



Round Robben Island Race

Notice of Race

Version 1

24 January 2026

Organising Authority: Royal Cape Yacht Club



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1. RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* [RRS].
- 1.2 The following rules will also apply:
 - 1.2.1 IMS Rules
 - 1.2.2 ORC Rating Systems Rule
 - 1.2.3 TEXEL Rating Rule
- 1.3 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

2. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) can be found on the RCYC Website (<https://rcyc.co.za/category/race-documents/>).
- 2.2 Complementary information may be communicated via the 'RCYC Racing Group' WhatsApp Group. (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/G9SixoBvpWXGKKAUb3nTgG>) Any failure, or delay, of posted information on the WhatsApp Group will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

3. ADVERTISING

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

4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 Races are open to all monohulls with a valid ORC Certificate and multihulls with a TEXEL Rating Certificate.
- 4.2 Eligible boats may enter by completing the online entry form ([available here](#)) by 17h00 on Friday, 23 January 2026.

5. CLASS FLAGS, ORC CLASS SPLITS AND RACE START TIME

- 5.1 Class splits are determined by a boats ORC club certificate:

All Races	General Class APHTOD Split
Class A and Cape 31	< 520
Class B	>=520 < 593
Class C	>= 593
Multihull Division	

- 5.1.1 If a boats APHTOD falls within 517 to 523, they can decide if they want to sail in Class A or Class B.
- 5.1.2 If a boats APHTOD falls within 590 to 596, they can decide if they want to sail in Class B or Class C.
- 5.1.3 Any boat that decides to sail in a different class (in accordance with 5.1.1 or 5.1.2), must inform the Sailing Office before 17h00 on 23 January 2026. They will be entered in that class for this event.

5.2 The starting signal will be at 12h00, all classes will start together.

- 5.3 A boat may choose to race (a) without spinnakers, in which case its ORC Non-



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Spinnaker rating will apply, and (b) double-handed, in which case its ORC Double-Handed rating will apply. These ratings will be used to score a boat. This declaration shall be lodged no later than 17h00 on 23 January 2026.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the RCYC ONB by 17h00 on 23 January 2026 (<https://rcyc.co.za/category/race-documents/>).

7. VENUE

The races will be sailed in and around Robben Island and Table Bay.

8. SCORING

The decision on the scoring method and scoring parameters used will be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee. The scoring method and parameters used shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 61.1(a).

9. PRIZES

Details of the prizes will be on the RCYC website on the event page.

10. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

RRS 3 states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone". Competitors participate in the 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 event.

11. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of R5 million or equivalent. Proof of insurance must be provided to the sailing office.

12. FURTHER INFORMATION

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