



West Coast Offshore Race 2022

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Organising Authority will be the Royal Club Yacht Club
In conjunction with Saldanha Bay Yacht Club

1. Rules

- 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,
 - 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 by registration.
 - 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.

The race will be governed by:

- i) The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs) as applicable in terms of the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions;
- ii) The rules as defined in The World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), subject to changes made in terms of this Notice & the Sailing Instructions;
- iii) The Safety Equipment and Scrutineering Check List contained in Schedule 1 of the Notice of Race;
- iv) The South African National Small Vessel Safety Regulations;
- v) ORC Rating Systems Rules;
- vi) Part 2 of the RRS relating to 'when boats meet' shall apply until 17h00 18th November 2022, after which the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs) shall apply, except that Part 2 of the RRS shall apply within 200m of any turning mark and the finish line.

2. Notices to competitors and communications

Notices to competitors will be posted on the Notice Board at RCYC and sent by WhatsApp to the registered numbers via the office regatta Whatsapp group ("Seajet WCO 2022"). The VHF call sign for the Race committee shall be "West Coast Offshore".

VHF Channel 06 will be used for communication.

In addition to VHF there will be a WhatsApp group used to contact registered numbers for each boat. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress.

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make or receive voice or data transmissions regarding weather that are not available to all competitors [DP].

3. Changes to Sailing Instructions

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the RCYC notice board and the WhatsApp group ("Seajet WCO 2022") at least 1 hour before the first start.

4. Schedule of Races

Class B and C will start at 09h00 on 18 November 2022.

Class A and the Multi-hulls will start at 12h00 on 18 November 2022.

The entry list and details of the class splits will be posted on the RCYC notice board and WhatsApp group ("Seajet WCO 2022") before 17h00 16th November 2022. Any one design class with 4 or more entries will be scored as a class within a class.

5. Class Flags

Class A and multi-hulls: Numeral pennant 1

Class B and Class C: Numeral pennant 2

6. Retirement

A boat that retires shall notify the race control by VHF and / or WhatsApp at their earliest convenience. The Sailing office whatsapp number is: 064 652 6316.

7. The Start

The start line will be in Table Bay between the committee boat displaying an orange flag and the nearby mark. The mark shall be an inflatable orange mark, or a permanent harbour mark.

8. The Course

Class A, Multi-hulls and Class B: Start, leave the Elands Bay Mark (marked with a yellow light flashing every two seconds in approximately position 32° 18.5' S 18° 18.8' E) to starboard, Finish.

In the event of the Elands Bay Mark missing, boats shall round a virtual mark at the position indicated.

Class C: Start, round a virtual mark at position 32° 38.682' S and 17° 51.411' E (approximately 10 miles north of Cape Columbine), then finish.

9. The Finish

The finish line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on a boat at anchor to the north the Government jetty in Saldanha Bay Harbour and the end of the government jetty. The coordinates of the end of the jetty is at 33° 1' 13" S and 17° 57' 11" E and the coordinates of the- Moored Boat/Yacht is 33° 1' 6" S and 17° 57' 12" E, leaving the boat to starboard.

10. Reporting

Yachts are requested to inform Race Committee approximately 15 minutes before finishing in Saldanha Bay VHF channel 06.

11. Shortening the Course

The Race Committee may shorten course by announcing it over VHF radio channel 06 and/or via the WhatsApp Group ("Seajet WCO 2022"). The shorten course will be signaled for each class before the first boat in that class reaches the latitude of Cape Columbine. This replaces RRS 32.1.

12. Penalties

A boat may take a two turn penalty for breaking a rule of the RRS, part 2 for incidents before 17h00 on 18 November 2022, or when Part 2 applies at a round mark or finish.

A boat that breaks a rule and has not taken a two turn penalty, may be given a time or scoring penalty by the Protest Committee at their discretion instead of being disqualified.

13. Time limits

The time limit for all fleets is 18h00 SAST on Saturday 19 November, 2022. The Race Committee may extend the time limit at its discretion.

14. Protests and requests for redress

Protests and requests for redress shall be handed in to the race committee at Saldanha Bay not later than two hours after finishing.

15. Scoring

The Single Number All Purpose Time On Time time correction factor will be used for monohulls and texel rating for multihulls.

16. Safety

- 16.1 All boats shall comply with the Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety Regulations) Category C.
- 16.2 A boat shall carry at least the following charts in paper or electronic form:
 - SAN 117
 - SAN 118
 - SAN 1010
- 16.4 All boats shall have a cellphone on board with the free NSRI SafeTrx app loaded and linked to the West Coast Offshore Race.

17. Prizes

The following prizes will be awarded: First, second and third in each class.

18. Disclaimer and Liability

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

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