

HOUT BAY YACHT CLUB *MTU* ADMIRALS REGATTA 2004

Friday 19 March to Monday 22 March 2004

NOTICE OF REGATTA

Notice is hereby given that the above event is due to take place as per this Notice of Race and entries are hereby invited.

1. **Dates:**

Saturday 20th March 2004 to Monday 22nd March 2004, both dates inclusive

2. **Organising Authority:**

The Organising Authority shall be the Hout Bay Yacht Club under the sanction and auspices of South African Sailing – Western Cape.

3. **Rules:**

The Regatta will be sailed under the ISAF 2001 – 2004 Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the Special Regulations for Sea-going Sailing Yachts – November 2001 (Category 3) and the Class Rules for each qualifying class, subject in each case to amendment by this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

For yachts competing in the IRC division, the IRC Rules shall apply. All other yachts competing will be subject to the current RCYC CLUB HANDICAP Rules.

4. **Racing Divisions/Classes:**

The Regatta is open to any mono-hull keelboat or ocean-going multi-hull yacht having a current IRC certificate or for which there is a current RCYC CLUB HANDICAP rating.

The event will be split into three separate divisions comprising the following keelboat categories:

Keelboat Division 'A' :- Big Boat, Sportboat or Racer, and Racer/Cruiser classes, grouped into Classes and according to RCYC CLUB HANDICAP and/or IRC ratings and sailing a mix of Olympic or "round the buoys" and a longer distance coastal course. **NOTE: Only vessels competing in this Division will be eligible to win the Admirals Sword trophy and Prize.**

Keelboat Division 'B' :- Racer/Cruiser & Cruiser classes sailing under RCYC CLUB HANDICAP ratings, not sailing "round the buoys" courses but only medium to longer distance coastal courses;

Keelboat Division 'C' :- Traditional Boat Association yachts sailing under the TBA handicaps on coastal courses and within Hout Bay of medium distance.

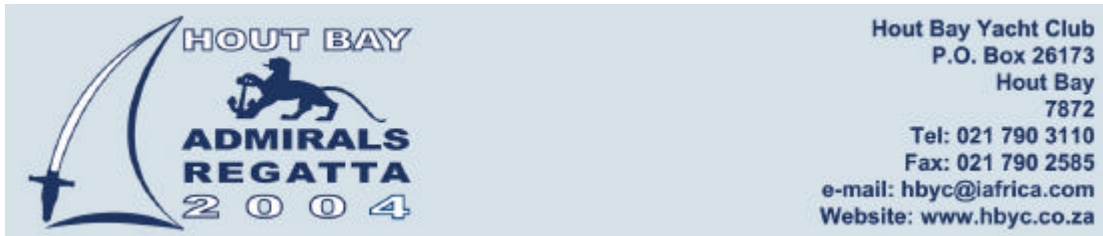
5. **The Regatta:**

The regatta will consist of one race around laid buoys and natural marks off the coast and lying to the south and north of Hout Bay for the medium/long distance race. Three days of Olympic style windward/leeward courses, triangles and similar "round the buoys" racing courses for **Division A**. The John Coles Sprint Race will take place for the A Division boats on 20 March 2004 or as the last race on the first day of "round the buoys" sailing after that date, whichever is the earlier.

Division B will sail medium distance courses set according to weather conditions expected on each day of the regatta and taking the fleet along the coast to the south and north of Hout Bay.

Division C will sail medium distance courses within and outside of Hout Bay over the three days of the long weekend.





In **Division A**, 3 races will constitute a Regatta and if 5 or more races are sailed, 1 discard will be allowed.

Divisions B and C will sail a single set course each day comprising medium and longer distance courses and 2 completed races will constitute a Regatta. 1 discard will be allowed if more than 5 races are sailed.

6. **Entry Forms and Fees:**

A fully completed entry form, payment of the entry fee and a copy of the current boat IRC certificate, or Class certificate (as applicable) must accompany all entries.

The owner and skipper and all crew of a yacht entered shall be members in good standing of a club in good standing with South African Sailing.

Yachts in Division A & B will race under IRC or current RCYC CLUB HANDICAP handicaps as published for the regatta after receipt of the entry forms.

Note: The decision of the Handicap Section of the Race Committee and/or the SA Sailing Handicap Officer as applicable will be final as regards any dispute or protest of a handicap rating which must be made no later than the Skippers' briefing and no further appeal will be considered.

Crew Lists and Safety Declarations must be completed (in full) on the forms provided and handed to the Race Committee by no later than the Skippers' briefing on 19th March 2004.

