

AMENDED
NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY



SAILING KZN (SAS), DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA
In association with
CLUBE NAVAL, Mozambique
and
ROYAL NATAL YACHT CLUB
South Africa

INVITATION TO ENTER
2006 Vasco Da Gama Ocean Race
FORMS PART OF THE "SAILING KZN BLUE WATERS TROPHY"

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

1. THE RACE:
 - a. The race shall be from Maputo, Mozambique to Durban, South Africa.
 - b. The race will start on the 20 July 2006.
2. CATEGORIES:
 - a. This race shall include the following categories;
 - i. IRC RACING CLASS – Only points accumulated in this Class shall count toward the Blue Water Series.
 - ii. PHRF CRUISING CLASS
3. MINIMUM ENTRY:
 - a. To qualify as a Blue Water Series event, this race shall require no fewer than three (3) boats starting the race in the IRC Racing Class Category.
4. THE RULES:
 - a. The rules, as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing 2005 - 2008 ("RRS") of the International Sailing Federation subject to changes made in terms of this Notice & the Sailing Instructions.
 - b. The International Rule Club ("IRC") IR2000 Rules Parts 1, 2 and 3, subject to changes made in terms of this Notice & the Sailing Instructions.
 - c. The prescriptions and special regulations of South African Sailing (SAS), as may applicable.
 - d. The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPC) as applicable in terms of this Notice and the Sailing instructions.
 - e. In the event of dispute the rules shall take precedence in the reverse order above.

5. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:
 - a. The Sailing Instructions will be posted on the Clube Naval and Royal Natal Yacht Club Notice Boards no later than 10 July and issued to all entrants upon Registration. Extra copies will be available from the Race Secretary on request.
6. REGISTRATION:
 - a. Registration shall take place at Clube Naval on the 19th July 2006 from 1400 to 1600, after which registration shall close.
7. ENTRIES:
 - a. Entries shall be submitted on the form supplied by the Organising Authority together with the Entry Fee and all additional documents specified below, to reach the Race Secretary no later than 1200 on 30 June 2006.
 - b. Late Entries may be accepted after that date at the discretion of the Organising Authority, subject to the inclusion of all specified documents and the specified Late Entry Fee.
 - c. In accordance with RRS 76.1 the Organising Authority may reject or cancel the entry of a boat that does not comply with the conditions of this Notice of Race.
8. ENTRY FEE:
 - a. The Entry fee is R 300.00 per boat, and R 275.00 per crew member.
 - b. Entry Fees are non refundable.
 - c. Late Entry Fee is R 500.00 in addition to that of 8.a. above.
 - d. Fees may be paid in cash or cheque, made payable to Sailing KZN.
9. DOCUMENTATION TO BE LODGED WITH THE SIGNED ENTRY FORM:
 - a. Crew list in the form supplied by the Organising Authority
 - b. Proof of qualification of the skipper and co-skipper
 - c. Proof of membership of a National Authority or affiliates Association for every crew member.(Copies of membership cards)
 - d. Senior First Aid Certificates or acceptable equivalent as per the requirement
 - e. Class or I.R.C., Measurement and Rating Certificates, as required.
 - f. A Colour photograph of the boat under sail, no older than 8 months and suitable for search and rescue purposes. This may be a digital photo of a size not less than 10cm by 10cm with a resolution not less than 300 DPI.
 - g. List of Spinnakers to be carried on board, describing colours and designs, and wording of any printed material thereon.
 - h. Certificate of Currency of Insurance, in English, with details of the cover and the insurer.
 - i. Verification of qualifying race or ocean passage if so required
 - j. Indemnity signed by each crew member.
 - k. Information on the colour of the anti-foul used on the boat for this race.
 - l. Completed Race Safety Inspection Form.
 - m. Contact numbers of all crew Mobile Phones to be carried onboard, as well as the email address of the boat if available, and the Satellite Phone contact number of the boat, if available.
 - n. Epirb MMSI number.

10. CHANGES TO SUPPLIED DOCUMENTATION:

- a. 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 14th July 2006.
- b. A boat's rating certificate shall not be changed after 1 July 2006 except in the case of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error.
- c. 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 four hours prior to the starting signal. After any change to a crew list, the boat shall still satisfy the general requirements of this Notice.
- d. Changes to the crew or details of any crew member shall be notified on forms available from the Organising Authority.

11. CREW REQUIREMENTS:

- a. The Skipper and all crew members shall be a member of an ISAF affiliated National Sailing Authority in terms of RRS, Appendix 2 (21.1) (ISAF Eligibility Code)..
- b. The minimum number of crew on a boat is 4.
- c. The minimum age of a crew member on a boat is 16 years.
- d. At least one person on board shall have a recognised SAS certificate (or equivalent) of at least a Yacht Master Certificate and a second person shall have a SAS certificate or equivalent of at least a Coastal Skipper Certificate.
- e. At least one crew member on a boat shall hold a Senior first aid or equivalent qualification, or be a practicing medical practitioner.
- f. All crew shall have a working knowledge of all safety equipment on board the yacht.

