

# "50 YEARS OF OCEAN RACING"

## NOTICE OF RACE

### THE MOSSEL BAY RACE 2005

ISSUED BY ROYAL CAPE YACHT CLUB AND THE MOSSEL BAY YACHT CLUB

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### IMPORTANT DATES AND TIMES:

Entries close: Tuesday 21 December 2004 at 16h00.

Late entries close: Monday 17 January 2005 at 16h00.

Crew list and experience declaration/ liferaft inspection certificates submission: Sunday 23 January 2005 at 17h30.

Compulsory skippers briefing: Sunday 23 January 2005 at 18h00.

Compulsory radio checks with Cape Town Radio: Between 08h00 Saturday 22 January 2005 and 17h00 on Tuesday 25 January 2005.

Start: Wednesday 26 January 2005 at 18h00.

Race ends: Saturday 29 January 2005 at 12h00.

Protests close: Saturday 29 January 2004 at 13h00.

Prizegiving: Saturday 29 January 2005 at 19h00 (Mossel Bay Yacht Club).

**PLEASE NOTE THAT ALL TIMES GIVEN IN THIS NOTICE OF RACE ARE LOCAL SOUTH AFRICAN TIMES (UTC PLUS 2 HOURS).**

**1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY**

The race will be under the management of a Race Committee appointed by Royal Cape Yacht Club and Mossel Bay Yacht Club.

**2. COURSE AND DATE**

2.1 The race will start in Table Bay, Cape Town, at the start line and finish at the finish line off Mossel Bay. The race distance is approximately 240 nautical miles. Full details of the position of the start and finish lines will be contained in the Sailing Instructions.

2.2 The race will start on the Wednesday 26 January 2005 at 18h00.

**3. DIVISIONS OFFERED**

Yachts are invited to enter the race in any one of the following divisions:

3.1 IRC division (for yachts with valid endorsed IRC certificates. The Race Committee may constitute more than one division in the IRC class depending on entries received);

3.2 Club Handicap division (for yachts with valid Club Handicap ratings. The Race Committee may constitute more than one division in the Club handicap class depending on entries received);

- 3.3 Double Handed division (for yachts with valid endorsed IRC certificates only).
- 3.4 The race committee will constitute a separate class for any 5 or more yachts in the same class which enter.

#### 4. **RULES**

- 4.1. The event will be governed by:
  - 4.1.1 the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2005-2008, except as specified below. Advertising is permitted in accordance with the ISAF Advertising Code Category “C”;
  - 4.1.2 IRC Rules, Parts 1, 2 and 3, and Club Handicap Rules, in so far as they apply to competing boats;
  - 4.1.3 this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions;
  - 4.1.4 the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.
- 4.2 All yachts shall have the correct sail numbers on their sails.
- 4.3 Between 19h00 and 06h00 each day RRS Part 2 will cease to be applicable and will be replaced by part B (steering and sailing) of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.
- 4.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to change the Notice of Race by amendment or in the Sailing Instructions. In case of conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 4.5 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.”

#### **4. TIME LIMITS**

4.1 The race will end at 12h00 on Saturday 29 January 2005 after which all boats that have not finished will be considered to have retired.

4.2 The Race Committee reserves the right to extend any time limit/s set forth in the Notice of Race or Sailing Instructions. Any decision of the Race Committee in this regard is final and binding.

#### **5 ELIGIBILITY AND SAFETY STANDARDS**

5.1 The decision of the Race Committee whether a yacht and/or her crew satisfactorily meet the eligibility criteria for entry in the race is final and binding.

5.2 In addition to having a Certificate of Fitness (category C) issued in terms of the Merchant Shipping (Small Vessels) Regulations 2002, which is in any event required by law, all entrants shall be obliged to submit a satisfactorily completed safety check list (attached to this NoR).

5.3 All yachts entered for the race shall be monohulled, and self righting; have an overall length (LOA) of not less than 9.0 metres, and a waterline length (LWL) of not less than 7.3 metres.

5.4 All yachts entered in the IRC division shall have a valid IRC certificate (endorsed) with a SSS numeral, including maximum adjustment, of not less than 20.

5.5 All yachts entered in the Club Handicap Division shall have a valid Club Handicap rating. The Race Committee shall be entitled, in its discretion, to require any yacht entered in the Club Handicap division to make fresh application for a Club Handicap rating.

5.6 All participants shall be members in good standing of a club affiliated to SAS, and in possession of a valid SAS membership card. The Race Committee shall be entitled to require participants to furnish such membership cards to it.

