

INVITATION TO ENTER MAURITIUS TO DURBAN RACE 2005

HOST CLUB



GRAND BAIE YACHT CLUB, MAURITIUS

The committee of the Grand Bay Yacht Club are delighted that the Mauritius to Durban yacht race is officially launched.

As host yacht club we are eager to welcome all the crews and their friends and families.

We sincerely hope that this race will be a great success and we will do all we can to make it so.

Philippe Lenoir
President, Grand Baie Yacht Club

WELCOMING CLUB



ROYAL NATAL YACHT CLUB, SOUTH AFRICA

For more than a decade a race from Mauritius to Durban has been an unfortunate but obvious omission from our sailing calendar. In the relatively short period that it was previously sailed the race had earned a widespread reputation as a classic blue water event which attracted the participation of some of the best known names in our sport.

South African Sailing and Sailing KZN are therefore to be congratulated on the launch of the 2005 Mauritius to Durban Yacht Race. The event will undoubtedly provide the opportunity to showcase our sport to a wide domestic and international audience, while providing added impetus to continuing efforts to attract greater and more widespread levels of support for and participation in sailing on our coastal and inland waters.

The commitment and effort from South African Sailing, Sailing KZN and the Organising Committee has already been made. To complete the mix and ensure the success of the event all that need be added are the same contributions from those who participate in our sport.

We extend our best wishes to all involved, both as organisers and participants, with every confidence that the 2005 Mauritius to Durban Yacht Race will prove a great success and wonderful experience.

Allyn Winchester
Commodore, Royal Natal Yacht Club



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ORGANISING AUTHORITY



SAILING KZN (SAS), DURBAN, SOUTH AFRICA

It has been 11 years since the last Mauritius to Durban Race, but still the goodwill generated by the event back in 1994 still lingers both in Mauritius and here in South Africa.

A year ago when we first announced our intention to stage a race in September 2005, yachtsmen and women from all over voiced their support for such an event. Since then many hours of work and relationship building have brought us to this point – Entry Time! It is sincerely hoped that most of those who voiced support for the race, will now step up to the plate and support it in numbers.

To the City of Durban, which immediately saw the benefits of such an event, and who has supported the event financially and in other ways, we say our grateful thanks. To the committees of Grand Baie Yacht Club and Royal Natal Yacht Club, and their members, we thank you for your total commitment to the success of the race. Sponsors of the event, and of individual entries, without you events such as these would simply not take place.

It's now up to the yachtsmen and women to take up the challenge before them, enter this race, test themselves and their vessels, and enjoy what will be South Africa's premier ocean race today and in years to come.

Last but not least, Beachcomber Mauritius have put together packages and flights which are attractive enough for you to take your families along to experience "island life" with you, so why not make this a race to remember.

Fair Winds
Dave Claxton
Race Chairman



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

1. THE RACE:

The race will start on the afternoon of September 10th 2005 offshore Grand Baie Mauritius to be sailed over approximately 1600 nautical Miles to finish offshore Durban South Africa.

2. THE RULES:

The Race will be governed by following Rules currently valid at 1st September 2005.

- 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.
- The prescriptions and special regulations of South African Sailing (SAS), as may applicable.
- The Musto IRC 2005 Rule (copyright Seahorse Rating Limited), subject to changes made in terms of this Notice & the Sailing Instructions.
- The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPC) as applicable to the "Rally Division" in terms of this Notice and the Sailing instructions.
- This Notice of Race ("NoR"), subject to changes made in terms of the Sailing Instructions.
- The Sailing Instructions (SI's).

In the event of dispute the rules shall take precedence in the reverse order above.

3. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

The Sailing Instructions will be published on the event website no later than September 1st and will be issued to all entrants upon Registration. Extra copies will be available from the Race Secretary.



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4. ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS:

4.1 BOAT REQUIREMENTS:

- Boats shall be single hulled and self-righting.
- Boats shall be on the register of a yacht club affiliated with it's National Authority.
- Boats shall have an overall length (LOA) not more than 30 metres and not less than 9.5 metres.

4.2. INSURANCE REQUIREMENTS:

- The owner or charterer of a boat entered in the race shall hold a marine legal third party liability insurance policy with respect to the boat current when racing, with a sum insured relating to the respective entry.

