



Pathcare Masters Pursuit Race

Notice of Race

28th March 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 Appendix WP applies ([Appendix WP can be viewed here](#))
- 1.3 The following rules will also apply:
 - 1.3.1 IMS Rules
 - 1.3.2 ORC Rating Systems Rule
 - 1.3.3 TEXEL Rating Rule
- 1.4 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) is the 'RCYC Racing Group 2026' WhatsApp Group. (<https://chat.whatsapp.com/G9SixoBvpWXGKKAUb3nTgG>).
- 2.2 Complimentary information may be posted on the Event page on the RCYC website (<https://rcyc.co.za/event/masters-pursuit-race-2026>).

Any failure, or delay, of posted information on the Event page 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 (<https://forms.gle/Dy5yETWiaK6xGciFA>) by 12h00 on Friday, 27 March 2026.

5. CLASS FLAGS, CLASS SPLITS AND RACE START TIME

- 5.1 **The starting signal for the first boat of the pursuit race will be at 14h00 on 28 March 2026. Should the race be abandoned, the race may be sailed on 29 March 2026, with the time of the first start being posted on the ONB before 17h00 on Saturday 28 March.**
- 5.2 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 12h00 on 28 March 2026.
In the absence of this declaration the boat's standard rating will apply.
- 5.3 The Helm's age shall determine the class to which a boat is racing in. If there is a change to the helm during the race, the boat will be classed according to the youngest helm.

- 5.3.1 The class splits are as follows:

Class	Age Split
Over 60's	<= 60 < 70
Over 70's	<= 70 < 80
Over 80's	<= 80 < 90
Over 90's	<= 90

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6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the RCYC ONB by 12h00 on 027 March 2026 2025 ((<https://chat.whatsapp.com/G9SixoBvpWXGKKAUb3nTgG>)).

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 under each event.

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.