## **6. SKIPPER AND CREW REQUIREMENTS**

6.1 Save for entries in the double handed division, each boat shall be crewed by at least 4 persons, including the skipper.

6.2 The skipper of each yacht shall be in possession of at least a valid South African Sailing Coastal Skippers Ticket, or a higher qualification. The skipper of a yacht entered in the double handed division shall be in possession of at least a valid South African Sailing Coastal Skippers Ticket, or a higher qualification, and the crew in possession of at least a South African Sailing Local Waters ticket.

6.3 At least two crew on each yacht (including entries in the double handed division) shall have an age of 18 years or older and shall have long offshore racing experience. Particulars shall be supplied on the Crew Experience Declaration Form which must be submitted with the crew list. Completion of a Double Cape Race shall be accepted by the Race Committee as constituting acceptable experience.

6.4 The Race Committee's determination as to the acceptability of the Skipper's qualification and/or the crew experience is final and binding.

6.5 The crew list, on the prescribed form provided, and complete in every respect, shall be submitted to the Race Secretary by not later than Sunday 23 January 2005 at 17h30. Contingency corrections to the crew list may be made up to twenty four hours before the start of the race, by written notice to the Race Secretary.

## **7. ENTRIES**

7.1 An entry, on the prescribed entry form, completed in every respect, must be submitted

with the relevant entry fee to the Race Secretary, PO Box 772 CAPE TOWN, 8000, by not later than Tuesday 21 December 2004 at 16h00.

7.2 Entry fees will be R25.00 per full metre length overall. The entry fee is not refundable or rebatable, except if any entry is rejected for the reason set forth in clause 7.3 below. Late entrants, in addition to the fee prescribed above, must pay a late entry fee of R 500,00 (five hundred rand).

7.3 Because mooring facilities at Mossel Bay Yacht Club are limited the Race Committee may be obliged to reject entries. Entries rejected for this reason shall have entry fees refunded.

7.4 The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry or to exclude any boat from the event at its sole discretion, and its decision in this regard shall be final and binding.

## **8. RADIO EQUIPMENT**

8.1 VHF radios shall be permanently installed.

8.2 Yachts must be capable of transmitting/receiving, on channels 14, 16, 23, 87, 26, 27, 1, 4 and 71.

8.3 Yachts shall carry out a radio check with Cape Town Radio between 08h00 on Saturday 23 January 2005 and 15h00 on Tuesday 25 January 2005 . Yachts not recorded by Cape Town Radio as having adequate signal strength will not be eligible to start.

## **9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Sailing Instructions will be issued to all entrants as soon as they become available and by not later than the skippers briefing.

**10. COMPULSORY SKIPPERS BRIEFING**

10.1A compulsory briefing will be held at the Royal Cape Yacht Club on Sunday 23 January 2005 at 18h00. At least two crew members of a yacht intending to compete in the race, one of whom shall be the skipper or navigator, shall attend the whole of the race briefing in order for the yacht to be eligible to race.

10.2 Save in the event that the Race Committee should on good cause shown decide otherwise, if the required attendance at the race briefing is not met, the yacht will not be eligible to race and will be scored DNC. If the yacht attempts to take part in the race action will be taken by the Organising Authority under RRS 69.

**11. CHANGES TO IRC RULES**

11.1 Rule 27.4.1 – the maximum crew weight in kilograms permitted shall not exceed the product of the number of crew printed on a yacht's IRC certificate multiplied by 100.

**12. PROTESTS**

There is no time limit on protests by the Race Committee. No other protests may be filed after 13h00 on Saturday 29 January 2004. On good cause shown this time may be extended on application to the Race Committee.

**13. PRIZES AND PRIZE-GIVING FUNCTION**

The Prize Giving will take place at the Mossel Bay Yacht Club on Saturday 29 January 2005 at 19h00.

There will be prizes for at least the following yachts:

13.1 First boat to cross the finish line in the IRC division/s, as applicable;

- 13.2 First, second and third places on corrected time in the IRC division/s;
- 13.3 First place on corrected time in the Club Handicap division;
- 13.4 First, second and third place on corrected time in the double handed division.

**14. INDEMNITY**

The owner and the skipper of each boat entered shall be deemed, on the acceptance of the entry by the Race Committee, on behalf of themselves, their crew, their dependants and their sponsors to have indemnified the Organisers, the sponsors and all those involved in the running of the event against all claims of any kind arising from any injury to person or property incurred during or in connection with the event, or from any other cause arising whatsoever. Owners and/or skippers are advised to obtain counter-indemnities from each member of the crews.