

2021 LIPTON CHALLENGE CUP



NOTICE OF CONTEST & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Notice is hereby given that the Witbank Yacht Aquatic Club (WYAC), as holders of this Cup at present, have been called upon by the Lipton Trustees to prepare to defend the Cup against all challengers in a Contest to be held in terms of this Notice. This will be the 67th defense of the Lipton Challenge Cup in its 112-year history. Eligible Yacht Clubs in Southern Africa are invited to challenge the WYAC for the Cup by entering a yacht crewed by their club members in the Contest outlined below.

1. DATES

Sunday 15 August 2021 to Saturday 21 August 2021, both dates inclusive.

2. VENUE

Club Mykonos, Langebaan. Racing will take place in Saldanha Bay and surrounding waters.

3. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority will be the WYAC, under the authority of the RCYC Lipton Trustees (Lipton Trustees).

4. MANAGEMENT

The Contest shall be under the management of the 2021 Lipton Challenge Cup Race Committee (Race Committee) from 14h00 on Sunday 15 August 2021.

The Race Committee shall consist of three members nominated by the WYAC Organizing Committee and one member nominated by the Lipton Trustees, one of whom shall act as Chairperson, as well as one nominated representative of each competing Club.

In the event of a member representing more than one Club, that member may nevertheless only cast one vote in any ballot. A simple majority of votes shall carry any motion.

The Race Committee shall have full powers to decide all matters relating to the Contest except in the matter of protests and requests for redress, which shall be decided by the Protest Committee.

5. CLASS OF BOAT

In terms of the decision taken in 2018 by the majority of the recognized yacht clubs of Southern Africa, voting in accordance with the Lipton Challenge Cup Deed of Gift as amended (Deed of Gift), this Contest shall be sailed in boats of the Cape 31 One-Design Class.

6. RULES

- 6.1 The Contest will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 6.2 The Contest has been designated an “Invitational Event” by the Cape 31 Class Association. This means that Class Rules 15.1(d), (which limits the number of “professional” sailors in a crew), and Class Rule 15.2 (the “Owner-Driver” rule) do not apply.

7. ELIGIBILITY

- 7.1. This Contest is open to:
- 7.1.1. All clubs affiliated to and in good standing with South African Sailing.
 - 7.1.2. Clubs in Namibia as far north as Walvis Bay affiliated to and in good standing with the Namibia Sailing Association.
 - 7.1.3. Clubs in Mozambique as far north as Beira affiliated to and in good standing with the Federação Moçambicana de la Vela e Canoagem.
 - 7.1.4. Clubs in Botswana affiliated to and in good standing with the Botswana Yacht Racing Association.

Only one entry will be accepted from any one Club.

- 7.2. Competitors shall be eligible only if they are:
- 7.2.1. Bona fide members, in good standing, of the Club they will represent in this Contest.
 - 7.2.2. Members of SA Sailing, or of their equivalent National Authority as required by that Authority.
- 7.3. A boat shall be eligible to compete only if:
- 7.3.1. She is owned by or on charter to or on loan to a Member and/or Members of a Club affiliated to SA Sailing or relevant National Authority.
 - 7.3.2. Her Owner and Skipper are both members in good standing of the Cape 31 One-Design Class Owners’ Association.
 - 7.3.3. She holds a valid Cape 31 Measurement Certificate issued or accepted by SA Sailing or relevant National Authority, the number of which shall be stated on the Notice of Entry. A copy of the certificate shall be submitted with the entry form and the original thereof presented at Registration.
 - 7.3.4. A member of the Race Committee has been nominated to act on her behalf and on behalf of her Club of Representation. Such nominees shall not be members of the crew of any competing boat.

8. ENTRIES

The Notice of Entry, together with proof of payment of the entry fee of R5750 inclusive of VAT, must be submitted to The Secretary, Lipton Trustees, RCYC (sailadmin@rcyc.co.za), to be received no later than 17h00 on Friday 16 July 2021. Acceptance of all entries will be subject to the approval of the Lipton Trustees.

IN TERMS OF THE DEED OF GIFT, LATE ENTRIES ARE NOT PERMITTED.

9. PAYMENT OF ENTRY FEE

The entry fee should be paid directly to Royal Cape Yacht Club by EFT.

Bank: FNB Commercial
Account name: Royal Cape Yacht Club
Account Type: Current
Branch code: 25 06 55
Account No: 50050045316

Please ensure that the payment reference is the name of the Club of Entry.

10. REGISTRATION

Entries shall be confirmed by registering with the Contest Secretary at the venue between 08h00 and 12h00 on Sunday 15 August and between 08h00 and 10h00 on Monday 16 August 2021.

The following documents shall be submitted at Registration.

1. Crew List and Declaration, together with proof of their current membership of the Club of Entry as well as of their respective National Authorities
2. Measurement Certificate for the boat
3. Safety Declaration
4. Proof of Insurance
5. Mobile number/s to be used for Race Committee and Protest Committee communication with boats and competitors.

