

HUNTER

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

20 to 22 March 2004, both dates inclusive.

VENUE

Witbank Yacht & Aquatic Club
Witbank Dam,
Witbank, Mpumalanga.

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Hunter Class Association of RSA in association with Witbank Yacht Club under the authority and sanction of South African Sailing.

CLASS

National Championship Class: Hunter Keelboat.

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 class as listed below, subject to the changes made in terms of this notice

2002 Hunter class rules

The SA Sailing requirements for National Championships

This Notice of Race

The Sailing Instructions and any amendments thereof.

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 (helm 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 membership cards shall be presented at Registration.

The Owner, helm and all other crew of yachts in the Hunter class shall be members in good standing of the Hunter Class Association of SA.

CLASS CATEGORY

The following categories within the stated Class will be applied to yachts where both helm and crew comply with the stated category criteria before the close of entries.

Hunter Class	Criteria
Youth	Under 19 years on 31 December on current year.
Ladies	Female all age groups
Veteran	55 years and over before the closing date of entries.

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 as detailed in the table, which follows. Discounts apply to entries received on dates earlier than the closing date and time.

<u>Received</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Fee</u>
Not later than	12/03/2004	R 250,00
Thereafter until	Close of entries	R 350,00

Regatta Secretary Address (Daphne Kasselmann)

Postal	E Mail	Tele / Fax
SA Sailing Office! P O Box 4209 Germiston South 1411	nsa@slobal.co.za	011 8242402 W 011 8270853 Fax

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 Northvaal Sailing Association
Bank and Branch ABSA Germiston Code 613142
Account No 712 142 901
Account Type Current Account.

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 effected yacht being recorded as Did Not Compete until such time as the required payments are made. This changes RRS Appendix A11 (DNC).

A portion (50%) of a yachts entry fee may be refunded in the case of yachts unable to compete 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 or at the web site address quoted above.

SCRUTINY of EQUIPMENT

All yachts shall, prior to registration be made available for and pass scrutiny by official SA Sailing measurers for compliance with the Class Rules as prescribed in addendum A to this Notice. The equipment scrutiny certificate (Addendum A after completion by a measurer during scrutiny) shall be presented at registration. Such scrutiny will take place at the venue from 13:00 to 17:00 (Friday) 19 March 2004 and 08:00 to 10:30 (Saturday) 20 March 2004 during registration.

Notwithstanding any prior scrutiny, official SA Sailing measurers may scrutinize any competing yacht during the event.

REGISTRATION

Entries shall be confirmed by registration with the Regatta Secretary at the venue commencing at 08:00 on 20 March 2004 and continuing to 11:30 on 20 March 2004.

The following documents shall be presented at Registration;

- Current Yacht Club membership card
- Class membership card or proof of payment
- Measurement or registration certificate
- Completed Equipment Scrutiny Certificate

Competitor's names, which do not appear on the relevant official class list issued by SAS 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 paragraph "payment of Entry Fees" above.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

EQUIPMENT

Yachts shall display their registered number. Equipment shall not be changed during the event.

Substitution of damaged equipment shall be permitted subject to written application and approval of the Race Committee

Only the scrutinized and approved items of the following equipment shall be used during the Championships: Hull, Rudder (including tiller and extension), mast, boom, and suit of sails.

NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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

A minimum of 10 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 10 finishers in any two races of the series;

At least four races are completed.

SCHEDULE OF RACES

A voluntary briefing of competitors will take place in the Witbank Yacht Club at 11:30 on 20 March 2004.

The first race of the championships is scheduled to start at 12:30 on 20 March 2004.

Times of succeeding races will be displayed on the Regatta Notice Board, not less than 30 minutes before the start of any race, except that if the Race Committee vessel on station at the finishing line is displaying International Code flag **L** while yachts are finishing a race, it will signal that the next race will start short and competitors should proceed to the starting area.

To alert yachts that the next race is to begin, International Code Flag **L** will be lowered with 2 Sound Signals indicating that the next race is to commence within 4 minutes time

The Championship shall consist of a maximum of **10** races.

No warning signal will be made after 14:00 on the last day of racing.

RACING AREA & COURSES

Racing will take place on the Witbank Dam.

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

HAULING OUT RESTRICTIONS

Yachts shall not be hauled out after the scheduled starting time of the first race except after written application to and permission from the Race Committee.

SCORING SYSTEM

The low point scoring system, RRS A4 will apply.

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

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

The applicable categories within the Class National Championships shall be scored in the open event and the overall order in which they finish in this event shall determine their position in each category with the best placed finisher in the overall results being accorded first place. Class categories will not be scored separately.

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 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 awarded for National Championships, in accordance with the following table-

10 – 14 yachts finishing at least 2 races	GOLD
15 – 19 yachts finishing at least 2 races	GOLD & SILVER
20 & more yachts finishing at least 2 races	GOLD, SILVER & BRONZE

Class perpetual or floating trophies will be awarded as follows in accordance with the stated criteria,	
The National Champion Cup	Overall winner of the National Championships
Veterans Prize	Highest placed skipper & crew over 55 years of age
Ladies Prize	Highest placed female skipper & crew
Youth Prize	Highest placed Youth Skipper

Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, Decision to race.

The Organising Authority including all persons, organisations and their agents concerned with conduct of the regatta will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the regatta.

GENERAL INFORMATION.
(THIS DOES NOT FORM PART OF THE NOTIC OF REGATTA)

ACCOMMODATION

Free camping sites will be available to competitors at the Yacht Club. Camping sites are not provided with electrical supply points. Booking is not required.

Ridge Hotel & Casino 013 6559300

Witbank Dam Resort chalets 013 697 0151
013 697 0147

ENTRANCE TO YACHT CLUB

Entrance to the club is through the Bankenfelt Estate security gate, please sign in.

CLUB FACILITIES

A catering service will be available for breakfast, lunch & supper for the duration of the regatta.

Drinks and sweets will be available in the clubhouse.

SOCIAL EVENTS

The Programme of events at the club

Friday 19 th	Club open all day. Braai fires & braai packs available.
Saturday 20 th	Welcome party in clubhouse 19:00
Sunday 21 st	+ - 18:00 AGM followed by Class dinner Free for Skippers & Crew. Extra tickets will be on sale book at registration.
Monday 22 nd	Conclusion of racing. Prize Giving.

SCRUTINIZING

The completed scrutinizing certificate as attached must be hand in on registration. Weighing of boats with the masts up or down will be done at the yacht club.

Competitor declaration

By our signatures above I/we declare and agree that the information provided in this entry form is to the best of our knowledge correct, to be bound by the rules, requirements and documents governing the event as defined in the Notice of Race, and to compete in the event entirely at my/our own risk, accepting that none of the organizations or persons concerned in the management of the regatta accept any liability for damages or injury suffered at any time during the period of and as a result of participation in the Regatta.