12. BOATS SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

- a. All boats shall be SAS Category "A" Safety Rated.
- b. All boats shall be equipped with;
 - i. A spare handheld GPS Unit with at least 2 extra sets of fully charged batteries
 - ii. A spare handheld Compass
 - iii. A spare handheld VHF Radio with fully charged power supply.
 - iv. An Epirb which has been registered for the boat, and which has been tested within a period of 6 months prior to the start date of this race. (provide a copy of the test report)
- c. Where equipped with an Epirb, such unit to be permanently fixed to the boat's structure.
- d. Liferafts are mandatory, and shall be tethered at all times during the race to a suitable position on the boat in terms of it's operating instructions, and the Liferaft shall at all times be so fitted and positioned to allow a deployment time of no more than 15 seconds.

13. INSPECTIONS:

- a. All boats entered in this race shall be inspected to ensure compliance with safety regulation prior to the start.
- b. 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. Inspection times and schedules will be posted on the Notice Board. Spot checks may also be carried out after a boat finishes.

14. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

a. BOAT REQUIREMENTS:

- i. Monohulls shall be self righting
- ii. Boats shall be on the register of a yacht club affiliated with it's National Authority.
- iii. Boats shall have an overall length (LOA) not more than 30 metres and not less than 9 metres and a waterline length (LWL) not less than 8 metres.
- iv. All boats shall have the required Foreign Passes.

15. DETERMINATION OF ELIGABILITY:

- a. 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.

16. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- a. The owner or charterer of a boat entered in the race shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with respect to the boat current when racing, with a sum insured of not less than ZAR 5 million (or its equivalent in another currency).

17. I.R.C. REQUIREMENTS & CHANGES TO IRC RULES

- a. The boat must have a current, valid endorsed IRC Certificate, but the Organising Authority reserves the right to require re-measurement of any boat.
- b. The owner must be a member of the South African IRC Class Association – non South African entries may apply for Temporary membership of the SA IRC CA at a cost of ZAR R200.00.
- c. The boat must comply with all of the current South African IRC Rules and The Regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.
- d. A boat may be inspected prior to the start of the race to ensure compliance with it's current IRC Certificate.

18. ENTRY PRE- QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- a. Any boat entering shall have sailed a qualifying distance of 200nm (non stop) within 6 months of the start date of this race, or sailed in at least two "Blue Water Series" races within the current season.

19. BINDING NATURE OF ENTRY:

- a. By submitting an Entry, the Owner or Charterer and the Skipper agrees to be bound by all Rules or other provisions of this Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereto.

20. PRIVACY

- a. Personal information about owners, charterers and crew members is obtained in the entry documentation. That 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.
- b. Crew members may obtain access to the information held about them by contacting the Organising Authority.

21. OVERALL WINNERS:

- a. The overall winner of this race is the boat that wins the overall IRC handicap category
- b. The line honors winner shall be the first IRC Race Class boat to finish.
- c. The Cruising Class winner shall be the first PHRF Cruising Class boat to finish on corrected time.

22. SCORING:

- a. For this Race:
 - i. DEFINITION: "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)
 - ii. IRC RACE CLASS: Results will be calculated by the application of the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time (after application of scoring penalties, if any) will be scored first.
 - iii. PHRF CRUISING 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 1200 on 19 July 2006, 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. Any boat in the PHRF class using it's engine for propulsion shall record such, giving all details and times, on their Declaration forms. Penalties shall be applied at the discretion of the Race Committee where engines have been used as a means of propulsion.
- b. For the Bluewater Championship Series
 - i. The Bluewater Championship Series shall be scored using the High Point Average System. (Details available from Sailing KZN at sailsa@hit.co.za).
 - ii. Scores are awarded per race, based on the number of boats finishing a race but in reverse order. Where three boats finish a race, the winning boat shall score 3 points, the 2nd shall score 2 points, and the 3rd shall score 1 point. Likewise in a 20 boat fleet, the 1st boat shall score 20, 2nd 19, 3rd 18 and so on.
 - iii. At the conclusion of the series, these scores are divided by the total number of scores a boat may have accumulated had it won every race in the series, and the product of that calculation is then multiplied by 100. The highest average points holder shall be the winner.