Entries will be accepted up to **1200hrs on Tuesday 16th March 2004**. Entries may be posted to or lodged with the Regatta Secretary, Hout Bay Yacht Club, Harbour Precinct, P.O. Box 26173, Hout Bay, 7872. Payment may also be made by direct transfer or deposit to the following Bank account:

Account	Hout Bay Yacht Club or HBYC
Bank	Standard Bank, Wynberg
Account Number	271 601 574
Branch Code	025309

Confirmation of deposit to be faxed to Fax No. 021 7902585

Late entries will be accepted until 1800hrs on Thursday 18th March 2004. A late entry fee for all Divisions/Classes of R50.00 will be levied in addition to the fees set out below.

The race entry fee for Keelboat Division A will be:

R140.00 for yachts with a crew of 5 or less;

R175.00 for a crew of 6 to 8;

R250.00 for a crew of more than 8 persons.

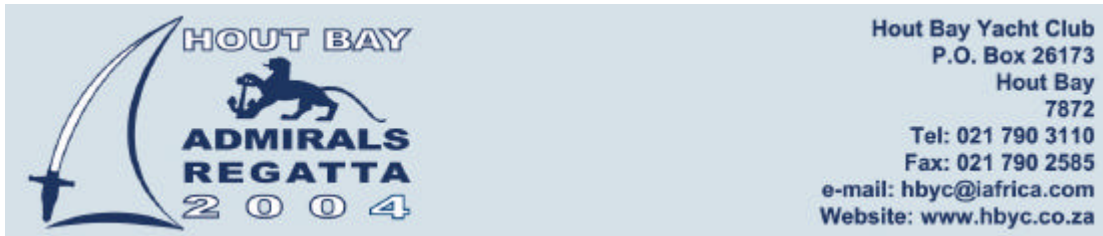
Keelboat Division B entry fees are R140.00 per yacht.

The entry fee for Traditional Boats in Division C is R140.00 per yacht.

For development sailors who have no more than 12 months experience of sailing since commencement of their development sail training programme, and certified as such by their Club, the entry fee for the yacht they are sailing on may be reduced by R20.00 per development crew member. No substitution for such development crew member may be made after the commencement of the regatta without the yacht first having made payment of the full amount of the normal entry fee prior to deduction of any development crew allowance. The permission of the race committee must be sought in writing for any such substitution.

Refunds of entry fees are at the sole discretion of the Race Committee and will not normally be made.





The Race Committee reserves the right to correct measurement and calculation errors relating to IRC or RCYC CLUB HANDICAP ratings if notified of these by the appropriate rating officer.

7. Courses

Course diagrams will be available during February 2004 from the Regatta Website (<http://www.hbyc.co.za>) as well as being available to all at times of registration. The actual courses to be raced each day will be posted at the HBYC notice boards by 0900hrs on the morning of each race but may be subject to amendment due to prevailing weather conditions. Details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

8. Safety and Inspections

By entering, each competitor warrants the suitability of the entered yacht for the races and that the yacht is in compliance with the South African Sailing Special Regulations for Seagoing Yachts (November 2001), Category 3.

All keelboat competitors shall carry VHF radios capable of operating on VHF Ch 71 & Ch 16 and maintain a listening watch on these channels throughout the Regatta.

It is the responsibility of the skipper and a designated crew member to inspect the yacht to ensure compliance with the Safety Regulations for the Regatta and the rules of the IRC and/or the rules of the applicable Class Association. After inspection by the skipper and designated crew member, the safety declaration must be signed by both and handed to the Race Committee by no later than the Skippers' briefing taking place on Friday 19 March 2004.

The Race Committee Safety Officers may inspect any yacht at any time prior to or during the series to ensure compliance with the minimum standards required. Yachts failing to comply with the regulations will be in breach of these Rules and subject to Protest.

Prior inspection of the boats does not in any way limit the responsibility of the Owner/Skipper entering the yacht to ensure ongoing compliance with the Safety Regulations.

9. Skippers Responsibility for Safety:

In particular, Skippers of keelboats shall accept full responsibility for the seaworthiness and safe navigation of their yachts and the competence of their crews, and use their own judgement to start, continue or retire from the race in the existing or forecast conditions. Skippers shall draw the attention of their crew to this disclaimer before the start of any race, and also to the RRS Fundamental Rule 4 (Decision to Race).

