

Agulhas Race

2024

NOTICE OF RACE

1) THE RACE

The Agulhas Race is a coastal race starting in Simon's Bay, False Bay, to a virtual Mark / Line, due south of Cape Agulhas Lighthouse, and finishing back in Simon's Bay. The race starts on Thursday 26th September 2024. The race is organized by the False Bay Yacht Club.

2) ELIGIBILITY

a) The race will comprise the following fleets:

b) Overall ORC Handicap Racing Fleet including Monohull and Multihulls with a valid ORC Rating Certificate (ORC Club, ORC MH or ORC International).

c) All boats shall have an overall length (LOA) of not less than 9.0 meters.

d) All boats to be considered suitable for Offshore sailing. The Race Committee's decision is final.

e) All boats shall have a *minimum* of a valid South African Sailing (SAS) Category "C" COF and, in addition, an in date LIFE RAFT onboard, proof of which shall be lodged with the Race Secretary by 16h00 SAST Monday, 23rd September 2024.

e) It should be noted that all vessels will be required to abide by the restrictions of their relevant COF for the duration of the race in terms of the law i.e., CAT C, no more than fifteen miles offshore.

f) Every competing yacht shall also carry the additional safety equipment deemed necessary by Schedule 1 of this notice.

g) The Race Committee has the discretion to form further classes should there be sufficient numbers, e.g., Double-Handed at its sole discretion. This will be scored in addition to the overall ORC Handicap system.

3) COURSE & DATE

a) The race will start and finish in Simon's Bay, a race distance of approximately 200 nautical miles.

b) The race will start on Thursday 26th September 2024, with the warning signal to start scheduled for 08h55 SAST.

c) Details of the start and finish lines, plus starting and finishing instructions, will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

d) The rounding / crossing line will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

4) TIME LIMITS

- a) The race for all fleets will end at 23h59 SAST on Sunday, the 29th September 2024.
- b) The Race Committee reserves the right to extend the time limit at its discretion.

5) RULES

- a) The race will be governed by -
 - i) The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs) as applicable in terms of this Notice and the Sailing Instructions,
 - ii) The rules as defined in The World Sailing (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), subject to changes made in terms of this Notice & the Sailing Instructions,
 - iii) The Safety Equipment and Scrutinizing Check List contained in Schedule 1 of this Notice of Race
 - iv) The South African National Small Vessel Safety Regulations

- b) Part 2 of the RRS relating to 'when boats meet' shall apply for two hours after the start, after which the right-of-way will be determined by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGs).

6) CHANGES TO THE RACING RULES OF SAILING

- a) RRS 52 is amended to allow boats to make use of autopilots to steer the boat during the race.

7) ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES

- a) RRS 44.1 – a Two-Turn penalty will apply for breaking a rule of RRS, Part 2, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start, until 2 hours after the time of the start of the first class to start.
- b) RRS 44.3 – a Scoring Penalty will apply for breaking the COLREGS, which shall apply from 2 hours after the time of the start of the first class to start until such time as the last boat has finished.
- c) RRS 64.1 – Scoring Penalties may be applied at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- d) The scoring penalties will be applied in accordance with the Sailing Instructions where applicable.

8) RATING CERTIFICATES AND HANDICAPS

- a) The race will be sailed under the ORC rating system:
 - i) Boats racing must submit a valid ORC rating certificate with their race entry documents.
 - b) A list of ratings for the fleet will be published on the Official Notice Board by Tuesday, 24th September 2024.
 - c) The placing of each boat in its particular fleet shall be determined by the corrected time taken by that boat to complete the course, calculated as follows:
 - i) TCF. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.
 - d) Class allocations at Race Committee's Discretion.

9) SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND SCRUTINY

- a) Each boat shall be crewed by at least 2 persons, including the skipper.
- b) The skipper shall satisfy the Race Committee by 16h00 on Tuesday 24th September 2024 that he or she holds at least a SAS Coastal Skipper certificate of competence or higher.
- c) All boats will be scrutinized by the Race Committee or the appointed safety scrutinizing officers to ensure compliance with the Schedule 1 - Safety Equipment & Scrutinizing Check list. This is not a COF Survey, but purely for race purposes. Please ensure you deal with your COF requirements independently.
- d) A boat which has not passed scrutiny by 16h00 Tuesday 24th September 2024 may not start the event and the onus shall be on the skipper to ensure that his boat is scrutinized in time.
- e) If a boat does not comply with these regulations its entry may be rejected or it may be liable to disqualification or such other penalty as may be prescribed by the Protest Committee, giving due regard to the schedule in the Sailing Instructions.
- f) Notwithstanding anything herein contained, the safety, management and insurance of a boat and its crew shall always remain the sole responsibility of her skipper, who must ensure that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy, and manned by an experienced crew who have undergone appropriate training and are physically fit to face and, are capable of handling the boat in bad weather. The skipper must be satisfied as to the soundness of the hull, spars, rigging, sails, and all gear.

The skipper must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that all crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue the Race and all those taking part in the Race do so at their own risk.

- g) The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in the race or to continue racing is hers alone (RRS 4).
- h) The Crew List, on the prescribed form provided together with a copy of each crew member's valid Identity Document (or passport in the case of foreign nationals), shall be submitted to the Race Secretary by 16h00 Tuesday 24th September 2024.
- i) Changes to crew after 16h00 Tuesday 24th September 2024 may be permitted under exceptional circumstances, and only with the written permission of the Race Committee.
- k) A compulsory Skippers Briefing will be held on Wednesday 25th September at 18h00 in the FBYC Committee Room.
- l) All competing yachts shall sail past the committee boat at least 30 minutes prior to the preparatory signal on Thursday 26th September with storm jib hoisted and at least one reef in the mainsail. All crew are to be on deck with lifejackets and safety harnesses worn and clipped on.