23. BLUEWATER CHAMPIONSHIP SERIES;

- a. Calendar: The following races comprise the Bluewater Championship Series;
 - i. Sangoma Race: 9 Dec 2005. Richards Bay to Durban
 - ii. Sangoma Race: 16 Dec 2005. Durban to Richards Bay
 - iii. Sangoma Race: 6 Jan 2006. Durban to Richards Bay
 - iv. Dave Roberts: 8 April 2006. Durban to Richards Bay
 - v. Inhaca Race: 14 April 2006. Inhaca to Richards Bay
 - vi. Sangoma Race: 6 May 2006: Richards Bay to Durban
 - vii. Vasco da Gama: 20 July 2006. Maputo to Durban
- b. To qualify for the Blue Water Series, a boat must enter and finish the Vasco da Gama Race plus any three other races which form the Calendar in 23.a.
- c. Any boat which fails to enter or does not finish any race, shall score 0 points for that race.

24. CHANGES TO THE RRS:

- a. RRS 41: Whilst racing a boat may retrieve weather routing data from any source.
- b. RRS 42: A boat in the PHRF Cruising Division may as and from two hours after its starting signal use its engine for propulsion. Engine hours and miles covered under engine must be logged and submitted with Occurrence Form, at the finish. A time penalty shall be applied in accordance with the data submitted, at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.
- c. RRS 50.2 and 50.3: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
- d. RRS 51: A boat with movable ballast shall not use movable ballast to trim the boat fore and aft .
- e. RRS 52: RRS 52 does not apply to the adjustment and operation of sails on a boat, or to the adjustment of movable appendages on any boat or additionally to assist steering of any boat in the Rally Division.
- f. RRS 61.3: There is no time limit on protests by the Race Committee or the Protest Committee. No other protests may be filed after 1200 on Sunday the 23rd July 2006.

25. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARDS:

- a. The Official Notice Boards shall be notice boards bearing the name of the Race, and shall be located at both the Clube Naval, Maputo and the Royal Natal Yacht Club.

26. WEATHER BRIEFING:

- a. A weather briefing, shall be held at the Clube Naval on 19th July 2006, at 1800, at a venue to be announced on the notice board.
- b. It is a requirement that all skippers or navigators attend this briefing, and an attendance register shall be maintained by the Race Committee . Any boat without representation by either Skipper or Navigator, shall not be permitted to start the race, and shall be excluded from the event.

27. EVENT CLASSIFICATION (ADVERTISING):

- a. Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of RRS Appendix 1 (ISAF Advertising Code) for Category C.
- b. 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.
- c. In any case of doubt, the Organising Authority should be consulted as soon as practicable.
- d. An application for entry shall contain brief details of all advertising that a boat intends to carry.
- e. The Organising Authority shall be advised of all changes to that advertising.
- f. 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.

28. REPORTING, TRACKING DEVICES AND CAMERAS:

- a. A boat may be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- b. All boats shall report their positions as at 0600 and 1900 each day during the race, at the following times. Boats using Satellite Phones or Cellular Phones, shall contact the number 082 455 1071, between the hours 0600 and 0700 to report their 0600 position, and 1900 and 2000 to report their 1900 position. Boats using email, shall send their positions to sailsa@hit.co.za . Boats not reporting their positions shall be liable to a time penalty at the discretion of the Race Committee. Boats giving false positions shall be excluded from the results.
- c. The Organizing Authority also reserves the right to place a camera on board any boat for media purposes.
- d. 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).

29. SAIL IDENTIFICATION:

- a. A boat shall comply with SAS 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).

30. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES:

- a. RRS 44.2 - 720° Turns will apply for breaking a rule of RRS, Part 2 from the time of the preparatory signal for each respective class, until 120 minutes thereafter.
- b. RRS 44.3 - Scoring Penalty will apply for breaking a rule of RRS, Part 2 outside of these times. RRS 64.1 – Scoring Penalties may apply at the discretion of the Protest Committee.
- c. The scoring penalties will be applied in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

31. **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 4, which states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"

32. **TROPHY PRESENTATIONS:**

- a. Awards shall be made at the official Prizegiving, which shall be held at the Royal Natal Yacht Club, at a time to be stated in the Sailing Instructions.
- b. The Bluewater Championship Series Trophy shall be awarded annually at the Regional Sailing KZN Colours Awards Ceremony.

