaker	Club H'Cap Div 3 NON-Spinnaker
Numeral Pennant No 4	IRC & Club H'Cap All Divisions Spinnaker	Club H'Cap Div 1, 2 & 3 Spinnaker
Numeral Pennant No 5	IRC & Club H'Cap All Divisions NON- Spinn	
Numeral Pennant No 6	One Design Division Racing	Cruising & Catamaran Division



7. THE COURSES

- 7.1. The course may be indicated up to 60mins before the scheduled start of a race, on the Notice Board. For Twilight racing the course will be announced on the designated VHF Channel at 17h30 and again at 17h45. In other races the course will be announced twenty minutes and again ten minutes before the first Start signal.
- 7.2. Change of Course
 - 7.2.1. In addition to the methods of changing course in the RRS, a course may be changed by an announcement on the designated VHF channel, and the flying of the "C" flag at the Bridge Hut with the appropriate procedure
 - 7.2.2. In the event of a shorten course per 5.2, the course may at the same time be changed in accordance with 7.2.1.

8. CLUB HANDICAP RATINGS

- 8.1. See paragraph 10 of the Notice of Race.

9. START

- 9.1. Races will be started by using Rule 26.
- 9.2. The starting line will be:
Start at the RCYC Hut: A line between the mast at the Start Hut flying the RCYC burgee and the course side of No 10 buoy

OR

Committee boat: A line between the mast displaying a RCYC Burgee, and the course side of a nearby permanent mark, inflatable mark, or small buoy.

- 9.3. Any yachts starting later than 5 minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start (DNS). This changes RRS 66 without a hearing, A4 and A5.
- 9.4. Boats whose warning signal has not been made, shall keep clear of the starting area.

10. FINISH

- 10.1. The finish line will be:
RCYC Hut: A line between the mast at the RCYC Bridge Hut flying the RCYC burgee and the course side of a RCYC mark.

OR

RCYC Hut: A line between the mast at the RCYC Bridge Hut flying the RCYC burgee and the course side of No 10 buoy.

OR

Committee boat: A line between the mast displaying an RCYC Burgee, and the course side of a nearby permanent mark or inflatable mark or small buoy.

- 10.2. It is possible that when finishing, the Bridge Team may not see or record your finish (owing to fog, poor light, or time limit having expired). In this case you can cross the finish line and take your own time, report it to the Bridge Hut on the designated VHF Channel as well as other competitors still sailing. This time must also be handed in at the Sailing Office. You may be required to substantiate this with a GPS reading.

11. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 11.1. Note that RRS 44.1 is to be observed as per RRS

12. TIME LIMITS



- 12.1. The time limit unless specified, is $0.4 \times E$, after the finish of the leading boat of each start, where E is the elapsed time of the first boat to finish. In All-division races, the time limit will be calculated on the time of the leading boat with a Club Handicap TCF of less than 1.020. If in the opinion of the Race Officer the leading yacht in any race has not maintained or is not likely to attain an average speed of 2 knots, the race may be abandoned.
- 12.2. For one-race events, the bridge shall have a time limit, after which it shall be permitted to close at the discretion of the bridge officer. Yachts that have failed to finish within that time limit are permitted to take their own GPS time declaration and will be scored. The bridge time limit unless specified, is $0.4 \times E$, after the finish of the leading boat of each start, where E is the elapsed time of the first boat to finish. In All division races, the time limit will be calculated on the time of the leading boat with a Club Handicap TCF of less than 1.020. If in the opinion of the Race Officer the leading yacht in any race has not maintained or is not likely to attain an average speed of 2 knots, the race may be abandoned.
- 12.3. The bridge time limit for Twilight Racing is 20h00. Boats that have failed to finish within that time limit are permitted to take their own GPS time declaration and will be scored.
- 12.4. In the interest of starting another race in a timely fashion on multiple-race days, the race committee may request yachts still racing to pull out of the race and make their way to the start line for the imminent start of the next race. These yachts may be assigned a calculated finish position in their division provided that the position(s) can be determined in a reasonable manner, or else they will be scored average of the points for places available to them had they been allowed to sail until they had finished. Yachts still racing when the time limit expires shall be awarded the average of the points for places available to them had they finished within the time limit. This amends RRS 35 & A4.1. Example: 12 boats, 3 finishers, another 4 still racing at Time Limit expiry, 5 retired: Those still racing but not able to finish score average of 4th to 7th place = $22/4 = 5.5$ points.

13. CREW LIMITS

- 13.1. The maximum total crew for club RRD TCF racing is to be per the table below.

Yacht LOA in feet	Yacht LOA in metres	Maximum RRD Crew Number*
Under 30	Under 9.14 m	7
30-35	9.14-10.67 m	9
35-40	10.67-12.19 m	12
40-45	12.19-13.72 m	14
45-50	13.72-15.24 m	16
50-55	15.24-16.76 m	18
55 and over	16.76 m and over	20

The above limits are for club racing only, and do not affect crew numbers for yachts with higher COF's for cruising. However if the RRD maximum crew limit exceeds the yacht's COF, then the COF takes precedent over the allowable maximum crew limit.