4.3. I.R.C. REQUIREMENTS: (Racing Division)

- The boat must have a current, valid endorsed IRC Certificate, but the Organising Authority reserves the right to require re-measurement of any boat.
- 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 R150.00.
- The boat must comply with all of the current South African IRC Rules and policies, and the Musto IRC 2005 rules and regulations, save to the extent they are specifically amended or excluded in this Notice of Race or the Sailing Instructions.

4.4. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS:

- All boats shall comply with South African Sailing Category A Safety Requirements (www.sasailing.co.za) subject to the following amendments;
 - All additional items listed as "recommended" shall be compulsory, except that "VHF with GMDSS", 'Binoculars', 'Searchlight' and "EPIRB and SART" remain optional.
 - **Two** independent Global Positioning System (GPS) units are compulsory, one of which shall have its own independent battery source, plus two spare sets of fully charged batteries for same.
 - Either; an EPIRB **or** a Satellite Phone, **or** a SSB radio are compulsory, all being current, serviced and licensed as required, and with appropriate licensed operator on board.

4.5. ENTRY PRE- QUALIFICATION REQUIREMENTS:

- A boat shall substantially complete a qualifying race of not less than 150 nautical miles not more than nine months before the start of the race.
- A boat may obtain dispensation from the requirement to substantially complete a qualifying race by completing a non-stop ocean passage of not less than 36 hours not more than nine months before the start of the race. Such dispensation must be applied for in writing to the organising Authority prior to the submission of the Entry Form and must be accompanied by a detailed log of the passage.



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4.6. CREW REQUIREMENTS:

- 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)..
- The minimum number of crew on a boat is 4.
- The minimum age of a crew member shall be 18 years.
- At least one person on board shall hold a recognized SAS Certificate (or equivalent) of at least a Yachtmaster Offshore Skipper certification, and a second person at least a recognized SAS certificate (or equivalent) of a Coastal Skipper certificate.
- At least two crew members on a boat shall hold a Senior First Aid Certificate or equivalent qualification, or be a practicing medical practitioner.

4.7. DETERMINATION OF ELIGABILITY:

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.

5. INSPECTIONS:

At the request of the Race Committee, boats shall be made available for inspection to audit safety regulation compliance and all safety equipment shall be readily available for inspection.

Spot checks may be carried out at any time before the start or after a boat finishes.

6. ENTRIES:

- 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.
- 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 12h00 South African Standard Time (SAST) on 1ST June 2005.
- 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.



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7. DOCUMENTATION TO BE LODGED WITH THE ENTRY FORM:

- Crew list in the form supplied by the Organising Authority
- Proof of membership of a National Authority or affiliates Association for every crew member.
- Declaration of Crew Qualification in the form supplied by the Organising Authority plus copies of Certificates of Competency.
- Senior First Aid Certificates or acceptable equivalent for at least two crew members
- Class or I.R.C., Measurement and Rating Certificates, as required.
- Colour photograph of the boat under sail, no older than 12 months and suitable for search and rescue purposes. This may be a digital photo of a size not less than 6cm by 6cm with a resolution not less than 300 DPI.
- Certificate of Currency of Insurance, in English, with details of the cover and the insurer.
- Verification of qualifying race or ocean passage.
- Disclaimer and acknowledgment of rights form, as supplied by the Organising Authority, signed by each crew member.

8. BINDING NATURE OF ENTRY:

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.

9. PRIVACY:

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. A condition of entry is that all crew members be aware of this. Crew members may obtain access to the information held about them by contacting the Organising Authority.

10. CHANGES TO SUPPLIED DOCUMENTATION:

- 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 12h00 Zulu on 1st September 2005.
- A boat's rating certificate shall not be changed after 12h00 Zulu on 1st September 2005 except as a result of a rating protest or to correct a rating office error.
- 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 two hours prior to the starting signal. After any change to a crew list, the boat shall still satisfy the general requirements of this Notice.
- Changes to the crew or details of any crew member shall be notified on forms available from the Organising Authority.



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11. FEES:

The following fees may be paid by credit card, cheque or bank draft on submission of the entry form. Entry Fees are not refundable.

