

THE ROYAL NATAL YACHT CLUB
CHRISTMAS REGATTA

Incorporating

THE FLYING FIFTEEN

NATIONAL CLASS CHAMPIONSHIPS 2003/04

And

THE HOBIE CLASS PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP 2003/04

Notice of Race

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

This Notice was amended on 5/11/03 to include the Hobie Class Provincial Championships

DATES

13 December 2003 to 16 December 2003 both dates inclusive.

VENUE

Royal Natal Yacht Club.

Dinghy classes may launch from the Point Yacht Club beach site at Vetches Pier.

Directions to these venues may be obtained from the Regatta Secretary.

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Royal Natal Yacht Club under the authority and sanction of South African Sailing and Sailing KZN.

CLASSES

National Championship : Flying Fifteen Class

Provincial Championship : Hobie 14 & Hobie 16 Classes

Non Championship Classes : Any other Dinghy Class subject to a minimum of four entries in the class

RULES

The Regatta will be governed by ;

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

The Class Rules of the International Flying Fifteen or Hobie Class Associations as applicable, any other competing class, subject to the changes made in terms of this Notice.

The SA Sailing Requirements for National Championships or Sailing KZN Requirements for Provincial Championships as applicable.

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 to all classes in terms of the ISAF advertising code RRS Section Appendix 1 Regulation 20.

ELIGIBILITY

Competitors shall comply with the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) eligibility requirements 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 Africa. The Yacht Club name and membership details shall be stated on the entry form. Current valid Club membership cards shall be presented at Registration.

The Owner, helm and all other crew of yachts in the Flying Fifteen class shall be Members in good standing of the Flying Fifteen Class Association.

MEASUREMENT or REGISTRATION CERTIFICATES

Each competing yacht in the Flying Fifteen or Hobie Classes 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.

The Entry fee is R120 and shall be paid to the Regatta Secretary no later than 10th December 2003. The Late Entry fee is R150 payable up to the close of entries.

Regatta Secretary Address :

<u>Postal</u>	<u>Street</u>	<u>Telecommunications</u>	
Royal Natal Yacht Club		Royal Natal Yacht Club	Tel: 031 301 5425
Yacht Mole		Yacht Mole	Fax: 031 307 2590
Victoria Embankment		Victoria Embankment	Email:
Durban Postcode 4001		Durban	Club@mnc.org.za

PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEES

Payment of Entry Fees 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 print 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	Royal Natal Yacht Club
Bank and Branch	Standard Bank, Durban Branch
Branch code	04 0026
Account No	050924435
Account Type	Current

All Entry Fees, Levies and Class subscriptions shall be paid prior to the close of Entries a Registration. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the affected yacht being recorded Did Not Compete until such time as the required payment/s are made. This changes rule A (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 in the Flying Fifteen or Hobie Classes for compliance with the Class Rules during the event.

REGISTRATION

Entries shall be confirmed by registration with the Regatta Secretary at the RNYC or PYC Beach Site commencing at 08:00 on 13 December 2003 and continuing to 10:00 on 13 December 2003.

The following documents shall be presented at Registration :

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

Competitors in the Flying Fifteen Class who's names do not appear on the relevant official 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 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 in the Flying Fifteen and Hobie Classes shall display the registered number and 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 : 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.

PROVINCIAL CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

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

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

SCHEDULE OF RACES

Racing is scheduled each day from Saturday 13th to Tuesday 16th December, except for the Hobbies Class, which has no racing scheduled for Monday 15th Hobbies may compete in the racing on that day, but will not be scored for the championship.

A voluntary briefing of competitors will take place at both launch venues at 09:00 on Saturday December 2003.

The First Race of the championship is scheduled to start at: 11:00 on Saturday 13 December 2003. The times for subsequent races will be advised at the venue in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

Ten races are scheduled (Eight for the Hobbies Class).

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

RACING AREA and COURSES

Racing will take place offshore Durban

Alternatively, in the event of unsuitable weather conditions, the Race Committee may conduct racing within the confines of the Durban Harbour

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.

A safety monitoring or tally system will apply for boats launching from the PYC Beach Site in accordance with the sailing instructions.

SCORING SYSTEM

The low points scoring system, RRS A4 will apply.

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.

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 qualifying for National Championship status:

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

Provincial Championship medals will be presented to competitors in accordance with Sailing KZN requirements for Provincial Championships in accordance with the following table and subject to the event qualifying for National Championship status:

<u>Yachts finishing</u> at least 1 race	<u>Medal</u>
10	Gold and Silver
11 or more	Gold, Silver and Bronze

Class floating trophies may be awarded as follows in accordance with the stated criteria ;
The Kwa-Zulu Natal Premier's Shield : Winner of the National Championship

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.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Contacts:

Organisational and Sailing Matters :

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