



RCYC 2026 Twilight Series

Notice of Race

Version 2 – dated 4 February 2026 – highlighted in yellow – NoR 5.1.1 has been added

Version 3 – dated 11 February 2026 – highlighted in cyan – NoR 6.1 has been changed and NoR 6.2 has been deleted

21 January 2026 to 02 December 2026

Organising Authority: Royal Cape Yacht Club

Note: This Notice of Race is only for the 2026 RCYC Twilight Series

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1. SCHEDULE

1.1 Investec Twilight Series

- Race 1: 21 January 2026
- Race 2: 22 January 2026
- Race 3: 04 February 2026
- Race 4: 11 February 2026
- Race 5: 18 February 2026
- Race 6: 25 February 2026
- Race 7: 04 March 2026
- Race 8: 11 March 2026
- Race 9: 18 March 2026

1.2 Autumn Twilight Series

- Race 1: 15 April 2026
- Race 2: 22 April 2026
- Race 3: 29 April 2026
- Race 4: 06 May 2026
- Race 5: 13 May 2026
- Race 6: 20 May 2026

1.3 Spring Twilight Series

- Race 1: 06 August 2026
- Race 2: 12 August 2026
- Race 3: 19 August 2026
- Race 4: 02 September 2026
- Race 5: 09 September 2026
- Race 6: 16 September 2026

1.4 Summer Twilight Series

- Race 1: 07 October 2026
- Race 2: 14 October 2026
- Race 3: 21 October 2026
- Race 4: 28 October 2026
- Race 5: 04 November 2026
- Race 6: 11 November 2026
- Race 7: 18 November 2026
- Race 8: 25 November 2026
- Race 9: 02 December 2026

- 1.5 The full schedule of all club races for the season is available on the RCYC website, however this NoR takes precedence over the dates on the RCYC Website.

NOTICE OF RACE 2026**2. RULES**

- 2.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing* [RRS].
- 2.2 Appendix WP applies ([Appendix WP can be viewed here](#))
- 2.3 The following rules will also apply:
- 2.3.1 IMS Rules
 - 2.3.2 ORC Rating Systems Rule
 - 2.3.3 TEXEL Rating Rule
- 2.4 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

3. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 3.1 The Official Notice Board (ONB) can be found on the RCYC Website (<https://rcyc.co.za/category/race-documents/>).
- 3.2 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).

4. ADVERTISING

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

5. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 5.1 Races are open to all monohulls with a valid ORC Certificate and multihulls with a TEXEL Rating Certificate.

5.1.1 All boats that have paid for their 2026 ORC certificates by 17h00 on 04 February 2026, will be scored as soon as their new ORC certificates have been published.

- 5.2 Eligible boats may enter by:

- (a) signing up for the relevant races via the entry link for that event, or
- (b) emailing the Sailing Office (sailadmin@rcyc.co.za), or
- (c) calling the race committee on the VHF race channel before the start of that days racing.

6. CLASS FLAGS, ORC CLASS SPLITS AND TWILIGHT RACING STARTING TIMES**6.1 Class splits are determined by a boats ORC club certificate**

FLAG	All Races	General Class APHTOD Split	Twilight Racing Starting Times
Numeral Pennant 1	Class A and Cape 31	< 520	17h55
Numeral Pennant 2	Class B	>=520 < 593	18h00
Numeral Pennant 3	Class C	>= 593	18h05
Numeral Pennant 4	Multihull Division		18h10

6.1.1 If a boats APHTOD falls within 517 to 523, they can decide if they want to sail in Class A or Class B.

6.1.2 If a boats APHTOD falls within 590 to 596, they can decide if they want to sail in Class B or Class C.

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6.1.3 Any boat that decides to sail in a different class (in accordance with 6.1.1 or 6.1.2), must inform the Sailing Office before entering the series. They will be entered in that class for the entirety of the series.

6.2 NULL

6.3 A boat may choose to race (a) without spinnakers, in which case its ORC Non-Spinnaker rating will apply, and (b) double-handed, in which case its ORC Double-Handed rating will apply. This declaration shall be lodged no later than 17h00 on the day of the first race of the Series and **will then apply for all races in that Series. (Please note that this commits the boat to racing as per declaration for the full Series).**

In the absence of this declaration the boat's standard rating will apply.

6.4 The declaration deadlines above may be extended by the race committee.

7. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions are posted on the RCYC ONB (<https://rcyc.co.za/category/race-documents/>).

8. VENUE

The races will be sailed in and around Table Bay.

9. 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).

10. PRIZES

Details of the prizes will be on the RCYC website under each event.

11. 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.

12. 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.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

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