

DART 18 NATIONAL CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2004

NOTICE OF RACE

Notice is hereby given that the above sailing event is scheduled to take place as detailed in this Notice of Race. Entries are invited in terms of this Notice.

DATES

16th DECEMBER 2004 to 19TH DECEMBER 2004 both dates inclusive.

VENUE

Stilbaai Yacht Club (Vaal Dam) directions to which may be obtained from the Regatta Secretary.

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Stilbaai Yacht Club in association with the South African International Dart Class Association under the authority and sanction of South African Sailing.

CLASSES

DART 18

RULES

The Championships will be governed by ;

The 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) for 2001-2004 of the International Sailing Federation (ISAF), *subject to the changes made in terms of this Notice,*

The Class Rules of the competing classes as listed below, *subject to the changes made in terms of this Notice,*

The SA Sailing Requirements for National Championships,

This Notice of Race,

The Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereof.

Where relevant, precedence shall be given in the reverse order of listing.

ADVERTISING

Category C will apply in terms of the ISAF advertising code RRS Section II Appendix 1 Regulation 20.

ELIGIBILITY

Competitors shall comply with the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) eligibility requirement in accordance with RRS Appendix 2 Regulation 21 which requires that all competitors (helmspersons and all other crew) shall be members in good standing of a Yacht Club affiliated to and in good standing with SA Sailing or their Member National Authority in the case of non-South Africans. The Yacht Club name and membership details shall be stated on the entry form. Current valid Club membership cards shall be presented at Registration.

Alternatively, a crewmember other than the skipper may pay a non-refundable temporary South African Sailing membership fee for the duration of the regatta of R50.00, to the Championship Secretary for submission to South African Sailing.

The Owner, helm and all other crew of yachts in the DART class shall be Members in good standing of the South African International Dart Class Association.

MEASUREMENT or REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

Each competing yacht shall hold a valid Class Measurement or Registration Certificate issued or accepted by SA Sailing, the number of which shall be stated on the entry form. A copy of the certificate shall be submitted with the entry form and the original thereof presented at Registration.

ENTRIES

Entries must be completed on the attached official entry form and submitted together with the required entry fee to the Regatta Secretary at the address below.

Entry forms must be countersigned by a parent or guardian where the competitor will be under the age of 21 years on the first day of the regatta.

Telephonic or incomplete entries will not be accepted.

Eligible entries will be accepted until the close of Registration at the venue. Refer to the clause "Registration" below. Entries submitted at the venue may be accepted if accompanied by proof of compliance with the eligibility and measurement / registration certificate requirements.

Entry fees per yacht will be R250.00

Entries to be sent to:

Regatta Secretary: Daphne Kasselmann, NSA

Telecommunications

Tel 011 824-2402

Fax 011 827-0853

e-mail : nsa@global.co.za

Postal address

PO Box 4209

GERMISTON SOUTH

1411

Telephonic or incomplete entries will not be accepted.

PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES

Payment may be made by cash or cheque or bank deposit to the credit of the account detailed below.

In the case of deposits made to the said bank account the bank stamped deposit note or the printed electronic transaction note **and** the completed entry form shall be either mailed or transmitted by fax simultaneously to the Regatta secretary. The deposit document shall state the event and entrants name.

Bank Account details

Account name	NSA
Bank and Branch	ABSA - GERMISTON
Branch code	630 142
Account No	712 142 901
Account Type	Current

All Entry Fees and Class subscriptions shall be paid prior to the close of Entries and Registration. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the affected yacht being recorded as Did Not Compete until such time as the required payment/s are made. This changes rule A11 (DNC).

A portion (80%) of a yacht's entry fees may be refunded in the case of yachts unable to complete in the regatta, provided an application in writing for such refund is received by the Regatta Secretary within seven days after the first race of the championship.

ENTRY FORMS

Additional entry forms are available on request from the Regatta Secretary.

SCRUTINY of EQUIPMENT

Official SA Sailing measurers may scrutinise any competing yacht for compliance with the Class Rules during the event.