- 13.2. For yachts competing in IRC applicable events or in Club Rating events where IRC times (finishes) are calculated, these yachts must sail to their IRC Certificate Crew Limits plus the applicable crew dispensation allowable, as per the IRC class crew limits, rule 22.4.2 in the IRC yearbook and the crew dispensation chart, as long as this does not exceed the yacht's SAS COF limit.

14. TWILIGHT RACING

- 14.1. The following special instructions only apply to Twilight Racing:
- 14.2. Boats shall enter on the relevant entry sheet on the Notice Board for the series. Boats are to complete each required field including their intention to enter spinnaker or non-spinnaker class prior to their first race. If a boat fails to enter on the notice board they will be scored a DNC. You are also required to sign against your entry on each race day to confirm your intention to sail on that day.
- 14.3. A finishing mark may be laid in between the bridge hut and the number 10 mark. Boats are to finish between the laid finish mark and the bridge hut in order to receive a result.
- 14.4. Boats that fail to display an accurate sail number that correlates with the clubs records will not receive a result.
- 14.5. There will be no general recall for Twilight Racing.
- 14.6. IRC results may be displayed on the results sheet and a prize may be awarded at the end of each series.

15. DEFINITION OF NON-SPINNAKER EVENT, RACE OR DIVISION

- 15.1. In any club event, race or division described as "Non-Spinnaker": Only one foresail (a sail fitted to a forestay/inner forestay track, hanked to a forestay/inner forestay or loose luffed) OR only one staysail (a sail fitted to an inner forestay/inner forestay track, hanked to a forestay/inner forestay or loose luffed) may be set. This prohibits the use of "Code Zero" sails. A spinnaker pole may only be used for "goose winging". No sail may be set off a bowsprit.

16. Division/Classes

- 16.1. Club Handicap

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.

**17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 17.1. Protest forms are available at reception in the RCYC foyer. Protests shall be submitted within the protest time limit.
- 17.2. The protest time limit for each class, is 90 minutes after the last boat of each class, has finished the last race of the day.
- 17.3. Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 17.4. Notices of protests by the race committee will be conveyed, or posted, to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).
- 17.5. For the purpose of rule 64.3 (b) the 'authority responsible' is a measurer appointed by the organizing authority or if not appointed, a Measurer appointed by the Protest Committee.
- 17.6. In the case of twilight racing, the protest hearing will not be heard on the evening of the incident, a date will be set aside within seven days of the incident.

18. ARBITRATION

- 18.1. For protests involving an alleged breach of a rule of Part 2, a short arbitration hearing may be held in lieu of a protest hearing. This changes Part 5 Section B of the RRS. Arbitration hearings may only be held under the following conditions, which are deemed to be accepted by both parties to the hearing when they accept that an arbitration hearing may proceed in lieu of a protest: -
- 18.2. Before arbitration hearing is held both parties need to accept that arbitration proceeds in lieu of a protest and that the protest will be withdrawn when a decision is handed down by the arbitrator at the conclusion of the hearing.
- 18.3. Each party to the hearing may only be represented by a single person. No witnesses may be called.
- 18.4. The arbitrator may decide at any time that the arbitration process is terminated and that the protest is heard by the normal protest committee.
- 18.5. The arbitration penalty for a breach of a Part 2 rule is a penalty of 20% of the number of boats entered but not less than 2 places and not more than the score for DNF. No other boat's finishing position will be affected by the imposition of this penalty.
- 18.6. The decision of the arbitrator may not be appealed and may not be used as grounds for redress.

19. SCORING

- 19.1. When four races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding the worst score.
- 19.2. Boats without clearly displayed Sail Numbers may not be scored.
- 19.3. One design Classes, including IRC, having more than 5 entries, will score a result.

20. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 20.1. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible on the designated VHF Channel.

21. RIGHT OF WAY AFTER SUNSET

- 21.1. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the rules of Part 2 of the RRS will cease to govern, and the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collision at Sea will apply.

**22. DOUBLE HANDED RACES**

- 22.1. Double handed races: Only two people shall be on board during the race. Radar, GPS, spinnakers and self-steering gear may be used.
- 22.2. Single handed races: Two people must be on board whilst racing; the second person may not assist in any way (other than sitting out).
- 22.3.

DIVISION	CLUB TCF
Division 1	Above 1.000
Division 2	1.000 and below

- 22.4. In Double Handed Racing, Buoyancy Aids must be worn.
- 22.5. With permission of the Race Officer a photographer may be allowed to be on board whilst racing. The photographer may not assist in any way.

23. INSURANCE

- 23.1. In order to be accepted as an entry in any race and to be given a finishing position, each yacht must have on file in the Moorings Office a copy its Liability Insurance Policy or Declaration of Insurance for Liability (other party damage) and public liability for an amount of R2,000,000.00

24. TEXT MESSAGING

- 24.1. Entrants may receive courses and other information from the Race Committee by text message to a single on-board mobile telephone number.
- 24.2. Mobile numbers must be declared on the notice board no later than one hour before the stated first start time of the first race of the day.
- 24.3. If there is a postponement after a course has been promulgated by text message, a second text message may be sent with the correct course as this may have been changed. If this second text is not received, the radio announcement of the course must be re-checked in the event of the course being changed.
- 24.4. Delays or failure of the text messaging service shall not be grounds for redress.