



## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS: INHACA TO RICHARDS BAY

**Dates:** 3 – 6 April 2026

**Venue:** Inhaca Lighthouse to Richards Bay Harbour

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

# SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

## 1 COMMUNICATIONS WITH COMPETITORS

- 1.1 Notices: [www.zyc.co.za](http://www.zyc.co.za), ZYC Sailing Notice Board, Lucas Ristorante (before 2 April 2026), Inhaca 2026 WhatsApp group.  
[https://chat.whatsapp.com/HWCPS2giUoH5zYQvKvMzvP?mode=ems\\_copy\\_t](https://chat.whatsapp.com/HWCPS2giUoH5zYQvKvMzvP?mode=ems_copy_t)
- 1.2 The race office is located at Zululand Yacht Club, (035) 788 0256 and [admin@zyc.co.za](mailto:admin@zyc.co.za).
- 1.3 All boats must carry a VHF radio (Channels 6, 12, 16) and monitor at all times.

## 2 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1 Any changes will be posted no later than 21:00 on Thursday 2 April 2026 at Lucas Ristorante pre-race briefing.
- 2.2 Changes may also be communicated via WhatsApp on the Inhaca 2026 Whatsapp group.

## 3 CODE OF CONDUCT

- 3.1 Competitors and support persons must comply with reasonable requests from Race Officials.
- 3.2 Maintain good seamanship and safety practices.

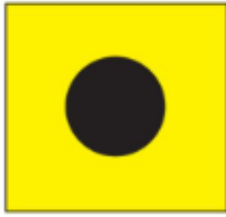
## 4 CLASS FLAGS

- 4.1 Class flags will be as follows:

- Five-minute start sequence for all classes with sound signal and VHF Channel 6.
- 5 min: Z flag (start sequence begins)



- 4 min: I flag (preparatory)



- 1 min: I flag (final warning)

4.2 Cruising Class: sliding starts from 10:00 on 3 April 2026; self-start allowed if no committee boat, time logged.

4.3 ORC Class: start at 10:00 on 4 April 2026.

## 5 COURSES

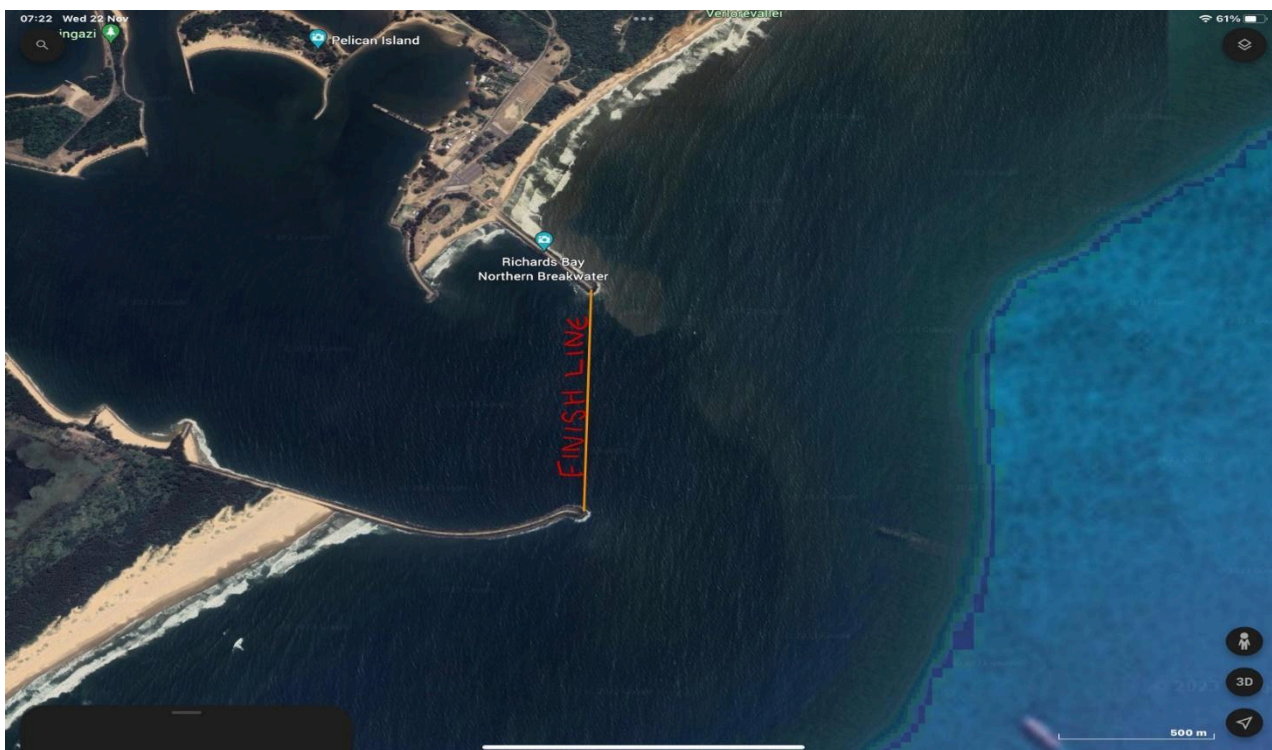
5.1 The start line will be a transit line between the Inhaca Lighthouse, the triangular beacon ashore, as well as a start boat which will be announced.

