



NOTICE OF RACE

ZULULAND YACHT CLUB INHACA YACHT RACE

INHACA ISLAND TO RICHARDS BAY 15 TO 17 APRIL 2022

Organised by the Zululand Yacht Club

The Organising Authority hereby invites interested parties to submit entries in terms of this Notice of Race.

1. THE RACE

- 1.1 The Inhaca Race shall be from Inhaca Island (Mozambique) to Richards Bay (South Africa) and starts on Friday 15 April 2022. The race distance is approximately 220 nautical miles.
- 1.2 The starting signal of the race will not be before 10h00 on 15 April 2022, providing that the Race Committee reserves the right, depending on the weather forecast, to alter the start time. Details of the start time will be announced at the compulsory briefing on Inhaca Island.

2. ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The race will comprise of the following fleets:-
 - 2.1.1 ORC Monohull Class for Monohull boats.
A minimum of 4 boats of the same class shall constitute a class within the ORC.
 - 2.1.2 PHRF Multihull Class for Multihull boats.
Based on the ZYC PHRF Rally Handicap Rating System.
 - 2.1.3 PHRF Rally Class for Monohull boats.
Based on the ZYC PHRF Rally Handicap Rating System.
 - 2.1.4 PHRF Rally Class for Multihull boats.
Based on the ZYC PHRF Rally Handicap Rating System.

3. THE RULES

- 3.1 The rules, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024 (RRS) of the International Sailing Federation, are subject to changes made in terms of this Notice and the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.2 The prescriptions and special regulations of South African Sailing as may be applicable.
- 3.3 The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCS) as applicable in terms of this Notice and the Sailing Instructions.
- 3.4 In the event of dispute the rules shall take precedence in the reverse order as listed above.

4. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1 The Sailing Instructions will be issued to all competitors prior to the start of the Race.

5. REGISTRATION AND ENTRIES

- 5.1 Entries shall be submitted on the form supplied by the Organizing Authority together with the entry fee and all additional documents specified below and are to reach the Race Secretary by no later than 13h00 on Friday 01 April 2022.
- 5.2 Late Registration shall take place on Inhaca Island (venue to be announced) on Wednesday 13 April 2022 from 16h00 to 17h00, after which registration shall close.
- 5.3 Early Bird Entries will be accepted up until Friday 25 February 2022 whereby the entry fee of 1 crew member will be waived i.e. R500.00 discount.

5.4 Race Office Details

Zululand Yacht Club, 01 Commodore Close, Richards Bay

Telephone 035 7880256
Postal Address PO Box 10387, Meerensee, 3901
Email admin@zyc.co.za (Fiona Linde)
Website <http://www.zyc.co.za>

Contact Details

Race Officer	Clinton Gauld	083 279 1265
Race Secretary	Debra Taaffe	083 736 5921

- 5.5 Late Entries may be accepted up until 17h00 on Wednesday 13 April 2022, at the discretion of the Organising Authority, subject to the inclusion of all specified documents and the specified Late Entry Fee of as per point 6.3 below.
- 5.6 In accordance with RRS 76.1 –“The organizing authority or the race committee may reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor, subject to rule 76.3, provided it does so before the start of the first race and states the reason for doing so. On request the boat shall promptly be given the reason in writing. The boat may request redress if she considers that the rejection or exclusion is improper.”

6. ENTRY FEE

- 6.1 The standard Entry Fee shall be R900.00 per boat (including owner/skipper) and R500.00 per crew member.
- 6.2 Entry fees are non-refundable.

6.3 The Late Entry Fee is R600.00 payable in addition to the standard entry fee of R900.00 subject to the discretion of the Race Committee.

