2026 RCYC Double Handed Series

Version 2 – dated 2 September 2026, changes highlighted in yellow
Version 3 – dated 6 November changes highlighted in cyan
NOR 6.2 and NOR 6.3 have been changed

Notice of Race

Version 3

14 March 2026 to 07 November 2026

Organising Authority: Royal Cape Yacht Club

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

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1. SCHEDULE

1.1 Double-handed Series

Race 1: 14 March 2026
Race 2: 18 April 2026
Race 3: 27 June 2026
Race 4: 25 July 2026
Race 5: 5 September 2026
Race 6: 7 November 2026

1.2 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.

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.
2.5 Boats are permitted to use self-steering devices and automatic pilots. This modifies RRS 52.

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 **'Royal Cape DoubleHanders'** WhatsApp Group.
(https://chat.whatsapp.com/FS8FM3MDsVbG80fHn7sBzp)
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 Double-Handed Certificate and multihulls with a TEXEL Rating Certificate.
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 MEDIUM DISTACE RACE STARTING TIMES

6.1

Classes	General Class APHTOD Split
Class A	<= 610
Class B	>=610.1

6.1.1 If a boats APHTOD falls within 606 to 614, they can decide if they want to sail in Class A or Class B.

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

6.2 The scheduled time of the first warning signal is 13h55, except for Saturday 5th of September and Saturday 7th of November the first warning signal is 12h55.

6.3 The class flags and class starting order will be announced on VHF 06 no later than 12h30.

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. SAFETY

All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Rule 40.1 applies.

14. FURTHER INFORMATION

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