

GIMCO Regatta 2026
incorporating the Cape Doctor Edition 'The Waterfront Event'

30 January to 1 February 2026
Cape Town – Table Bay
The organizing authority is Royal Cape Yacht Club

NOTICE OF RACE

Version 2

Version 2 dated 26 January 2026 – highlighted in yellow – NoR 2.5, 8.3.2, 8.5 & 11.2.2 has been removed. NoR 2.5 has been added. NoR 7.1.3 & 8.3.1 has been amended.

1 Communication

- 1.1** The Official Notice Board (ONB) will be the GIMCO 2026 ONB WhatsApp Group (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LcJWILNL2rj7virvAMp4qG>)
- 1.2** [DP] All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on Channel 14 and Channel 06.

2 Rules

- 2.1** The regatta is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules Of Sailing*.
- 2.2** RRS 52 is changed to allow boats sailing Double Handed to use self-steering devices and automatic pilots.
- 2.3** RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.
- 2.4** Appendix WP applies (https://d7qh6ksdplczd.cloudfront.net/sailing/wp-content/uploads/2024/12/13024403/2025-2028-Appendix-WP-Rules-for-Waypoints_V2.0_January-2025-.pdf)
- 2.5** Cape 31's competing in 'The Waterfront Regatta', your event NoR applies (<https://sa.cape31.com/wp-content/uploads/2025/11/Notice-of-Race-Cape-Doctor-Edition-v3.pdf>)

3 Sailing instructions

The sailing instructions will be posted on the Royal Cape Yacht Club website no later than 17h00 on 26 January 2026 and will be available on the ONB.

4 Eligibility and entry

- 4.1** The regatta is open to all boats with a valid ORC certificate, and to Cape 31s choosing to race separately in the Cape 31 fleet
- 4.2** In order to be eligible for the Inter-Academy Challenge, all competitors onboard shall be members from a Sailing Academy **and shall compete in Class C**.
- 4.3** Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form available on the RCYC website GIMCO (<https://rcyc.co.za/event/gimco-regatta-2026/>) by 17h00 on Monday 26 January.

5 Fees

- 5.1** There is no entry fee.

6 Advertising

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

7 Class flags and ORC Class splits

7.1

FLAG	Class	General Class APHTOD Split
Numeral Pennant 1	Class A	<= 520
Numeral Pennant 2	Class B	>520 <= 593
Numeral Pennant 3	Class C	> 593
Cape 31 Class Flag	Cape 31	N/A

- 7.1.1** If a boat's APHTOD falls within 517 to 523, they can decide if they want to sail in Class A or Class B.
- 7.1.2** If a boat's APHTOD falls within 590 to 596, they can decide if they want to sail in Class B or Class C.
- 7.1.3** Any boat that decides to sail in a different class (in accordance with 7.1.1 or 7.1.2), must inform the Sailing Office before 17h00 on Monday 26 January.

8 Schedule

- 8.1** Owners Cocktail Evening (Thursday 29 January, Granger Bay Yacht Club, 18h00 – by invitation only)
- 8.2** There is no registration for this event.
- 8.3** The scheduled times of the warning signals of the first race of the day are as follows:
- 8.3.1** ORC Fleet:

Friday 31 January	16h55
Saturday 1 February	10h55
Sunday 2 February	10h55

- 8.4** On the last scheduled day of racing no warning signal will be made after 14h00 for the ORC Fleet.

9 Measurement

- 9.1** Each ORC boat shall produce a valid ORC Rating certificate on request.

10 Venue

Racing will be in Table Bay and surrounding waters.

11 Courses

- 11.1** Courses will be set using laid buoys and / or permanent and harbour buoys.
- 11.2** The courses to be sailed are as follows:
- 11.2.1** ORC Fleet:

Friday 30 January	1 medium distance race
Saturday 31 January	1 windward/leeward and 1 medium distance
Sunday 1 February	1 windward/leeward and 1 medium distance

12 Scoring

- 12.1** One race is required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 12.2** When fewer than five races have been completed, each boat's series score shall be the sum of her race scores.
- 12.3** When five or more races have been completed, a boat's score shall be the sum of all her races excluding her worst score.
- 12.4** The Inter-Academy Challenge will be scored as a separate fleet. There will be no discards for the Inter-Academy Challenge.

13 Haul-out restrictions

Boats may not be hauled out between races except with and according to the terms of the prior written permission of the race committee.

14 Prizes

Prizes will be given as follows:

GIMCO Regatta Overall Winner Class A

GIMCO Regatta Overall Winner Class B

GIMCO Regatta Overall Winner Class C

GIMCO Regatta Overall Winner Cape 31 Fleet

GIMCO Regatta Inter-Academy Challenge Winner

Where 5 or more entries are received for a specific division (such as Double Handed), prizes will be awarded for these divisions.

15 Risk statement

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone." Competitors participate in this event entirely at their own risk. The organising 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.

16 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of R5 million.

17 Further information

For further information please contact RCYC Sailing Office sailadmin@rcyc.co.za.