See attached diagram 5.1.



**Diagram 5.1**

5.2 Finish: North Pier and South Pier beacons at Richards Bay Harbour  
see diagram 5.2



**Diagram 5.2**

5.3 Finishing times must be posted within 60 minutes on Inhaca 2026 WhatsApp group.

## **6 PENALTY SYSTEM**

- 6.1 ORC Class: full ORC rules apply.
- 6.2 Cruising Class: engines may be used after first 60 minutes; hours logged and added to elapsed time.

## **7 TIME LIMITS**

- 7.1 All boats must finish by 15:00 on Monday 6 April 2026 unless extended by the Race Officer.
- 7.2 Boats failing to finish within the time limit will be scored DNF.

## **8 HEARING REQUESTS**

- 8.1 Protest time limit is not later than 16:00 on Monday 6 April 2026.
- 8.2 Forms are available at the Race Office.
- 8.3 Penalized boats and engine hours will be posted on Inhaca 2026 WhatsApp Group.

## **9 SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 9.1 Retiring boats must notify the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 9.2 Assistance from other yachts will be accounted for in elapsed time if declared.
- 9.3 All yachts must log in on the NSRI Safetrax app.

## **10 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 10.1 Substitution of competitors requires prior written approval from the Race Committee.
- 10.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment is only allowed with Race Committee approval.

## **11 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 11.1 Boats may be inspected anytime for compliance.
- 11.2 Proceed to the designated area if instructed for boat inspection
- 11.3 SAMSA compliance required; foreign vessels must submit registration certificate.

## **12 TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 12.1 Trash may only be disposed of in designated areas.

## **13 IMMIGRATION AND CUSTOMS PROCEDURES**

- 13.1 Comply with Mozambican immigration requirements.
- 13.2 Pre-Inhaca briefing: 25 March 2026 at ZYC Pelican Bar; Zoom available.
- 13.3 Clearing out at ZYC: 27–28 March 2026, 10:00–12:00.
- 13.4 Mozambican clearing in/out: Lucas Ristorante on 2 April 2026.
- 13.5 Clearing in at ZYC: 6 April 16:00 – 7 April 10:00.
- 13.6 Non-Mozambican vessels must display Mozambican courtesy flag and port-of-registration ensign.
- 13.7 Display the “Q” flag until clearing-in is complete.

## **14 PRIZES**

- 14.1 Line Honours – ZYC Floating Trophy
- 14.2 ORC Handicap Winner – Floating Trophy
- 14.3 Cruising Class Winner – Floating Trophy
- 14.4 Multihull Winner – Floating Trophy
- 14.5 Novice Winner – Trophy
- 14.6 Drag Queen Trophy (Commodore’s discretion)
- 14.7 Best Boat Spirit Award
- 14.8 Biggest Fish Award (photo + GPS submitted on WhatsApp)
- 14.9 Worst Tender Award
- 14.10 Longest at Sea Trophy

## **15 FISHING COMPETITION**

- 15.1 Optional, South African waters only.
- 15.2 Entry fee: R75 per person; 75% of collected fees form the prize pool.
- 15.3 Measure fish with official tape; photo with timestamp + GPS submitted on WhatsApp.
- 15.4 Competition ends strictly at 15:00 on Monday 6 April 2026.
- 15.5 Ethical fishing: take only what you can eat; other catches tagged and released.

## **16 RISK STATEMENT**

- 16.1 Competitors participate entirely at their own risk.
- 16.2 Organising Authority not liable for material damage, personal injury, or death.

## **17 INSURANCE**

- 17.1 Each boat responsible for its own insurance.
- 17.2 Club and organisers are not liable for any loss or damage.

## **18 FURTHER INFORMATION**

Great news: All yachts entering the race receive free mooring at ZYC for 1 week prior and 1 week after the prize-giving

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