

Royal Natal Yacht Club

NOTICE OF REGATTA



Regatta

INCORPORATING

The Royal Natal Yacht Club 145th Anniversary Race

23, 24, 26, 27 & 28 September 2003

Hosted and Organized by the Royal Natal Yacht Club

Supported by:

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1. Venue

The Windhoek Regatta will take place in local waters both offshore and within the confines of Durban Harbour. Additional events counting as part of and associated with the Regatta will take place within the confines of the Royal Natal Yacht Club.

2. Rules

The sailing events will be governed by the 2001 – 2004 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing, except where amended by this Notice of Regatta and the Sailing Instructions.

The land-based events and the Treasure Hunt will be competed for under rules published for each specific event, and which will be in accordance with the judge's discretion. No correspondence will be entered into in this regard. Specific instructions on these events will be made available during the Skipper's Briefing.

Scoring for the overall Windhoek Regatta Trophy (composite results) will adopt a 70%/ 30% weighting for the sailing events vs the land-based events.

3. Eligibility

The Regatta is open to sailing yachts of at least 23ft LOA and which, as a minimum, comply with Durban Offshore Category-3 rating. Yachts not fulfilling these requirements may make separate application to the race organizing committee.

4. Entries

Entry forms are available from the offices of the Royal Natal Yacht Club. Entry fees, as set out below, must accompany the completed regatta entry form.

Entries close at 12h00 on Monday 22 September 2003.

Late entries will attract a 25% penalty and will close at 08h00 on Wednesday 24 September 2003.

Entry Fee Per Boat	: R150.00
Entry Fee Per Crew	: R216.00 (All Inclusive: 3 breakfasts; gala dinner; 2 evening meals; registration & cocktails)
Minimum Entry Per Crew	: R100.00 (includes gala dinner; registration & cocktails)

Crew members (first 200) of early entries will qualify for a Regatta T-shirt.

For purposes of handicapping, it is imperative that your entry form reflect the class, type, and other data relevant to establishing an appropriate boat handicap.

5. Divisions

The Windhoek Regatta will be open to a Racing Division (Division-1) and a Cruiser Division (Division-2). The division in which a yacht will participate must be clearly marked on the race entry form.

(Note: At the discretion of the race committee, racing yachts entering the cruising category will be allocated a penalty handicap)

Separate starts and/ or courses may be provided for each division. Prizes will be awarded for each division.

The RNYC 145th Anniversary Race will be sailed as a single-division pursuit race. Prizes for the Anniversary Race are separate to those of the Windhoek Regatta.

6. Registration

All yachts shall register for the Regatta at the combined Registration and Skipper's Briefing on Tuesday 23 September 2003 at 18h00. The venue for this event will be the Regatta Marquee.

7. Schedule of Events

The following represents the events scheduled for the Regatta Weekend. These include events counting towards the yachts' regatta finishing positions as well as social and other events. Participation in other events, which may be organized by the sponsors or the host Club, will not influence the regatta score of a competing yacht.

Specific events contributing to the Windhoek Regatta are:

- Sailing Events – Races 1, 2, 3 & 4
- Land-Based events - Cryptic Clue & Potjie Competitions

The start times provided are approximate and may be changed to suit specific circumstances. The warning signal for the first race, however, will not be before 10h55 on 24 September 2003.

Depending on weather and other conditions, the nature and venue of some the sailing events may be altered.

Event	Date	Description	Start Time
1	23-09-03	Registration & Briefing	18h00
		RNYC Annual Prizegiving	19h30
		Cocktail Party	After Prizegiving
2	24-09-03	Race-1 (Offshore - sprint)	11h00
3	24-09-03	Race-2 (Offshore - sprint)	After Race-1
		Music/ Party	After Racing
		Sponsor competitions	
4	26-09-03	Cryptic Clue (Bay)	16h00 – 19h00
		Music/ Party	After Racing
		Sponsor competitions	
5	27-09-03	Race-3 (Offshore – Pursuit)	11h00
		(NB: Doubles as Anniversary Race)	
		Prizegiving for Anniversary Race	18h30
		Gala Dinner	
6	28-09-03	Race-4 (Bay)	10h00
7	28-09-03	Potjie Competition	after Race-4
		Prizegiving – Windhoek Regatta	

Finer details pertaining to courses, and competitions will be afforded entrants at the Skippers' briefing, by the Sailing Instructions and the Land Based-Events Instructions.

RNYC 145th Anniversary Race:

The results of Race-3 only will be used to determine the finishing order of yachts for the RNYC 145th Anniversary Race.

8. Daily Briefing

A skipper's briefing will be held each morning of each day when there is racing. The times of these briefings will be announced during registration.

9. Regatta Instructions

Instructions for sailing and land-based events will be available from the offices of the Royal Natal Yacht Club from 22 September 2003.

10. Handicapping

For the sailing events, Time Correction Factors (TCF's) will be allocated, by the race organizing committee, to each competing yacht. A yacht's elapsed time for the sailing event will be multiplied by the TCF to give a corrected time. The results of the sailing events will be determined in order of the shortest corrected time.

TCF's are allocated at the sole discretion of the race organizing committee and will be published on **23** September 2003.

11. Scoring System

The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules of Sailing 2001-2004 will apply

12. Prizes

145th Anniversary Race:

Cash prizes totaling R10 000 will be awarded in the following manner.

Racing Division:

1st 2nd 3rd and one lucky draw prize for boats finishing 4th & later

Cruising Division:

1st 2nd 3rd and one lucky draw prize for boats finishing 4th & later

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Prizes will be awarded to yachts finishing first, second and third on corrected time in each division.

The overall regatta winner and the second and third placed yachts will each receive floating trophies.

A bronzed "potjie" floating trophy will be awarded for the winning "chef" of the potjie competition.

Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee and the sponsors.

13. Event Category

In terms of the ISAF Advertising Code (Appendix 1), the Regatta is classified as a Category C.

14. Regatta Office

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