

# THE SAILING KZN 2004/5 BLUE WATER CHALLENGE

Sailing KZN cordially invites participation in the 2004/5 Blue water Challenge.

This Challenge offers an opportunity to all classes of ocean racing yachts with an IRC Measurement Certificate, as well as any Cruising Yacht racing under a PHRF Handicap, to compete in blue water long distance coastal events.

The objective of the Challenge is to stimulate the interest in longer races and to provide the vital experience necessary for improved sailing qualifications by providing overnight passages and watch keeping opportunities. And not least of all to have FUN at sea.

We have selected eight scheduled races on the RNYC, PYC and ZYC calendars, ranging from shorter there and back races from Durban to Tugela to medium distance races between Richards Bay & Durban, to longer races from Inhaca to Richard Bay and Maputo to Durban. Competitors may select as few as three of these races to qualify for the prestigious Challenge Trophy or the Cruising Trophy, or sail them all and increase their chances of improving their scores.

We attach the Notice of Challenge for your information, but should you have further queries, please do not hesitate to contact Sandy at our Durban office.

## NOTICE OF COMPETITION

**(AMENDMENT TO SCHEDULED RACES – 14<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER 2004)**

Sailing KZN apologises for any inconvenience caused by the amendment to the allocated races for this series, occasioned by an administrative problem.

### 2004/05 SAILING KZN BLUE WATER CHALLENGE

**1. ORGANISING AUTHORITIES**

The Racing is organized by the Point Yacht Club (PYC), the Royal Natal Yacht Club (RNYC), the Zululand Yacht Club (ZYC) and the Club Naval (Mozambique) under the authority and sanction of Sailing KZN.

**2. RULES**

The Competition will be governed by the Rules as defined in the Notice of Race applicable to each of the qualifying races in the competition.

**3. CLASSES**

The Competition is open to any ocean going monohull keelboat.

**4. ELIGIBILITY**

For the **Blue Water Challenge Trophy**, all competing yachts shall be in possession of a valid IRC measurement certificate.

For the **Blue Water Cruising Trophy**, competing yachts shall race under PHRF handicap.

**8. ENTRIES & LEVIES.**

There shall be no additional entry fee for the competition. Entrants will only be liable for entry fees to each of the qualifying races.

**9. REGISTRATION.**

Registration for any one of the qualifying races will provide automatic entry to this competition.

**13. SCHEDULE OF RACING**

The following races are scheduled as qualifying races for this competition :-

1. The Durban to Richards Bay Race	October 2 <sup>nd</sup> 2004	RNYC
2. The Richards Bay to Durban Race	November 11 <sup>th</sup> 2004	ZYC
3. The Durban to Richards Bay Race	January 8 <sup>th</sup> 2005	RNYC
4. The Inhaca race – Inhaca to Richards Bay	March 25 <sup>th</sup> 2005	ZYC
5. The Sangoma Durban to Richards Bay	April 29 <sup>th</sup> 2005	PYC
6. The Sangoma Richards Bay to Durban	May 28 <sup>th</sup> 2005	PYC
7. The Vasco da Gama – Maputo to Durban	July 22 <sup>nd</sup> 2005	Sailing KZN

**\*\*The Tugela & back races have been deleted due to the lack of a positive turning mark and resultant possibility for disputes.**

14. **SCORING.**  
Competing Yachts shall be awarded points corresponding to their handicap positions in the official results of the nominated events. The best THREE results ONLY will be totalled to provide the yachts final score.

When scoring DNC, DNF, RAF, DSQ or DNE, the score will be the total number of individual boats entered in all of the eight allocated races plus one.

The Yacht with the lowest Final Score on IRC Handicap will be awarded the Sailing KZN Blue Water Challenge Trophy.

The Yacht with the lowest Final Score on PHRF Handicap will be awarded the Sailing KZN Blue Water Cruising Trophy.

15. **PRIZES & PRIZE GIVING.**  
**The Sailing KZN Blue water Series will be presented at the annual Sailing KZN Colours Awards Dinner.**