6.4 Entry fees may be paid in cash or by bank transfer into the following account:-

Zululand Yacht Club
First National Bank
Account No: 62301350401
Branch Code: 220830 (Richards Bay)

Proof of payment to be emailed to Fiona at admin@zyc.co.za

7. DOCUMENTATION TO BE LODGED WITH THE ENTRY FORM

- 7.1 Proof of Current Local General Safety Certificate (LGSC).
- 7.2 Crew List on the form supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 7.3 Proof of Qualification of the Skipper.
- 7.4 Proof of Membership of a National Authority or affiliated Association for the Skipper.
- 7.5 First Aid Certificates or acceptable equivalent as per the requirement.
- 7.6 Class Measurement and Rating Certificates as required.
- 7.7 Colour Photograph of the boat under sail, no older than 12 months and suitable for search and rescue purposes.
- 7.8 List of Spinnakers to be carried on board, describing colours and designs, and wording of any printed material thereon.
- 7.9 Certificate of Currency of Insurance, in English, with details of the cover and the Insurer.
- 7.10 Indemnity signed by each Crew Member (including their Identity Number).

8. CHANGES TO SUPPLIED DOCUMENTATION

- 8.1 Documentation supplied to or held by the Organising Authority under this Notice of Race (other than crew lists and rating certificates) shall not be changed (except to correct errors or after protest) after 13h00 on Friday 01 April 2022.
- 8.2 A boat's rating certificate shall not be changed after Friday 01 April 2022 or after a rating protest or to correct a rating office error.
- 8.3 A boat's crew list may be changed to correct errors to amend for late crew changes or after protest but shall not be changed later than two hours prior to the starting signal. After any change to a crew list the boat shall still satisfy the general requirements of this Notice.
- 8.4 Changes to the crew or details of any crew member shall be notified on forms available from the Organising Authority.

9. CREW REQUIREMENTS

- 9.1 The Skipper shall be a member of an ISAF affiliated National Sailing Authority in terms of RRS, Appendix 2 (21.1) (ISAF Eligibility Code).
- 9.2 All competitors (helmspersons and all other crew) shall be members in good standing of a Yacht Club affiliated to and in good standing with SA Sailing or their Member National Authority in the case of non-South Africans.
- 9.3 The minimum number of crew on a boat is 2 (two).
- 9.4 At least one person on board shall have a recognised SA Sailing Certificate of Competency (or equivalent) of at least a Coastal Skipper Certificate.
- 9.5 At least one crew member on board shall hold a First Aid Certificate or equivalent qualification or be a practicing medical practitioner. All crew shall have a working knowledge of all safety equipment on board the yacht.

10. BOATS SAFETY REQUIREMENTS

- 10.1 All boats shall be SA Sailing Category "A" Safety Rated.
- 10.2 All boats shall be equipped with:-
 - 10.2.1 A handheld GPS unit with a full set of charged batteries.
 - 10.2.2 A handheld Compass.
 - 10.2.3 A handheld VHF Radio with fully charged power supply.
- 10.3 All EPIRB's shall have the unit's bracket permanently fixed to the boats structure.
- 10.4 The life raft shall be tethered at all times during the race to a suitable position on the boat in terms of its operating instructions and the life raft shall at all times be so fitted and positioned to allow a deployment time of no more than 15 seconds. The boat's crew may be requested to prove this during its safety audit prior to the start of the race.

11. INSPECTIONS

- 11.1 All boats entered in this race shall comply with all safety regulations prior to the start. The Race Committee may carry out inspections to ensure compliance at their discretion.
- 11.2 Boats shall be made available for inspection to audit safety regulation compliance and all safety equipment shall be readily available for inspection prior to the start. Spot checks may also be carried out after a boat finishes the Race.

12. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS

- 12.1 Boat Requirements:-
 - 12.1.1 Monohulls shall be self-righting.
 - 12.1.2 All yachts shall be on the register of a Yacht Club affiliated with its National Authority.
 - 12.1.3 All yachts shall have an overall length (LOA) of not more than 30 meters and not less than 8 meters and a waterline length (LWL) of not less than 7 meters.
 - 12.1.4 All yachts shall have the required Foreign Passes.

13. DETERMINATION OF ELIGIBILITY

- 13.1 The decision of the Organising Authority as to the eligibility of any boat and/or her crew shall be final and binding and will not be grounds for a request for redress, nor will any correspondence relating to their decision be entered into.

14. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS

- 14.1 The Owner or Charterer of a boat entered in the race shall hold a current marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat when racing, with a sum insured of not less than ZAR 2.5 million (or its equivalent in another currency).

15. BINDING NATURE OF ENTRY

- 15.1 By submitting an Entry, the Owner, Charterer as well as the Skipper agree to be bound by all Rules or other Provisions of this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

16. PRIVACY

- 16.1 Personal information about Owners, Charterers and Crew members is obtained in the entry documentation. This information may be given to search and rescue authorities and organisations, the Water Police, volunteer coastal stations and media representatives and may be passed on by them to other organisations. This is a condition of entry.
- 16.2 Crew members may obtain access to the information held about them by contacting the Organising Authority.

17. TIME LIMITS

- 17.1 The cut-off time by when competitors in all divisions must have crossed the finish line in order to be classified as official finishers will be 14h00 on Sunday 17 April 2022. Any yacht failing to cross the finish line by this time will have their result deemed a DNF (did not finish).
- 17.2 The Race Committee may however extend the time limit should they deem it necessary to do so.

18. OVERALL WINNERS

- 18.1 The Overall winner of this race is the boat that wins the overall ZYC ORC handicap category.
- 18.2 The Line Honours winner shall be the first boat to cross the finish line.
- 18.3 The Monohull Class winner shall be the first monohull boat to finish on corrected time (ORC).
- 18.4 The Multihull Class winner shall be the first multihull boat to finish on corrected time (PHRF).
- 18.5 The "One Class" Winner/s shall be the 1st boat to finish within a single design of boat where a class is represented by no less than four boats of one design.
- 18.6 The winner of the Monohull Rally Class shall be the first monohull rally boat to finish on corrected time (PHRF).
- 18.7 The winner of the Multihull Rally Class will be the first multihull rally boat to finish on corrected time (PHRF).

19. SCORING

- 19.1 **ELAPSED TIME**
Shall mean the elapsed time in hours, minutes and seconds between a boat Start and her Finish measured on Universal Standard Time (UST).
- 19.2 **ORC CLASS**
Results will be calculated by the application of Time Correction Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first. A boat's ORC Handicap is determined by their handicap on their ORC Certificate
- 19.3 **ZYC PHRF CLASS**
Results will be calculated by the application of Time Correction Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first. A boat's Performance Handicap Rating Factor (PHRF) will be determined by the Race Committee or its nominee. Allocated TCF's will be posted on the Official Notice Boards by 17h00 on Monday 04 April 2022, and any protest relating to these TCF's shall be submitted to the Race Secretary in writing for

consideration by the Race Committee whose decision shall be final. A boat's TCF shall not be subject to protest after two hours prior to the start time.

20. CHANGES TO THE RRS

- 20.1 RRS 41: Whilst racing, a boat may retrieve weather routing data from any source.
- 20.2 RRS 61.3: "A protest by a boat, or by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee about an incident observed in the racing area, shall be delivered to the race office within the protest time limit stated in the sailing instructions. If none is stated, the time limit is two hours after the last boat in the race finishes. Other protests shall be delivered to the race office no later than two hours after the protestor receives the relevant information. The protest committee shall extend the time if there is good reason to do so.

21. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARDS

- 21.1 The Official Notice Boards shall be notice boards bearing the name of the Race and shall be located both on Inhaca Island (venue to be advised) and the Zululand Yacht Club.

22. BRIEFING

- 22.1 A Voluntary Briefing shall be held in the Pelican Bar at Zululand Yacht Club at 18h00 on Wednesday 06 April 2022 for all Skippers and Crew.
- 22.2 A Compulsory Briefing shall be held on Inhaca Island (venue to be advised) at 18h00 on Wednesday 13 April 2022.
- 22.3 It is a requirement that all Skippers or Navigators attend this briefing, and the Host Club shall maintain an Attendance Register. Any boat without representation by either Skipper or Navigator may not be permitted to start the race and will be excluded from the event.

