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2022 ROBTEK WEST COAST CRUISE

26th December 2022 to 1st January 2023

Notice of Cruise.

The 2022 Robtek West Coast Cruise will be made up of two possible cruises, the short cruise which will take place in the confines of Saldanha Bay and include the Paternoster stop over, while the extended cruise which will start in Saldanha Bay and finish at Port Owen Yacht Club, Laaiplek.

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5) **Fleet / cruise control:** Channel 71
6) **Saldanha Bay Port Control**: Channel 12. Please ensure that you check with port control before entering or leaving Saldanha Bay. Port control must also be asked for clearance before crossing the main shipping channel in the bay. This shipping channel is clearly marked on your charts.

Safety:

1) Responsibility for the safety of the vessel and crew are vested entirely with the skipper of the vessel for the duration of the cruise.
2) All vessels must comply with the Merchant Shipping (Small Vessel) Safety Regulations 2007.
3) All skippers must have the SAS Day Skippers certificate as a minimum requirement.
4) Owners, when entering to the 2022 Robtek West Coast Cruise, then also warrant the organizers that their respective vessels comply with these regulations as noted above.

Tides: Access to some anchorages and the Port Owen Marina is tide dependent. Please ensure you take note of tide times and heights while preparing your passage plans.

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26th December Hi-tide 05h19 of 1.76 & 17h36 of 1.66m.

- This is a free day allowing vessels time to arrive from Cape Town.
- For those who will spend Xmas in Saldanha Bay, you may want to visit Kraalbaai before the official opening of the 2022 Robtek West Coast Cruise on the 27th December at Saldanha Bay Yacht Club.

- Kraalbaai falls under Cape Nature therefore you may be required to pay an overnight fee to Cape Nature.

Day 1: 27th December Hi-tide 06h10 1.72m & 18h29 1.55m

- The official opening of the 2022 Robtek West Coast Cruise will take place at the SBYC club house at 18h00
- Introduction of vessels and crew members will take place after which they will be handed their Cruise shirts.
- Catering for the evening will be provided at Saldanha Bay Yacht Club and the cost of the meal for the skipper and crew is included in the entry fee. Additional and special meals may be provided by prior arrangements and at additional cost where applicable.

Day 2: 28th December Hi-tide 07h05 1.65m & 19h27 1.44m

- The Short Cruise fleet departs SBYC in time to catch the high tide entrance to Kraalbaai, where they will spend the night on anchor.
- Long Cruise fleet departs SBYC to Paternoster. An early departure is suggested in order to spend a relaxing evening on anchor watching the sun set.
- Catering on the evening of 28th is under own arrangements. There will be no meals supplied. However, for those on anchor in Paternoster, a list of restaurants and contact details will be available should you wish to take your crew ashore for the evening in Paternoster. Please make your own arrangements with the restaurants and to get to the shore and back.

Day 3: 29th December Hi-tide 08h05 1.58m & 20h31 1.34m

- The Short Cruise fleet will spend the day on anchor at Kraalbaai.
- The Long Cruise fleet will depart for Stompneus Bay. Should you wish, you can go via the fish and chip shop in St Helena Bay Harbour.
- Catering on the evening of 29th is under own arrangements. However, for those on anchor in Stompneus, the name of a local restaurant and contact details will be available should you wish to take the crew ashore for the evening. Please make your own arrangements with the restaurants and to get to the shore and back.

Day 4: 30th December Hi-tide 09h10 1.52m & 21h46 1.27m

- The Short Cruise fleet will depart Kraalbaai for a destination still to be decided.
- The Long Cruise fleet may either depart directly for Port Owen or to Slippers Bay. Departure for POYC will be tide dependent. Deep draft boats should plan on arriving at the Berg River mouth by 10:00 to be able to enter the Port Owen Marina. The

marina has 2 meters depth available for two hours either side of high water. Please remember that high tide in the marina is approximately one hour later than in St Helena Bay.

- Berths for the fleet will be arranged and berth allocations will be communicated prior to arrival.
- Catering for the evening will be provided by Port Owen Yacht Club and the cost of the meal for the skipper and crew is included in the entry fee. Additional and special meals may be provided by prior arrangements and at additional cost where applicable.
- Unfortunately those who wish to remain on anchor in Slippers Bay, catering on the evening of 30th is under own arrangements. However, the name of a restaurant and contact details will be available should you wish to take the crew ashore for the evening. Please make your own arrangements with the restaurants and to get to the shore and back.

Day 5: 31st December Hi-tide 10h18 1.48m & 23h06 1.27m

- The Short Cruise will return to SBYC to join in with their New Year's Eve festivities at the club.
- At POYC there is an events program that includes canoeing up the river or motoring up the river in your tender.
- Catering for the evening will be provided by Port Owen Yacht Club and the cost of the meal for the skipper and crew is included in the entry fee. Additional and special meals may be provided by prior arrangements and at additional cost where applicable.
- There will be a New Year's Eve party arranged at POYC.

Day 6: 1st January Hi-tide 11h22 1.45m

- A full cholesterol breakfast for all skippers and crew (Short and Long Cruise) will be available at POYC. The cost of this meal is included in the entry fee. Additional and special meals may be provided by prior arrangements and at additional cost where applicable.
- The breakfast will be followed by "prize giving" after which the fleet is free to depart at their leisure.
- If the weather is such that departure from PO must be delayed, arrangements must be made with the marina manager for berthing. The cruise committee is negotiating costs for an extended stay with Port Owen Marina Authority and the outcome will be communicated in due course.

This itinerary is subject to weather conditions and may be changed due to safety considerations.

The 2022 Robtek West Coast Cruise is a fun event for the whole family and we are catering for all size vessels. Please come and join us.