

West Coast Offshore Race 2022

The Race: The West Coast Offshore is a race from Cape Town, South Africa, round a turning mark north of Saldanha Bay, and back to finish in Saldanha Bay.

Dates: Friday 18 and Saturday 19 November 2022.

Organizing Authority: Royal Cape Yacht Club in conjunction with Saldanha Bay Yacht Club.

Notice of Race

FOREWORD

Please take note that the minimum safety requirements for this race are a COF Category C with life rafts and the equipment as stated in Schedule 1. Category C only allows boats a maximum of 15NM offshore. Skippers who feel they might wish to venture further will need to upgrade their COF to comply with the law. The onus remains with skippers to ensure their boat complies with all laws.

1. RULES AND REGULATIONS

- 1.1. The race will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. The following will also apply:
 - a) The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) as applicable in terms of this Notice and the Sailing Instructions,
 - b) The South African National Small Vessel Safety Regulations.
 - c) The ORC Rating System for monohulls.
 - d) The Texel Rating System for multihulls.
- 1.3 Rule changes:
 - a) Boats sailing double-handed are permitted to use self-steering devices and automatic pilots. This modifies RRS 52.
 - b) RRS 78.2 is deleted. Valid rating certificates must be presented on entry.
 - c) After 17h00 on Friday 18th November, the rules of RRS Part 2 shall not apply and shall be replaced with the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS.

2. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

3. FLEETS, DIVISIONS & CLASSES

- 3.1 The race will accommodate a monohull fleet, split into Divisions A, B & C, and a multihull fleet, split into Divisions 1 & 2.

4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1 The race is open to all boats with a valid ORC Club Certificate for monohulls, or a TEXEL Rating for multihulls, and of overall length (LOA) not less than 9m.
- 4.2 All boats shall have a minimum of a valid COF Category C with life rafts, registered with South African Sailing (SAS), proof of which shall be lodged with the Race Secretary by 17h00 on Monday 14 November 2022.

(It should be noted that in terms of the law, all vessels are required to abide by the restrictions of their relevant COF for the duration of the race.)
- 4.3 Boats shall also carry the additional safety equipment listed in Schedule 1 of this notice.

5. COURSES & STARTING TIMES

- 5.1 The starting line will be in Table Bay in the vicinity of the port entrance, and the finishing line will be in Saldanha Bay in the vicinity of SBYC.



- 5.2 The turning mark for Class A & B will be in Elands Bay, and for Class C in Stompneus Bay, giving nominal race lengths of 180NM and 130NM respectively.
- 5.3 The scheduled time for the warning signal for Class B & C is 08h55, and for Class A is 11h55.
- 5.4 The Race Committee may shorten the course no later than 1 hour before the first warning signal.

6. TIME LIMITS

- 6.1 The time limit for all fleets is 18h00 on Saturday 19 November.
- 6.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to extend the time limit.

7. SCORING

The placing of each boat in its Division shall be determined by the corrected time (ORC Club or TEXE) taken by that boat to complete the course, after application of scoring or time penalties, if any.

8. PENALTIES

- 8.1 When the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS apply the penalty for a breach shall be a scoring penalty in accordance with RRS 44.3. The penalty shall be 10 minutes added to a boat's corrected time for each infringement.
- 8.2 A scoring penalty shall be declared on the boat's Declaration Form and the Race Committee notified at the finish. This adds to RRS 44.3.
- 8.3 Penalties for infringements of other rules will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND SCRUTINY

- 9.1 Each boat shall be crewed by at least 2 persons, including the skipper.
- 9.2 The skipper shall satisfy the Race Committee, by 17h00 on Monday 14 November 2022, that he or she holds at least a SAS Coastal Skipper certificate of competence or higher.
- 9.3 All boats will be scrutinized by the Race Committee or the appointed safety scrutineering officers to ensure compliance with the Schedule 1 - Safety Equipment & 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. This is not a COF Survey, but purely for race purposes. Please ensure you deal with your COF requirements independently.
- 9.4 A boat which has not passed scrutiny by 17h00 Monday 14 November 2022 shall not start the race. The onus shall be on the skipper to ensure that his boat is scrutinized in time.
- 9.5 If a boat does not comply with these rules (9(a) to 9(d) above) its entry may be rejected or it may be liable to disqualification or such other penalty as may be prescribed by the Protest Committee, giving due regard to provisions in the Sailing Instructions.
- 9.6 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 bad weather, and are capable of handling the boat in all conditions. The skipper must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails and all gear. The skipper shall 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.
- 9.7 The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in the race or to continue racing is hers alone (RRS 3).
- 9.8 The Crew List, on the prescribed form provided, shall be submitted to the Race Committee by 16h00 on Monday 14 November 2022.



9.9 Changes to crew after this time may be permitted under exceptional circumstances, and only with the written permission of the Race Committee.

10. ENTRIES

10.1 An entry, on the prescribed entry form, shall be submitted with proof of payment of the relevant entry fee to the Race Secretary, West Coast Offshore Race 2021 at: 01 Duncan Road, Table Bay Harbour 8000 not later than 17h00 on 11 November 2022 either via e-mail: sailadmin@rcyc.co.za or via the RCYC sailing office.

10.2 Late entries will be accepted at the discretion of the race committee and subject to the late entry fee being paid not later than 17h00 on 14 November 2022.

10.3 The standard entry fee is R400 per boat and R200 per crew member.

10.4. The late entry fee is R1000 per boat, payable in addition to the standard entry fee.

10.5. Entry Fees may be paid in cash, by credit card or by bank transfer into the Royal Cape Yacht Club bank account. **FNB ACC.: 500 500 45316. Branch Adderley Street 250655.** A legible copy of the deposit slip or electronic transfer advice shall accompany the entry form. Entry fees are non-refundable.

10.6. 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. The Organizing Authority shall be authorized to use any such information and photographs in connection with any advertising, publication, promotion, sponsorship or the like relating to the race whether in printed or electronic form or howsoever.

10.7 Tracking Devices. A boat may be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the Organizing Authority.

10.8 The Organizing Authority also reserves the right to place a camera on board any boat for media purposes, and all participants shall agree to operate such camera to the best of their ability.

10.9 Failure to carry and operate a tracking device or to carry and operate a camera when required may lead to the cancellation of an entry, disqualification of the boat from the race or a time penalty (refer RRS 76.1)

11. REGISTRATION

Registration and a mandatory skippers briefing will take place at Royal Cape Yacht Club from 17h00 to 18h30 on Thursday 17 November 2022.

12. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be made available after the closing time for entries.

13. TROPHIES AND PRIZE GIVING

13.1 The following trophies will be awarded:

ORC Class A

ORC Class B

ORC Class C

Multihull Trophy

13.2 The prize-giving for all fleets will take place on Saturday 19 2022 at the Saldanha Bay Yacht Club at a time to be advised.

14. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARDS

The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be the West Coast Offshore 2023 ONB WhatsApp Group.



15. INDEMNITIES

15.1 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 dependents and their sponsors, to have indemnified the Organizing Authority, 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.

15.2 Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3 which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

16. JURISDICTION

This event, being organized from Cape Town, 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, Cape Town, 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.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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