

SAILING KZN VASCO DA GAMA 2004 **OCEAN RACE**

NOTICE OF RACE

Entries are invited in terms of this Notice.

DATE & VENUE:

The Race will start, for Division 2 & 3 entries, in Maputo Mozambique on Thursday 15th July and will end in Durban, South Africa.

The Race will start, for Division 1 entries, in Maputo Mozambique on Friday 16th July 2004.

The race course is approximately 300 nautical miles in length.

ORGANISING AUTHORITY:

The Race is organised by SAILING KZN, and is hosted by the Clube Naval in Maputo Mozambique and The Royal Natal Yacht Club in Durban South Africa.

ELIGIBLE CLASSES AND DIVISIONS:

Division 1: IRC Racing: For monohull keelboats of minimum 9.5m (30ft) length which satisfy South African Sailing **Category A** safety requirements. Handicaps will be calculated using the IRC Spinnaker TCC, and boats must have a valid 2004/5 SAS or RORC ENDORSED IRC certificate. (To qualify for endorsed status all IRC entrants must have been measured by a South African IRC Class Association appointed measurer and have been weighed on the official SAS load cell.)

The OWNER of each IRC entry must be a paid up member of the South African IRC Class Association.

Division 2: PHRF Cruising: For cruising yachts of minimum 9.5m (30ft) length which satisfy South African Sailing **Category A** safety requirements, which, in the sole view of the race committee, fall into this division. Handicaps will be based on the PHRF system as dictated by the race committee, who's decision on entry acceptance and Handicap allocation shall be final and no correspondence shall be entered into.

Division 3: PHRF (Multi): For Multihull yachts of minimum 9.5M (30ft) length which satisfy South African Sailing **Category A** safety requirements. The race committee's decision on entry acceptance and PHRF Handicap allocation shall be final and no correspondence shall be entered into.

One-Design Classes: In conjunction with the three divisions above, separate results will be published and prizes awarded for any One-Design class with FIVE or more valid entries.

HANDICAP NOTIFICATION AND OBJECTIONS:

Handicaps will be published on the official notice board, located at Clube Naval, no later than 13h00 on 14 July 2003. The Race Committee's decision on Handicap objections shall be final and no correspondence shall be entered into.

RULES: The Race shall be governed by the 2001/2004 International Sailing Association Federation (ISAF) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), subject to changes in terms of this Notice and the Sailing Instructions, the International Regulations for the Prevention of Collisions at Sea, the current prescriptions of South African Sailing (SAS), all relevant Class Rules (where applicable), this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.

In the event of any conflict, precedence shall be taken in reverse order of the rules stated above.

RRS 44.2 (720 deg turns) will apply from the start until fifteen minutes after the start, thereafter RRS 44.3 (scoring penalty) shall apply for a breach of Part 2 of the RRS.

The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea will replace Part 2 of the RRS between 18h30 and 06h00 during the race.

Specific attention is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4, which states; *"A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing."*

ADVERTISING:

The Race shall be a category C event in terms of RRS Appendix 1, Regulation 20.

Sponsors advertising decals, if required, shall be displayed on the Port and Starboard bow and will be supplied free of charge by the Race Organisers.

Any reference, of any nature, to the race, on clothing or in any form of advertising, or wherever, shall include the name of the Race Sponsor coupled to the words " Vasco Da Gama 2004".

Participants shall provide the organisers with a copy of all press releases, and all promotional materials issued by or on behalf of themselves or their sponsors, relating to the event.

NB: Yachts and or Team Uniforms shall not display any advertising / branding / logo's which, in the opinion of the race committee, is in conflict with that of any official event sponsor.

ELIGIBILITY:

The skipper and all crew shall all be members in good standing of SAS affiliated Clubs.

There shall be no less than **FOUR** crew (including the skipper) aboard a yacht whilst racing, one of whom must be in possession of at least a SAS Coastal Skipper's Certificate or equivalent acceptable to the Race Committee. Application for acceptance of an equivalent Certificate shall be made on the date of entry. The acceptance of an equivalent Certificate of Competence shall be at the sole discretion of the Race Committee.

MEASUREMENT CERTIFICATES:

Where applicable One-design yachts shall have a valid Class

Measurement/Registration Certificate acceptable to SAS.

A copy of the foregoing certificates shall be submitted with the entry form.

ENTRY:

The entry fee is R250.00 per person on board the yacht whilst racing. This amount is vat inclusive and is non refundable.

Entries must be submitted on the Official Entry Form attached to this Notice, together with the supporting documentation and Entry Fee (or proof of payment), by Noon, on 18th June 2004.

Documentation required, as follows:

- Completed Entry Form
- IRC ENDORSED Measurement Certificate (for Division 1)
- SAS Category A Safety Certificate
- Class Measurement Certificate (where applicable)
- Copy of SAS Certificate (Skipper)
- Colour Photograph of the boat in digital form gif. Or jpeg.
- Written submission of details on advertising being carried
- For Division 1, proof of owners membership of the South African IRC Class Association.

Entries to be lodged with the **Race Secretary** - Sandy Ostendorf, at:

Sailing KZN
Point Yacht Club
Durban
4001

P.O.Box 2224
Durban
4000

Email: sailsa@hit.co.za

Tel: (031) 301 3078

Fax: (031) 307 3902

Entry fee is payable by cash, Cheque (Sailing KZN) or direct deposit to:

Standard Bank
Durban Branch
Acc Name: SAILING KZN
Acc Number: 050914839
Branch Code: 040026

Late Entries, accompanied by a late entry fee surcharge of 50% may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

REGISTRATION:

Entries must be confirmed by registering between 14h00 & 16h00 on Wednesday 14th July 2004 at the Clube Naval in Maputo, Mozambique.

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS:

Sailing Instructions shall be issued to all entrants upon registration.

SAFETY:

Every Yacht will be required to submit her valid SAS Category A Safety Certificate to the Race Committee.

Notwithstanding the submission of the SAS Safety Certificate, the Race Committee reserves the right to inspect any yacht for compliance with the safety requirements.

All yachts will be required to report their positions by VHF radio or by telephone during the race.

TRACKING DEVICE:

Boats may be required to carry a tracking device, which shall be supplied and fitted by the Race Committee. Failure to comply with the requirements for carrying the device, if required, may lead to their disqualification.

BRIEFING:

There shall be a voluntary briefing at the Royal Natal Yacht Club Durban at 18h00 on Tuesday, 6th July 2004.

There will also be a voluntary briefing at the Clube Naval, Maputo, on Wednesday 14th July 2004, at 18h00. All entrants are strongly advised to be represented at these briefings.

INDEMNITY:

All skippers and crew will be required to sign the Indemnity form provided upon registration, indemnifying the race organizers and sponsors against injury to person or property that may be suffered before, during or after the race.

JURISDICTION:

The event is subject to the laws of the Republic of South Africa, and accordingly this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions will be construed with such laws.

SCORING:

The Low Points scoring system, RRS A4 will apply.

Finishing places will be in order of corrected time calculated from TCC's stated on the IRC Certificates submitted with the entry form, or TCC's allocated by the race committee.

PRIZEGIVING & PRIZES:

Prizes and awards will be presented at a function, in Durban, on Monday 19th July at 18h30.

Trophies will be awarded for Line Honours Division 1, and to the winners of all Divisions or Classes.

The results of this race will score toward the Sailing KZN Blue Water Challenge trophy to be presented at a separate function on a later date.

ERRORS AND OMISSIONS:

On good cause, the Organisers reserve the right to amend any of the provisions of this Notice of Race.