Failure to do so before the close of Registration may, at the sole discretion of the Race Committee, result in the entry being rejected.

11. CREW WEIGHT AND SUBSTITUTION

Cape 31 Class Rule 15.1(b) states: "The weight of all crew members on board while racing, weighed in light street clothes, shall not be greater than 595 kilograms." Crew weigh-ins will be conducted:

1. during registration on Sunday 15/ Monday 16 August,
2. on the morning of Wednesday 18 August, and
3. on the morning of Friday 20 August.

Crews that meet the crew weight limit at these weigh-ins will be deemed to have complied with Class Rule 15.1(b) until the sooner of the next weigh-in and the end of the Contest. Crews that fail to meet the crew weight limit at any of these weigh-ins will be ineligible to race until they do meet it.

The substitution of one crew member, including the skipper, shall be permitted once during the Contest and this substitution shall be notified in writing to the Race Committee. Thereafter, no substitution shall be permitted without the prior written permission of the Race Committee. Only

in exceptional circumstances of serious illness, injury or of a personal nature will the Race Committee allow such further substitutions.

The weight of the substitute crew member plus the most recently recorded weights of the remaining crew members shall not be greater than 595kgs.

12. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 12.1. Racing is scheduled over six consecutive days commencing Monday 16 August 2021.
- 12.2. The scheduled time of the first warning signal for each day of the Contest is 11h00.
- 12.3. At least one of the three races over the Compulsory Courses specified in the third condition of the Deed of Gift will be sailed on each of the first three days of the Contest.
- 12.4. A maximum of ten races will be sailed.
- 12.5. On Saturday 21 August 2021 no warning signal shall be made after **15h00** unless by that time the three “Compulsory Course” races have not been completed.

13. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the WhatsApp Official Notice Board (ONB).

14. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 14.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the ONB.
- 14.2. When Flag AP is displayed ashore “1 minute” is replaced by “not less than 60 minutes” in race signal AP.

15. COURSES

- 15.1. A diagram showing the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left will be posted on the ONB.
- 15.2. The three “Compulsory Course” races, held over a windward/leeward, a triangular and a quadrangular course, will be no less than 12 nautical miles.
- 15.3. No later than the warning signal the race committee signal boat will display the course to be sailed, the number of rounds, and the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.
- 15.4. If the race officer intends moving the course area prior to a start, the race committee signal boat will display flag L with a sound signal and move to the new area.

16. MARKS

- 16.1. Rounding marks will be as described on the ONB.
- 16.2. The starting and finishing marks will be the race committee signal boat and the nearby buoy.

17. THE START

- 17.1. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the race committee

signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end starting mark.

17.2. When, after a postponement, it is the intention of the race officer to start a race soon, the orange starting line flag will be hoisted with a sound signal. This flag will be hoisted not less than 5 minutes before the warning signal.

18. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finish line) to a new position.

19. THE FINISH

The finishing line will be between a staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee signal boat at the starboard end and the course side of the port-end mark.

20. TIME LIMITS

20.1. The time limit for each race shall be the earlier of four hours after the start or 18h00.

20.2. A boat that does not start within 20 minutes after the starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.

20.3. Boats failing to finish within 30 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.

21. CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the ONB before 09h00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 20h00 on the day before it will take effect.

22. PENALTY SYSTEM

22.1. RRS T1 POST-RACE PENALTIES will apply.

22.2. The skipper of a boat that has taken one or more penalties, including retiring, under RRS 44.1 is required to sign a declaration to this effect on the form provided at the race office within the protest time limit.

22.3. Penalties for breaches of the Cape 31 One-Design Class rules are at the discretion of the protest committee in terms of RRS 64.2.

22.4. For breaches of certain of the sailing instructions and certain provisions of the notice of contest the race committee may apply a standard penalty without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1 and A5.1.

22.5. A list of these breaches and the associated standard penalties will be posted in Sailing Instructions Annexure A on the ONB.

22.6. A boat that has been penalized with a standard penalty cannot be protested for the same incident by another boat, nor can another boat request redress for this race committee action. This changes RRS 60.1 and 63.1.

23. HEARING REQUESTS

- 23.1. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is the later. This time will be posted on the ONB.
- 23.2. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 23.3. Hearings will be held at a place designated on the ONB.
- 23.4. Any measurement protest lodged after the protest time limit at the end of the first day's racing shall be refused unless it is based on facts which, in the opinion of the protest committee, could not reasonably have been ascertained by the protestor prior to that time and date. This does not apply to protests lodged by the scrutineers appointed by the sailing committee. This changes RRS 61.3.
- 23.5. Breaches of instructions 22.1, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 32, 33 and 34 shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a). The penalty for a breach of these rules may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

24. SCORING

- 24.1. Each boat's series score is the total of her race scores.
- 24.2. Three races, one over each of the "Compulsory Courses", are required to be completed for the contest to stand.
- 24.3. If this has not been achieved by the end of racing on Saturday 21 August 2021, the contest shall be abandoned and the Lipton Challenge Cup shall remain with the defending club until the next challenge.