Per Boat Entry: ZAR R500.00

PLUS the following fee per crew member for the maximum crew number as nominated on the Entry Form - **ZAR R300.00**

Additional Late Entry Fee ZAR R1000.00

Additional Late Documentation Fee ZAR R500.00

12. HANDICAP CATEGORIES:

The Mauritius to Durban Yacht Race will be conducted with the following handicap categories:

- IRC RACING CLASS
- PHRF RALLY CLASS
- Plus such other categories as may be determined by the Organising Authority having regard to interest expressed by entrants. Within each handicap category, all boats will be scored in the overall result. The Race Committee in its discretion may allocate boats to divisions within a handicap category.

13. OVERALL WINNERS:

- The overall winner of the Mauritius to Durban Yacht Race will be the boat that wins the overall IRC Handicap Category.
- The line honours winner shall be the first IRC Race Class boat to finish.

14. SCORING:

14.1 DEFINITION:

"Elapsed time" shall mean the elapsed time in hours minutes and seconds between a boats Start and her Finish measured on Universal Standard Time (UST)

14.2 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.

14.3 PHRF RALLY CLASS:

Results will be calculated by the application of Time Correction Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of elapsed time. Boats using motors shall be liable for a penalty factor applied to its TCF. 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 15h00 on 7th September 2005, 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 boats TCF shall not be subject to protest after 12h00 Zulu on 9th September 2005.



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14.4 OTHER HANDICAP CATEGORIES:

The Organising Authority will announce the scoring system for any other Handicap Category, when announcing that additional Handicap Category.

15. CHANGES TO RULES:

15.1. CHANGES TO IRC CLASS RULES:

- IRC Rule 26.1.5(e): A spare mainsail may be carried as a bona fide replacement for a mainsail damaged during the race.
- IRC Rule 27.4.1: The maximum total weight of crew in kilograms that may sail aboard a boat shall not exceed the crew number printed on her certificate multiplied by 85.
- IRC Rule 14.1: RRS 52, Manual Power, shall not apply, with the exception that automated steering is not permitted whilst racing.

15.2. CHANGES TO THE RRS:

- RRS 41: Whilst racing a boat may retrieve data from any page of the event website details of which are provided in the Sailing Instructions, even if that page is not publicly available. In addition, unlimited direct access to websites providing weather information is permitted.
- RRS 42: A boat in the Rally 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.
- RRS 50.2 and 50.3: Fixed and retractable spinnaker poles and bowsprits will be permitted for the purpose of setting asymmetrical spinnakers.
- RRS 51: A boat with movable ballast shall not use movable ballast to trim the boat fore and aft .
- 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.
- 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 11h00 Zulu on 24th September 2005, except when seeking redress. In that event, the time limit will be three hours after the protesting boat finishes.
- RRS 76.1: The second sentence of RRS 76.1 is deleted.
- RRS 78.2: is deleted.

16. REGISTRATION:

All Entries shall be confirmed by Registration at the Race Office located at the Le Caudan Waterfront. Between 15h00 and 18h00 Zulu on Thursday 8th September 2005 and between 09h00 and 12h00 Zulu on Friday 9th September 2005 when registration will close.

17. OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARDS:

The Official Notice Boards shall be notice boards bearing the name "MAURITIUS TO DURBAN RACE 2005 – OFFICIAL NOTICE BOARD" located in the Race Office in Grand Baie Yacht Club, Mauritius, in Port Louis, Mauritius, and in the Royal Natal Yacht Club in Durban, South Africa.



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18. BOAT MUSTER:

- It is a requirement that all entries muster at the Le Caudan Waterfront Basin, Port Louis, Mauritius, on or before 15h00 Zulu on Thursday 8th September 2005.
- All boats shall be confined to the Le Caudan Waterfront Basin, except for refueling procedures or in the case of emergency or sponsor-related business, in which case written notification must be lodged with the race office no less than 120 minutes prior to departure.
- In any event, all boats shall be confined to moorings from the hours 20h00 to 08h00 Zulu.

19. FUNCTIONS & BRIEFINGS:

19.1. SKIPPERS BRIEFING:

- A race briefing will be held during the morning of 9th September 2005.
- The venue and time for the briefing(s) will be advised at a later date.
- It is compulsory that at least two crew members of a boat intending to compete in the race shall attend the whole of the race briefing. It is recommended that the skipper and the navigator attend.
- An attendance register will be kept, and any boat failing to attend as required above will have her entry rejected.