10) ENTRIES

- a) An entry, on the prescribed entry form, shall be submitted with the relevant entry fee to the Race Secretary, Agulhas Race 2024 at the FBYC Sailing Office or by e-mail: sailing@fbyc.co.za; by 18h00 SAST on Monday 16th of September 2024.
- b) Late entries will only be accepted at the discretion of the race committee and subject to the late entry fee being paid.
- c) The standard entry fee shall be R200 per crew member and R500 per boat.
- d) The late entry fee shall be R1200 per boat, payable in addition to the standard entry fee.
- e) Entry Fees may be paid in cash, credit card or by bank transfer. **A legible copy of the deposit slip or electronic transfer advice shall accompany the entry form.** Entry fees are non-refundable.

f) Public Relations & Media. In the interests of public relations and the media, it will be helpful to the promotion of the race if each entry is accompanied by a brief biographical note of the owner and/or skipper which may include information on the crew and, if possible, should include photographs of the owner and/or skipper and of the boat. The Organizing Committee shall be authorized to use any such information and photographs in connection with any advertising, publication, promotion, sponsorship, or the like relating to the race whether in printed or electronic form or howsoever.

g) Tracking Devices. A boat may be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the Organizing Authority.

h) The Organizing Authority also reserves the right to place a camera on board any boat for media purposes, and all participants agree to operate such camera to the best of their ability.

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

j) In accordance with RRS 76.1 the Organizing Authority may reject or cancel the entry of a boat from the Race at its sole discretion.

11) ADVERTISING AND REFERENCE TO RACE

a) Advertising will be permitted in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code, Regulation 20.

b) The Organizing Committee may require boats to display sponsor's advertising in accordance with ISAF Regulation 20.

c) A boat shall display the race sponsor's bow decals, backstay flags and forestay flags if so supplied by the Organizing Authority. Prior to her warning signal, and after finishing, a boat shall display the event flags.

d) The name of any boat, whether displaying advertising or not, must be acceptable to the Race Committee. No entry will be accepted from a boat displaying advertising or having a name which conflicts with any interests of the race sponsor, or any sub-sponsor of the event.

e) The owner and skipper of all boats shall ensure that no "ambush marketing" or "hijack signage" is carried out by or on behalf of themselves or their sponsors with reference to the event and that nothing else is done which might undermine the event, the rights of the event sponsor, or any other sponsor or participant in the event.

f) The organizers and sponsors shall be entitled to make use of any photograph, film, or other form of electronic reproduction of or relating to all boats participating in the event, their owners and crew and to make use of all interviews, broadcasts, and reports by any of them for any purpose relating to or arising from the event or the sponsorship thereof.

g) The skipper of a boat, if and when requested to do so, shall from time to time provide the organizers with a written or verbal report of the boat's current position or any other matter of interest, suitable for use on the radio, television, and internet.

h) The entry of a boat breaching any of the provisions of this clause may be rejected and any boat breaching any of these provisions may be subject to disqualification or such penalty to her corrected time as the Protest Committee may deem fit.

i) If in doubt, a boat may enquire from the Organizing Committee whether it infringes the provisions of any of the above advertising rules.

12) REGISTRATIONS

a) Registration shall take place at False Bay Yacht Club during the times as set out below, after which registration shall close: **Wednesday 25th September 2024 10h00-16h00 SAST**

13) SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be made available after the closing time for entries.

14) PRIZE GIVING

Prize giving for all fleets will take place at **19h30 SAST on Friday, 4th October 2024** at the False Bay Yacht Club (or any other venue and time as advised in due course).

15) OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARDS

The Official Notice Board, bearing the name of the Race, shall be located at the False Bay Yacht Club.

16) INDEMNITIES

a) The owner and the skipper of each boat entered shall be deemed, on the acceptance of the entry by the Race Committee, on behalf of themselves, their crew, their dependents and their sponsors, to have indemnified the Organizers, the host club, the sponsors and all those involved in the running of the event against all claims of any kind arising from any injury to person or property incurred during or in connection with the event, or from any other cause arising whatsoever.

b) Owners and skippers are advised to obtain counter indemnities from each member of the crews.

c) Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone".

17) JURISDICTIONS

a) The event, being organized from Cape Town, is subject to the laws of South Africa and accordingly this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

b) Instructions will be construed in accordance with such laws. All participants, owners, skippers, and crews shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the High Court of South Africa, Cape Town, which alone shall have jurisdiction in regard to any legal disputes which may arise in connection with or arising from the event and a participant's participation therein.

c) Owners and skippers of boats participating in the event will be responsible for ensuring that the provisions of this Notice of Race are understood and agreed by all individuals concerned and hereby indemnify the organizers, the sponsors and all those involved in the running of the event against all claims, loss or harm suffered as a result of a failure to do so.

18) ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

On good cause, the Organizing Committee reserves the right to amend any of the provisions of this Notice of Race.

Attachments:

Schedule 1 Safety Equipment & Scrutineering Check list

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

Race Office Details:

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Race Administrator – TBA

Bank Details

Standard Bank-current account

Account name: False Bay Yacht Club

Standard Bank Fish Hoek

Branch Code: 036009

Acc No: 072066547

Reference: **Agulhas R2024-** **[BOATNAME/SAIL NO]**