25. SAFETY EQUIPMENT & REGULATIONS

- 25.1. Boats not leaving the marina for a scheduled race shall promptly notify the race committee.
- 25.2. Boats retiring from racing shall notify the race committee before leaving the racing area or, if this is not possible, shall notify the race office by signing the retirement declaration sheet as soon as possible after returning to shore, but by no later than the protest time limit.
- 25.3. Boats shall keep clear of commercial traffic both within and beyond Saldanha Bay harbour.

26. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 26.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time during the event for compliance with the Cape 31 One-Design Class Rules.
- 26.2. This may involve a Race Committee scrutineer boarding a boat (a) prior to a start, but not within 20 minutes of a warning signal, or (b) after a boat has finished.
- 26.3. After finishing, a boat so instructed by a Race Committee representative shall proceed promptly to a designated area for inspection.

27. HAULING OUT RESTRICTIONS

Boats shall be afloat in the Mykonos Marina not later than the start of Registration and shall not be hauled out until after the finish of the last race except with, and according to the terms of, prior written permission of the Race Committee.

28. COMMUNICATIONS AND SALDANHA BAY HARBOUR REQUIREMENTS

Each boat shall carry two VHF radios, which shall be maintained in good working order throughout the Contest and which shall be capable of transmitting and receiving channels 06, 12, 16 & 71. All boats shall monitor VHF channel 12, Saldanha Bay Port Control, while under way within the harbour. All boats shall stand by on Channel 71 after leaving and until re-entering the marina, unless otherwise advised at the daily Race Committee meeting.

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

If reasonably possible, the Race Officer will announce over the VHF channel in use, the sail numbers of any recalled boats as soon as possible after the start. If no boats are recalled he will, if reasonably possible, call "All clear" as soon as possible after the start.

The timing of this call, the sequence of the boats called, the audibility of the message, or the lack of any such call shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

A boat may request the Race Officer to repeat the call, and he will do so if reasonably possible. A failure to repeat the call shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 41 and 60.1(b).

29. LEADER IDENTIFICATION

- 29.1. Boats lying 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall after each day's racing are required to display yellow, white or red discs respectively on both sides of their mainsails during the following day's racing.
- 29.2. In the event of outstanding hearings that might affect the first three positions overall, the issue of discs on that day will be based on the provisional results at the time.
- 29.3. For the first race of the contest the boat representing the defending club shall display yellow discs.
- 29.4. The race committee will provide the sticky-back discs not later than 09h00 each day.
- 29.5. The discs shall be positioned as shown on the ONB.

30. ADVERTISING

Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organizing Authority.

31. OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will display **yellow** identification flags. Media boats will display **pink** identification flags.

32. SUPPORT BOATS & SPECTATOR BOATS

32.1. Support boats shall display conspicuously a white flag and the burgee/s of the respective club/s they are supporting.

32.2. Unless directed by a race official or attending to a boat in distress, support boats and spectator boats shall not come within 100m of a boat racing.

33. CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

34. TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed aboard official boats or support boats.

35. WORLD SAILING ANTI-DOPING CODE

Testing of competitors may be conducted in terms of the World Sailing Anti-Doping Code contained in Regulation 21. Therapeutic Use Exemptions in terms of Sub-regulation 21.4 shall be submitted at Registration in a sealed envelope, addressed to the SA Sailing Medical Officer.

36. TROPHIES AND PRIZES

Trophies will be awarded as per the published List of Trophies. Additional prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority and the Lipton Trustees.

37. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in this Contest entirely at their own risk. Refer RRS 3, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority including all persons, organizations and their agents concerned with the conduct of this Contest will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the Contest, however arising.

All competitors shall sign the Declaration acknowledging the disclaimer of liability which is included on the Crew List Form. In the event that the signatory of the Declaration is younger than 18 years of age it shall be counter-signed by their parent or guardian.

38. INSURANCE

The Organizing Authority requires that each entry carries adequate insurance to the value of not less than R25m (twenty-five million rand) to cover any eventualities and in particular against Public Liability and Third-Party claims.

FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Kerry Pryde, Contest Secretary, at the RCYC Sailing Office on 021 421 1354 during office hours (weekdays 08:00 – 17:00) or via email at sailadmin@rcyc.co.za

A copy of the Conditions and Rules of the Deed of Gift is available on the Lipton Challenge Cup website www.liptoncup.com

This document (Notice of Contest and Sailing Instructions) incorporates the Notice of Race as required in terms of the Racing Rules of Sailing.

David Hudson

Chairman - Lipton Trustees

On behalf of the Organising Authority and Race Committee.

