

# Easter Regatta 2024

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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### 1. RULES

- 1.1. The Regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024.
- 1.2. The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2021-2024, all Class Rules, the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions will apply.
- 1.3. RRS 44.1 is amended so that the "Two-turn Penalty" is replaced with a "one Turn Penalty".
- 1.4. A boat racing with a non-spinnaker rating may not sail with more than one headsail set, other than while changing headsails.

### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the *Official Easter Regatta Notice Board* or on the *FBYC Racing Whatsapp group*.

### 3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes to the sailing instructions will be posted on the *Official Easter Regatta Notice Board* or on the *FBYC Racing Whatsapp group* no less than 1 hour before the first race of each day, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19h00 on the day before it will take effect.

### 4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the mast located at the False Bay Yacht Club Bridge.
- 4.2. Flag "AP" with 2 sound signals means; "Racing is postponed." The warning signal on the bridge mast ashore will be made not less than 30 minutes after the Flag "AP" is lowered (one sound signal when lowered).

### 5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day is 11h25 for both days Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March and Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March 2024.
- 5.2. On Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> March 2024, no warning signal shall be made after 13h00.

### 6. CLASSES

- 6.1. The following categories will apply, but these may be adjusted dependent upon entries:
  - 6.1.1 Division 1: ORC 0.9980 and above

6.1.2 Division 2: ORC 0.9979 and below

6.1.3 Open Class

6.2 All boats will start together.

**7. RACING AREA**

7.1. The general racing area will be offshore within False Bay.

**8. THE COURSES**

8.1. The courses will be medium distance format races sailed around a combination of fixed and laid marks within False Bay.

8.2. The course for the day will be available at the FBYC Bridge / Sailing Office.

**9. SHORTENING COURSE**

9.1. Any shortening of course shall be broadcast on VHF Channel 06.

**10. START**

10.1 Races will be started using RRS rule 26.

10.2 Start Time not before 11h30 daily.

10.3 The starting line will be between the FBYC Bridge mast ashore and the EMERGENCY (LARGE ORANGE) BUOY to Port. Or Pin Buoy and bridge boat.

**11. THE FINISH**

10.4 11.1 The finishing line will be a line between the FBYC signal mast ashore and the EMERGENCY (LARGE ORANGE) BUOY to Stbd.

**12. PENALTY SYSTEM**

12.1. For all classes RRS 44.1 is changed so that only one turn, including one tack and one gybe, is required.

**13. TIME LIMIT**

13.1. Boats shall finish within the time limit, failing which they will be scored DNF.

13.2. The time limit for each race will be "N" minutes after the finish of the leading yacht in each Division where,  $N = E \times 0.6$  and where  $E =$  Elapsed time in minutes of the leading yacht in that Division / Class.

13.3. If in the opinion of the Race Officer the leading yacht in any race has not maintained or is not likely to attain an average speed of 2 knots, the race may be abandoned.

13.4. The Race Officer may abandon races if the 1st yacht has not finished by 16h30 on day 1 or 15h30 on day 2.

13.5. The Race Committee may, at their sole discretion, extend this time limit.

**14. PROTESTS**

14.1. Protests shall be written on forms available at the Regatta Secretary's Office in the FBYC Bridge and delivered there within 1 hr (one hour) of the last yacht to finish in the last race of that day.

14.2. This time limit may be extended if there is good reason to do so.

14.3. Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt, as soon as possible. Protest notices will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board within 30 minutes of the protest time limit, to inform competitors where and when there is a hearing in which they are parties to a hearing or named as witnesses. RRS Rule 66 is changed by adding this sentence: -

"On the last day of racing a party to the hearing may ask for a re-opening not later than 1 hr (one hour) after being informed of the decision".

**15. SCORING**

- 15.1. Low Point System of Appendix A4.1 will apply.

**16. SAFETY**

- 16.1. Yachts shall hold and comply with minimum Category C COF requirements.  
16.2. Crew numbers shall not exceed that specified on the yachts COF certificate.  
16.3. Youth category competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid at all times while afloat in a yacht.  
16.4. Wet or dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!

**17. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 17.1. Substitution of competitors will not be allowed without prior written approval of the Race Committee.  
17.2. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless authorised by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

**18. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

- 18.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water a boat can, be instructed by a race committee equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

**19. HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS**

- 19.1. Yachts shall not be taken out of the water from the start of the first race to the finish of the last race, inclusive, without prior written permission from the Race Committee.

**20. ELECTRONIC AIDS**

- 20.1. There is no restriction on the type and usage of electronic aids carried aboard, provided they do not contravene any of the Special Regulations or Class Rules.  
20.2. Any method of navigation is allowed as long as the information used, however transmitted to the yacht, is available to all, without cost other than for the equipment carried on board the yacht.

**21. RADIO MONITORING**

- 21.1. In terms of the safety instructions, VHF radios must be monitored at all times. Race information will be communicated via VHF Channel 06 when possible. An alternative channel may be advised if necessary.

**22. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 22.1. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the Organizing Authority nor its officials or other persons associated with the organization of the event will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

**23. INSURANCE**

- 23.1. Each participating boat must carry sufficient valid third-party liability insurance to cover any liability arising during the event. (Minimum R5-million).