REGISTRATION

Entries shall be confirmed by registration with the Regatta Secretary at the venue commencing at 08H00 to 11H00 on 16th December 2004. The following documents shall be presented at Registration :

- * Current yacht club membership card,
- * Class membership receipt or other proof of membership
- * Measurement or registration certificate,

Competitor's names which do not appear on the relevant official SAIDA class list for the current year as having paid the annual class subscription fee for the period shall pay the prescribed class membership fee before registration. Where proof of payment of Class Fees is not available a competitor shall pay the required class fee to the Regatta Secretary and the amount will be refunded if proof of prior payment is later submitted.

All fees (entry and class membership) shall be paid before the closing of entries. Refer to the paragraph "Payment of Entry Fees" above.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing instructions will be available from the Regatta Secretary at the regatta venue upon registration.

EQUIPMENT

Yachts shall display the registered number. Equipment shall not be changed during the event. Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted subject to written approval of the Race Committee.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify as a National Class Championship the following criteria shall be satisfied;

- * A minimum of ten valid entries have been received no later than the closing time for entries one hour before the scheduled starting time of the first race;
- * at least ten finishers in any two races of the series;
- * at least four races completed.

SCHEDULE OF RACES

A voluntary briefing of competitors will take place at : 11h00 on Friday 16th December 2004.

The First Race of the championship is scheduled to start at 12H30 on Friday 16th December 2004

The times for subsequent races will be advised at the venue in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

The Championship shall consist of a maximum of 10 (ten) races.

No race shall start after **13:00** on Sunday, **19th December 2004**.

RACING AREA and COURSES

Racing will take place in North Bay (Vaal Dam) adjacent to Stilbaai Yacht Club.

The courses to be sailed will be set out in the Sailing Instructions.

SAFETY

Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.

All competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid at all times while afloat in a yacht.

Youth category competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid at all times while afloat in a yacht.

Other competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid at all times while racing.

SCORING SYSTEM

The low points scoring system, RRS A4 will apply modified so that the first finishing place will be scored 1 (one) point

When four races or fewer have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

When five or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding one worst score for every five races.

PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.2 is changed so that the 720degree turn is replaced by a 360degree turn.

ISAF ANTI-DOPING CODE

Testing of competitors may be conducted in terms of the ISAF anti-doping code contained in RRS Appendix 3 regulation 19.

Declarations in terms of sub regulation 19.10 and requests for dispensation in terms of sub regulation 19.11 shall be submitted to the SA Sailing Medical Officer.

PRIZES & AWARDS

Prizes and awards will be presented at the prize giving which will follow as soon as possible after the last race.

SA Sailing medals will be presented to competitors in accordance with the SA Sailing requirements for National Championships in accordance with the following table and subject to the event *in the DART 18 class* qualifying for National Championship status:

<u>Yachts finishing at least 2 races</u>	<u>Medal</u>
10 to 14	Gold
15 to 19	Gold and Silver
20 or more	Gold, Silver and Bronze

Class floating trophies may be awarded at the discretion of the SAIDA.
Other prizes may be presented at the discretion of the Race Committee.

LIABILITY

Participation in this event is entirely at the risk of competitors and no responsibility for damage or injury resulting therefrom will rest with the organising authority, class associations, or any persons concerned with the conduct of the regatta.

ADDENDA

Entry Form

GENERAL INFORMATION

The following general information does not form part of the Notice of Race.

Accommodation

*The club can provide camping facilities during the Regatta.
Camping sites are not provided with electricity supply points.*

Club facilities:

A catering service will be available for breakfast, lunch & supper, tickets for which will be on sale during registration.

Refreshments and snacks will be available at the snack shop and a fully licenced bar is situated in the clubhouse.

ENQUIRIES:

Class Representative : Harold Holman	011 795 4128	Email: mwashhar@iafrica.com
Club Representative : Grant Eliot	011 683 4286	Email: geliot@eliotinc.co.za
SAS Representative : Daphne Kasselmann	011 824 2402	Email: nsa@global.co.za