

# **West Coast Offshore Race 2024**

## **SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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

### **1. Notices to competitors and communications**

- 1.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board (ONB) which is the WhatsApp group "West Coast Offshore 2024 ONB". Failure to receive notices will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 1.2 Before the close of registration notices to competitors will also be posted on the notice board at RCYC.
- 1.3 The race committee will communicate on VHF 06 using the call sign "West Coast Offshore".
- 1.4 [DP] 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 boats.

### **2. Changes to Sailing Instructions**

Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the ONB and on the RCYC noticeboard no later than 1 hour before the first start.

### **3. Schedule of Races**

- 3.1 Class B and C will start at 09h00 on 15 November 2024.
- 3.2 Class A and the Multi-hulls will start at 12h00 on 15 November 2024.
- 3.3 The entry list and details of the class splits will be posted on the ONB and RCYC notice board no later than 17h00 on 13 November 2024. Any one-design class with 4 or more entries will be scored as a class within a class.

### **4. Class Flags**

Class A and Multi-hulls: Numeral Pennant 1

Class B and Class C: Numeral Pennant 2

### **5. Retirement**

A boat that retires shall notify the race committee by VHF 06 and WhatsApp to 064 652 6316 as soon as reasonably possible.

### **6. The Start**

The starting line will be in Table Bay between the staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee vessel and the course side of the nearby buoy. This will be either an orange inflatable buoy, or a permanent harbour buoy.

### **7. The Course**

- 7.1 Class A, Multi-hulls and Class B: Start - Elands Bay Buoy to starboard - Finish. This buoy has a yellow light flashing every two seconds, and its position is approximately 32° 18.249' S, 018° 18.557' E.
- 7.2 Should the Elands Bay Buoy not be in place, boats shall round a virtual mark at the position above.
- 7.3 Class C: Start - virtual mark (offshore from Cape St Martin) Bay to starboard - Finish. This virtual mark's position is 32° 42.595' S and 017° 37.286' E, approximately 15nm west of Cape St Martin.

## **8. The Finish**

- 8.1 The finishing line will be between the end of Government Jetty in Saldanha Bay (33° 1.217' S, 17° 57.183' E) and the staff displaying a blue flag on a nearby race committee vessel (approx 33° 1.100' S, 17° 57.200' E).
- 8.2 Alternatively, the race committee may set a virtual finishing line at any stage of the course. In this case details of the new finishing line will be posted on the ONB and announced on VHF 06. Each boat shall record the time (SAST) she crosses this line and photograph her chart plotter/GPS showing that she has passed through the line. The time and photo shall be sent to the race committee as soon as reasonably possible.

## **9. Reporting at the finish**

When finishing in Saldanha Bay yachts are requested to contact the race committee on VHF 06 approximately 15 minutes before finishing.

## **10. Shortening the Course**

- 10.1 The race committee may shorten course by posting the relevant information on the ONB and broadcasting this information on VHF 06.

## **11. Penalties**

- 11.1 A boat may take a Two-Turns Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules in Part 2 of the RRS for incidents before 17h00 on 15 November 2024.
- 11.2 A boat that breaks a rule and is not exonerated may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be given a penalty less than disqualification.

## **12. Time limit**

- 12.1 The finishing time limit for boats in all fleets is 18h00 on Saturday 16 November 2024. Any boat failing to finish by this time, and not subsequently retiring, being penalised or given redress, shall be scored DNF, without a hearing.
- This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.1

## **13. Protests and requests for redress**

- 13.1 The protest time limit for each boat is two hours after her finishing time.
- 13.2 Hearing requests may be lodged with the race committee via WhatsApp or delivered to the race committee at Saldanha Bay Yacht Club.

## **14. Scoring**

The ORC Single Number All-Purpose Time-On-Time correction factor will be used for monohulls, and the Texel Rating System TR number for multihulls.

## **15. Safety**

- 15.1 All boats shall comply with Category C in the Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations, 2007.
- 15.2 Each boat shall carry at least the following charts in paper or electronic form:
- SAN 117
  - SAN 118
  - SAN 1010
- 15.3 Each boat will be required to carry and operate a TracTrac tracker.

## **16. Disclaimer and Liability**

Competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, 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 race.

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