19.2. WEATHER BRIEFING:

- A weather briefing will be held at 14h00 Zulu, on 9th September 2005. It is mandatory that the skipper and the navigator attend the whole of this briefing.
- The venue and time for the briefing(s) will be advised at a later date.
- An attendance register will be kept, and any boat failing to attend as required above will have her entry rejected.

19.3. MEDIA FUNCTION:

- A media function shall be hosted at which all Skippers must be present. All other participants are invited and are encouraged to be present.
- Date, time and venue for this function shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.



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20. EVENT CLASSIFICATION (ADVERTISING):

- Advertising on a boat shall comply with the requirements of RRS Regulation 20 (Advertising Code), 20.3.1 (b), Category C.
- 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 any of the event Sponsors.
- In any case of doubt, the Organising Authority should be consulted as soon as practicable.
- An application for entry shall contain brief details of all advertising that a boat intends to carry.
- The Organising Authority shall be advised of all changes to that advertising.
- 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 Regulation 20 (Advertising Code), regulation 20.3.(d)(i), if so supplied by the Organising Authority. Prior to leaving the Le Caudan Waterfront dock on the 10th September 2005, and immediately prior to starting, and after finishing, the boat shall display the event flags.
- The advertising rules apply from 0700 Zulu on 3 September 2005 until 2400 South African Standard Time, on 24 September 2005.

21. TRACKING DEVICES AND CAMERAS:

- A boat may be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the Organising Authority.
- A boat on which such a unit fails or ceases to operate may be required to provide additional position reports by radio in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.
- The Organising Authority also reserves the right to place a camera on board any boat for media purposes.
- 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).
- "Mauritius to Durban" is a registered trademark of Sailing KZN and the use of the trademark is absolutely restricted and limited to use by or with the consent of the Organising Authority.

22. SAIL IDENTIFICATION:

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).



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23. ALTERNATIVE PENALTIES:

- RRS 44.2 Two-turn Penalty. 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.
- 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.
- The scoring penalties will be applied in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

24. MEDIA RIGHTS AND RESTRICTIONS:

- The conditions of entry include:
- A requirement that the owner or charterer of the boat and all crew members acknowledge that the Organising Authority owns all media rights to the “Mauritius to Durban Yacht Race” and may exercise those rights as it sees fit.
- Grant the Organising Authority and Sponsors the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after the race.
- A prohibition on the use of any form of positioning system, other than that supplied or authorised by the Organising Authority, for the purpose of posting a boat’s position or other information to any internet site.
- Crew members of boats may, prior to, during and after the race, speak or provide material to any media representatives accredited by the Organising Authority, regarding the race and the prospects, performance or strategy of boats entered or participating in the race, subject to any comments and material not undermining or interfering with, or having a detrimental impact on, the Organising Authority and its officers and employees, the Race Committee, the Jury or Protest Committee, measurers or current or former sponsors of the Organising Authority. This approval may be revoked by the Organising Authority in respect of a boat or media representative at any time.
- Entrants must acknowledge and accept the media restrictions referred to in this paragraph on the entry form. Crew members must grant the rights referred to in this paragraph by signing a disclaimer and acknowledgment of rights form, as supplied by the Organising Authority. Any breach of these conditions may, at the discretion of the Organising Authority or the Race Committee, lead to the rejection of an entry, the cancellation of an entry or the disqualification of a boat (refer RRS 76.1). This does not limit the right of the Organising Authority to take any other action it sees fit to enforce compliance with these conditions.



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25. **DISCLAIMER/INDEMNITY:**

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”**

26. **TROPHY PRESENTATIONS:**

- The line honours trophy will be presented to the line honours boat on arrival at the International Jetty, Durban, South Africa.
- The overall winner and divisional winners will be announced and presented with battle flags at a dockside presentation after boats arrive.
- Details will be provided at a later date.
- The formal trophy and Medal presentation will be held on 24 September 2005, at a venue to be confirmed.

27. **AMENDMENTS:**

The Organising Authority reserves the right to amend this Notice of Race. Amendments will be published on the Official Notice Boards and on the event website www.mauritiustodurban.com.