23. EVENT CLASSIFICATION (ADVERTISING)

- 23.1 Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of RRS Appendix 1 (ISAF Advertising Code) for Category C.
- 23.2 The Organising Authority may decline to accept an application for entry of a boat which in its opinion, is carrying advertising which conflicts with governmental regulations, or is in competition with the event Sponsors.
- 23.3 In any case of doubt, the Organising Authority should be consulted as soon as practicable.
- 23.4 An application for entry shall contain brief details of all advertising that a boat intends to carry.
- 23.5 The Organising Authority shall be advised of all changes to that advertising.
- 23.6 A boat shall display the race sponsor's bow decals, backstay flags and forestay flags in accordance with this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions (RRS Appendix 1, regulation 20.3.1(d)) if so supplied by the Organising Authority. Prior to starting, and after finishing, the boat shall display the event flags.

24. TRACKING DEVICES AND CAMERAS

- 24.1 A boat may be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- 24.2 A boat on which such a unit fails or ceases to operate may be required to provide additional position reports by radio in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.
- 24.3 The Organizing Authority also reserves the right to place a camera on board any boat for media purposes.

- 24.4 Failure to carry and operate a tracking device or to carry and operate a camera when required will lead to the cancellation of an entry or the disqualification of the boat from the race (refer RRS 76.1).

25. SAIL IDENTIFICATION

- 25.1 A boat shall comply with SA Sailing prescriptions to RRS Appendix G, Identification on Sails. A South African registered boat chartered or borrowed by an international entrant may carry on the mainsail the national letters of the country represented, but may have local sail numbers on other sails (amends RRS Appendix G).

26. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- 26.1 RRS 44.1
“Taking a Penalty - A boat may take a Two-Turns Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident while racing. She may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken rule 31. Alternatively, the notice of race or sailing instructions may specify the use of the Scoring Penalty or some other penalty, in which case the specified penalty shall replace the One-Turn and the Two-Turns Penalty. However, (a) when a boat may have broken a rule of Part 2 and rule 31 in the same incident she need not take the penalty for breaking rule 31; (b) if the boat caused injury or serious damage or, despite taking a penalty, gained a significant advantage in the race or series by her breach her penalty shall be to retire.”
- 26.2 RRS 44.2
One-Turn and Two-Turns Penalties - After getting well clear of other boats as soon after the incident as possible, a boat takes a One-Turn or Two-Turns Penalty by promptly making the required number of turns in the same direction, each turn including one tack and one gybe. When a boat takes the penalty at or near the finishing line, her hull shall be completely on the course side of the line before she finishes.”
- 26.3 RRS 44.3
Scoring Penalty - The race score for a boat that takes a Scoring Penalty shall be the score she would have received without that penalty, made worse by the number of places stated in the notice of race or sailing instructions. When the number of places is not stated, the penalty shall be 20% of the score for Did Not Finish, rounded to the nearest whole number (0.5 rounded upward). The scores of Part 4 Other Requirements When Racing 30 other boats shall not be changed; therefore, two boats may receive the same score. However, the penalty shall not cause the boat's score to be worse than the score for Did Not Finish.
- 26.4 RRS 64.1
Scoring Penalties may apply at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- 26.5 The scoring penalties will be applied in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.
- 26.6 Rally class competitors must declare engine run times. Every hour or part thereof will be added to the total elapsed race time.

27. DISCLAIMER

All those taking part in the Race do so at their own risk and responsibility. Crew members must acknowledge this and release the Organising Authority, its sponsors and their respective officers, employees, volunteers and members from all liability by signing a disclaimer and acknowledgment of rights form as supplied by the Organising Authority. Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3 which states, “The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”

28. TROPHY PRESENTATIONS

Awards shall be made at the Official Prize Giving which shall be held at the Zululand Yacht Club not before 18h00 on Sunday 17 April 2022.

29. AMENDMENTS

The Organising Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Amendments will be published on the Official Notice Boards.