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

Race Office Details:

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| RACE SECRETARY: | Sandy Ostendorf |
| Tel: | (031) 3013078 |
| Fax: | (031) 3073902 |
| Email: | sailsa@hit.co.za |
| Office : | Sailing KZN Office c/o The Point Yacht Club Victoria Embankment Durban |
| Postal Address: | P.O. Box 2224, Durban 4000 |

AMENDMENTS TO THE NOTICE OF RACE – DATED 30 MARCH 2006

9. DOCUMENTATION TO BE LODGED WITH THE SIGNED ENTRY FORM:
- a. Crew list in the form supplied by the Organising Authority
 - b. Proof of qualification of the skipper
 - c. Proof of membership of a National Authority or affiliates Association for every crew member.(Copies of membership cards)
 - d. First Aid Certificates or acceptable equivalent
 - e. Class or I.R.C., Measurement and Rating Certificates, as required.
 - f. A Colour photograph of the boat under sail, no older than 8 months and suitable for search and rescue purposes. This may be a digital photo of a size not less than 10cm by 10cm with a resolution not less than 300 DPI.
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 - h. Certificate of Currency of Insurance, in English, with details of the cover and the insurer.
 - i. Indemnity signed by each crew member in format supplied by race organisers.
 - j. The colour of the anti-foul used on the boat for this race.
 - k. Completed Race Safety Inspection Form.
 - l. Completion of the Boat Communication Detail form as supplied by the race office.
 - m. Epirb MMSI number.
11. CREW REQUIREMENTS:
- a. The Skipper and all crew members shall be a member of an ISAF affiliated National Sailing Authority in terms of RRS, Appendix 2 (21.1) (ISAF Eligibility Code)..
 - b. The minimum number of crew on a boat is 4.
 - c. The minimum age of a crew member on a boat is 16 years, but special relaxation of this requirement can be obtained by submitting a written application and motivation to the Race Committee.
 - d. At least one person on board shall have a recognised SAS certificate (or equivalent) of at least a Coastal Skipper Certificate.
 - e. At least one crew member on a boat shall hold a first aid certificate or equivalent qualification acceptable to the race committee, or be a practicing nurse, paramedic or medical practitioner.
12. BOATS SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:
- a. All boats shall be SAS Category “A” Safety Rated.
 - b. All boats shall be equipped with;
 - i. A spare handheld GPS Unit with at least 1 extra set of fully charged batteries
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 - iii. A handheld VHF Radio with fully charged power supply.
 - iv. An Epirb which has been registered for the boat.
 - c. Where equipped with an Epirb, such unit to be permanently fixed to the boat’s structure.
 - d. Liferrafts are mandatory, and shall at all times be so fitted and positioned to allow a deployment time of no more than 20 seconds.

18. ENTRY PRE- QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

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28. REPORTING, TRACKING DEVICES AND CAMERAS:

- a. A boat may be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the Organizing Authority.
- b. All boats shall report their positions once in every 24 hour period. Boats using Satellite Phones or Cellular Phones, shall contact the number 082 455 1071. Boats using email, shall send their positions to sailsa@hit.co.za or function@iafrica.com. Boats not reporting their positions or found to be providing knowingly false positions shall be liable to a time penalty at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- c. The Organizing Authority also reserves the right to place a camera on board any boat for media purposes.
- d. 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).

**2006 Vasco da Gama Ocean Race
OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM**
PRINT, COMPLETE, SIGN, AND FAX TO : 031 3073902

BOAT NAME: _____

CLASS OF BOAT: _____

DESIGNER: _____

LENGTH OVERALL: _____ m

IRC: Rating _____

PHRF: Rating _____

OWNER NAME: _____

CONTACT TEL: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

SKIPPER NAME: _____

CONTACT TEL: _____

EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

ENTRY FEE PAID: _____ *

NO. CREW: _____

***See Notice of Race for Entry Fee Details.**

Fax Deposit Slip to : 031 3073902

Name of Bank Account: Sailing KZN
Standard Bank – Durban
Acc No. 050914839
Branch code: 04 00 26

DOCUMENTATION WHICH **MUST** BE SUBMITTED WITH ENTRY

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- n. Epirb MMSI number.

I HAVE READ AND AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE NOTICE OF RACE OF THE 2006 VASCO DA GAMA RACE. I UNDERSTAND AND ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THIS ENTRY WILL SAIL ENTIRELY AT IT'S OWN RISK, THAT THE ONUS ON WHETHER TO START A RACE AND CONTINUE RACING LIES ENTIRELY WITH THE SKIPPER AND THAT NONE OF THE ORGANISATIONS OR PERSONS CONCERNED IN THE RUNNING OF THIS RACE ACCEPT LIABILITY FOR DAMAGE , INJURY OR DEATH, MATERIAL OR PERSONAL, INCURRED DURING THE RACE OR AT ANY OTHER TIME, HOWEVER ARISING. I AGREE TO BE BOUND BY THE RACING RULES OF THE ISAF AND BY ALL OTHER RULES THAT GOVERN THIS EVENT.

SIGNED BY : _____ (SKIPPER)

_____ (OWNER)

DATED: _____

FAX DEPOSIT SLIP TO RACE SECRETARY!