



NOTICE OF RACE: INHACA to RICHARDS BAY RACE 2026

Dates: 3 – 6 April 2026

Venue: Inhaca Lighthouse to Richards Bay Harbour

Organising Authority: Zululand Yacht Club in conjunction with Club Maritimo, Club Naval

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules Of Sailing.
- 1.2 The SA Sailing prescriptions for National and Regional Championships will apply.

2 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be posted on the ZYC website and ZYC Sailing Notice Board no later than 30 November 2025.

The Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions will also be posted at Lucas Ristorante before 1 April 2026.

Any amendments to the Sailing Instructions will be made at Lucas Ristorante no later than 21:00 during the pre-race briefing.

3 COMMUNICATION

- 3.1 The online official notice board is located at www.zyc.co.za. All boats shall carry a VHF radio capable of communicating on channels 6, 12 and 16.
- 3.2 Make sure to join the dedicated WhatsApp Inhaca 2026 group via:
https://chat.whatsapp.com/HWCps2giUoH5zYQvKvMzvP?mode=ems_copy_t

4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 4.1 The regatta is open to all yachts of all classes that meet offshore requirements.
- 4.2 All South African yachts must hold a valid LGSC (Local General Safety Certificate) from SAMSA and be registered as a Category A vessel.
- 4.3 All foreign yachts must provide proof of a valid Certificate of Fitness (COF) and registration confirming compliance with seaworthiness standards.
- 4.4 Eligible boats may enter by completing the entry form and submitting it, together with proof of payment, to info@zyc.co.za (attention Fiona) by 20 March 2026.
- 4.5 To be considered an entry in the event, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees.
- 4.6 Early bird entries close on 15 January 2026.
- 4.7 Late entries will be accepted until 20 March 2026.

- 4.8 All competitors shall be members in good standing of a yacht club. Proof of membership must be presented at registration.

5 FEES

- R1200 per boat
- R950 per crew member
- R75 per person for the Fishing Competition (see Point 10 below)

Included in the entry fee:

- Trip to the Inhaca Lighthouse
- Send-off dinner
- Prize-giving dinner
- Bonfire (bring and braai)
- Official event sailing shirt with logos and sponsorship (all shirts must be ordered 8 weeks before the event; late entries are not guaranteed a shirt).
- Free mooring at ZYC: 1 week prior to the event and 1 week after the prize-giving ceremony

6 ADVERTISING

- 6.1 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organising authority.
- 6.2 Boats may display their own sponsors as indicated on their registration forms.

7 SCHEDULE

- 7.1 Pre-Inhaca Briefing (Compulsory for all skippers): 18:00, Wednesday 25 March 2026 at ZYC Pelican Bar. Skippers unable to attend in person will be provided with a Zoom connection to join remotely.

Pre-Race Briefing: 18:00, Thursday 2 April 2026 at Lucas Ristorante.

- 7.2 Entries:
- Early Bird Entries: Now open, closing 15 January 2026.
 - Standard Entries: Close 20 March 2026.
- 7.3 Dates of Racing:
- Cruising Class – Sliding starts from 10:00 on 3 April 2026.
 - Exact start time confirmed at the pre-race briefing.
 - If no committee boat is available, yachts may self-start from port, with time logged accordingly.
- 7.4 ORC Class – Start at 10:00 on 4 April 2026.
- 7.5 Cut-off finishing time: 15:00, Monday 6 April 2026 for all classes (unless extended by the Race Officer).
- 7.6 In the event of adverse weather conditions, the Racing Committee may alter the Cruising Class dates at their discretion. Changes will be communicated to entrants.

8 YACHT HANDICAPS

- 8.1 ORC Class: Boats must produce a valid ORC 2026 certificate attached to the entry form.
- 8.2 Cruising Class may use self-steering equipment and engines, but engine use must be logged and declared for handicap purposes.
- 8.3 Monohulls and multihulls will compete in their own class unless insufficient entries require combining.

9 PRIZES

- 9.1 Line Honours – ZYC Floating Trophy
- 9.2 ORC Handicap Winner – Floating Trophy
- 9.3 Cruising Class Winner – Floating Trophy
- 9.4 Multihull Winner – Floating Trophy
- 9.5 Novice Winner – Trophy
- 9.6 Drag Queen Trophy (Commodore's discretion)
- 9.7 Best Boat Spirit Award
- 9.8 Biggest Fish Award (photo with pin location must be posted on WhatsApp group; adjudicated by ZYC Fishing Commodore)
- 9.9 Worst Tender Award
- 9.10 Longest at Sea Trophy

10 FISHING COMPETITION

A separate Fishing Competition will run alongside the race in South African waters only, both to Inhaca and back.

- 10.1 Entry fee: R75 per person.
- 10.2 75% of entry fees will form the prize pool for the winning catch.
- 10.3 All fish must be measured using the official measurement tape supplied.
- 10.4 A photo with pin location and time-stamp must be submitted to the WhatsApp group as evidence.
- 10.5 The competition ends strictly at 13:00 on Monday, 6 April 2026.
- 10.6 Yachtie spirit applies: Take only what you can eat. All other catches to be tagged and released to fight another day.

11 RISK STATEMENT

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

Competitors participate entirely at their own risk. The organising authority will not accept any liability for material damage, personal injury, or death sustained in conjunction with, prior to, during, or after the race..

12 INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be responsible for its own insurance and cannot hold the Club or organisers liable for any losses or damages whatsoever.

13 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information, please contact:

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