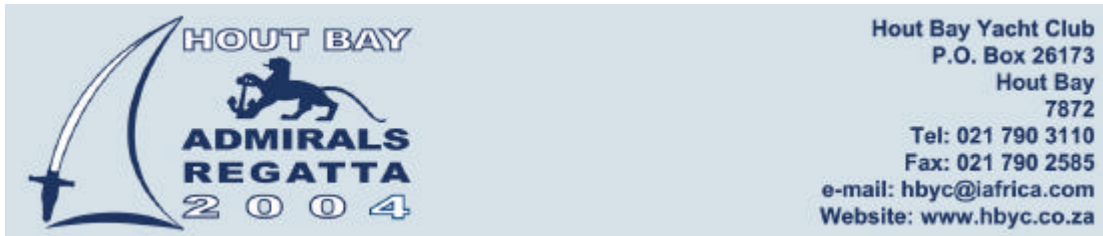
10. Skippers Briefing & Registration:

There will be a non-compulsory Skippers' briefing for Divisions A, B & C at the Hout Bay Yacht Club on Friday 19th March 2004 at 1900hrs. (Registration will be available from 1700hrs onwards).

11. Minimum Keelboat Crew / Crew Changes

All yachts must carry a minimum of three crew while racing. No change in crew numbers aboard a vessel is allowed once the regatta has commenced.

Crew changes, excluding the skipper, will be allowed with the prior consent of the Racing Committee and within the bounds of any Class rules for participating yachts. This will require a written notice to be handed to the Race Secretary at least two hours prior to the commencement of any race.



12. Scoring

The Regatta will be scored as provided in Appendix A of RRS using the Low Point System.

13. Prize-giving & Trophies

Prize-giving will be held on the evening of Monday 22 March 2004 at the HBYC. Trophies and prizes will be awarded to the winners and second and third placed yachts in each Class in each Division. Where a Class comprises 6 boats or less, then only first and second prizes will be awarded in that Class.

The first three places overall in each Division will also receive awards of trophies and prizes.

The Floating Trophy, the "Republic of Hout Bay – ADMIRAL'S SWORD" and a cash prize of R3500.00 will be awarded to the overall winner of the Regatta across Division A, based on the number of points scored by each boat regardless of Class, and based on the points aggregate from handicapped placing (RCYC CLUB HANDICAP) during the HBYC Admirals Regatta 2004 with 1 discard allowed for this award. (Note: For this award, the 1 discard will be applied across all races sailed in the regatta, including the medium distance race, providing always that more than 4 races are sailed. It is therefore possible for a yacht not sailing the medium distance race to still compete for the Admirals Sword but the medium distance race will then be counted as the 1 discard allowed and all other scores will count). In the event of a tie with more than one boat achieving the same best score, then the Series Ties provisions of RRS Appendix A 8 shall be applied to determine the overall winner.

The Organising Committee will award further prizes at their discretion based not only on scored sailing performance but for other categories as well. Categories and prizes for these awards, that are not based on racing results as provided for above, will be announced daily.

Our prizes are substantial due to the generosity of our sponsors but it is the sailing, fun and camaraderie that we hope will make this regatta a legend!

14. Skippers:

Each yacht shall be under the command of a skipper holding a SA Sailing Certificate of Competence or Skippers Ticket, or such other acceptable proof of competence that may be acceptable to the Race Committee at their discretion.

15. Advertising

This Regatta will be classified as Category 'C' under RRS Appendix 1 Regulation 20.

16. Liability

The Organising Authority is providing this Regatta on the understanding that neither they nor their representatives nor the HBYC, nor any of its officials, employees or members bear any responsibility or liability for any loss, damage, death or personal injury howsoever caused to any competitor yacht, owner, skipper, or crew as a result of their taking part in the Regatta.

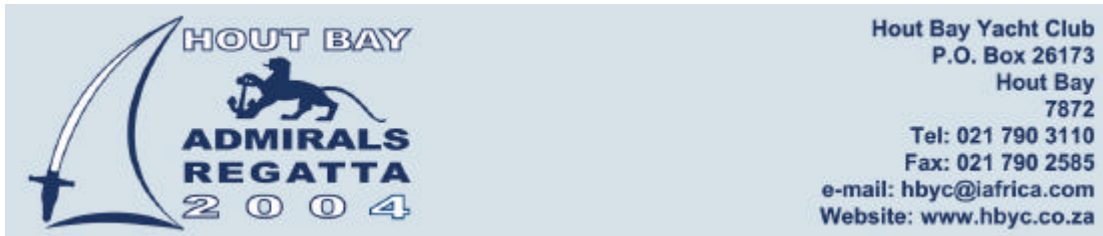
17. Protests

Protests are to be lodged in writing using the prescribed form available at the Race Office.

18. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be issued on receipt of the completed Entry Forms and payment of the Entry Fee. In addition further copies of the Sailing Instructions will be available from HBYC on request or directly from the HBYC Website.





19. Additional Information

Free keelboat berthing will be available for the week before and for the week after the event.

Anyone wanting to secure moorings should contact:

HBYS Marina – Peter Godley - 021 790 7095 or 0824469424 to make reservations.

Regatta Secretary

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