



Pathcare Masters Pursuit Race

Sailing Instructions

28 March 2026

Organising Authority: Royal Cape Yacht Club

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1. RULES

- 1.1 If due to poor visibility, the Race Committee is unable to identify boats starting or finishing, the race will be abandoned. This will be communicated to the fleet over VHF 06.

2. COMMUNICATION WITH COMPETITORS

- 2.1 On the water, the race committee will monitor and communicate with competitors on VHF 06 unless otherwise advised.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted by 12h00 on 28 March 2026, except any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20h00 27 March 2026.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- Signals made ashore will be displayed from the RCYC flagpole

5. COURSES

- The course to be sailed will be posted on the 'RCYC Racing Group 2026' WhatsApp Group by 10h30 on 28 March 2026.

6. MARKS

- 6.1 Should the start be in accordance with SI 7.1(b), the description of the starting/finish mark will be announced on VHF 06 and posted in the 'RCYC Racing Group 2026' WhatsApp group no later than 13h00 on 28 March 2026.

7. THE START

- 7.1 The starting line will either be: a) between the Bridge Hut mast displaying an orange flag and the course side of No 10. or b) between a Race Committee vessel displaying an orange flag and the course side of a nearby starting mark.
- 7.2 The approximate location of the start will be published on the 'RCYC Racing Group 2026' WhatsApp Group no later than 13h00 on 28 March 2026.
- 7.3 The individual starting times will be posted on the ONB by 10h30 on 28 March and announced repeatedly on VHF 06.
- 7.4 RRS 26 will be in effect for the first start only. Thereafter, each boat's starting signal will be a sound signal made at her starting time as posted on the ONB, and for the purposes of RRS Definition "Racing", her preparatory signal will be deemed to be 4 minutes before her starting time. This changes RRS 26.
- 7.5 A boat that does not start within ten minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.
- 7.6 A boat that is late for a start may use her engine for propulsion between her preparatory signal and reaching the starting area, provided that she completes a **One-Turn Penalty** once she is no longer under power and before starting. This changes RRS 52.

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8. TIME LIMITS

- 8.1 There is no time limit for the race.

9. THE FINISH

- 9.1 The finish line will either be: a) between the Bridge Hut mast displaying a blue flag and the course side of No 10. or b) between a Race Committee vessel displaying a blue flag and the course side of a nearby finish mark.
- 9.2 The approximate location of the finish will be published on the '**RCYC Racing Group 2026**' WhatsApp Group no later than 13h00 on 28 March 2026.

10. HEARING REQUESTS

- 10.1 Hearing Request forms are available at reception in the RCYC foyer. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be handed in at, or emailed to, the Sailing Office or Club Reception.
- 10.2 The protest time limit for each class is 60 minutes after the last boat of that class has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. This time will be posted as soon as possible.
- 10.3 For the purpose of rule 63.5(d) the 'authority responsible' is a measurer appointed by the organizing authority or if not appointed, a measurer appointed by the protest committee.

11. SCORING

- 11.1 There will be no discard.

12. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 12.1 [DP] A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible.
- 12.2 [DP] All boats shall keep clear of shipping and harbour craft at all times.
- 12.3 [DP] All boats shall keep a listening watch on VHF 14 whilst in the harbour area.
- 12.4 All competitors sailing Double Handed shall wear PFD's whilst Racing.

13. FURTHER INFORMATION

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