

SOUTH AFRICAN SONNET CLASS NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2004/2005

*incorporating
Veteran, Women's and Youth categories.*

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

Monday 27 December to Thursday 30 December 2004 both dates inclusive.

VENUE

Hermanus Yacht Club / Resort directions to which may be obtained from the Regatta Secretary.

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Sonnet Class Association in association with the Hermanus Yacht Club under the authority and sanction of South African Sailing.

CLASSES

National Championship Class : Sonnet
Sonnet Class : youth, veteran, ladies.

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 Association Federation (ISAF), subject to the changes made in terms of this Notice,

The Class Rules of the Sonnet class, subject to the changes made in terms of this Notice,

The SA Sailing Requirements for National Championships,

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 Sonnet Class 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 (helmspersons 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 Club membership cards shall be presented at Registration. Alternatively, a crewmember other

than the skipper may pay a non-refundable temporary South African Sailing membership fee for the duration of the regatta of R50.00, to the Championship Secretary for submission to South African Sailing.

The Owner, helm of yachts in the Sonnet class shall be Members in good standing of the relevant Class Association.

CLASS CATEGORY CRITERIA

The following categories within the stated Class will be applied to yachts where the Skipper complies with the stated category criteria before the close of entries.

Sonnet Class

Criteria

Youth: Under 19 years on 31st December of the current year.

Ladies: Female all age groups

Veteran: 50 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 Treasurer 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.*

Normal Entries shall be received no later than the close of business on Friday 10 December 2004 hereafter

Late Entries shall be **received only at the venue** until Closing of Entries at 11:00hrs. on 27 December 2004

Normal Entry Fee :	R 180.00 payable to South African Sailing
Late Entry Fee:	R 250.00 payable to SA Sonnet Class Association
Long distance entry fee:	R 65.00 (Distance to venue greater than 250 Km)

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 Class Treasurer. The deposit document shall state the event and entrants name.

Bank Account details

Account name: South African Sailing
Bank and Branch: Standard Bank, Thibault Square
Branch code: 09-09
Account No: 07-088-302-5
Account Type: Cheque / current

The Regatta Treasurer
Sonnet Class National Championships
32 Mitchell Str
Hermanus
7200
Fax: 028- 312 2026
Tel: 028-312-3771

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 affected yacht being recorded as Did Not Compete until such time as the required payment/s are made. This changes rule A11 (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

All yachts in the Sonnet Class shall, prior to registration, be made available for and pass scrutiny by official SA Sailing measurers and/or the measurement committee for compliance with the Class Rules as prescribed in the 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 09:00 to 12:30 on 27 December 2004

Official SA Sailing measurers may scrutinise any competing yacht for compliance with the Class Rules during the event.

REGISTRATION

Entries shall be confirmed by registration with the Regatta Secretary at the venue commencing at 09:00 on 27 December 2004 and continuing to 13:00 on 27 December 2004

The following documents shall be presented at Registration :

- * Current yacht club membership card,
- * Class membership receipt or other proof of membership
- * Measurement or registration certificate,
- * *Equipment Scrutiny certificate.*

Competitor's names which 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 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 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 shall display the registered number. 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 for 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.

SCHEDULE OF RACES

A voluntary briefing of competitors will take place at: 13:00 on Monday 27 December 2004.

The First Race of the championship is scheduled to start at: *14:00 on Monday 27 December 2004*

The times for subsequent races will be advised at the venue in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

Twelve races are scheduled.

No warning signal will be made after *15:00* on the last day of racing.

RACING AREA and COURSES

Racing will take place on Hermanus Estuary *from the Hermanus Yacht Club.*

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.

Youth category competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid at all times while afloat in a yacht. *Other competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid at all times while racing.*

A safety monitoring or tally system will apply 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.

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 awarded 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 19.11 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 *in the Sonnet class* qualifying for National Championship status:

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

Class floating trophies may be awarded as follows in accordance with the stated criteria ;

*The National Championship Cup
Veteran's Cup
Ladies Cup
EG Cup*

*Overall winner of the National Championships
Highest placed skipper age over 50 years age
Highest placed female skipper
Winner of last race.*

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.