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HOUT BAY YACHT CLUB

LTC Phoenix Admiral's Regatta 2017

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**Hout Bay Yacht Club, Cape Town
25 & 26 March 2017**

Sailing Instructions

1. ORGANISING AUTHORITY

Hout Bay Yacht Club under the sanction and authority of South African Sailing – Western Cape

2. RACE COMMITTEE

- The Race Committee will be made up of the following representation
 - Chairman: Peter Roeloffze (083-790 4303)
 - Race Officers:
 - Offshore: Doug Alison (082 413 1934)
 - Bay Race: Tom Ambrose (082 684 5469)
 - Rear Commodore: Sailing (HBYC) Paul Tomes (083 399 5533)

3. RULES

- Save where these are altered by the Notice of Race and these Sailing Instructions, the regatta will be governed by
 - The current rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing for 2017-2020 (RRS)
 - SAS/SAMSA Safety Regulations Minimum Category C
 - The Class Rules of participating Classes
 - The Notice of Race for Admirals Regatta 2017
 - These Sailing Instructions

Any amendments to these Sailing Instructions, where relevant, precedence shall be given in the reverse order of the above listing.

4. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Admirals Regatta Notice board in the Hout Bay Yacht Club building.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

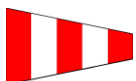
- Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before **09h00** on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by **19h00** on the day before it will take effect.

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- Signals made ashore will be displayed at the mast located East of the balcony at the clubhouse.
- Flag "L"-Read the Notice Board.



- When flag AP is displayed ashore, 'Race is postponed'. The warning signal will not be made less than 60 minutes for the offshore course and 30 minutes for the in the bay courses after it has been lowered.



7. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race on each day is
 - Saturday 25th April - 09h55.
 - Sunday 26th April – 09h55.
 - On the last day of the regatta no Warning Signal will be made after 15h00.

8. CLASS FLAGS

Offshore racing

- Class Flags for boats entered under ORC

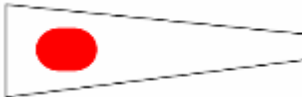
"Q" Flag



- PHRF will be Numeral Pennants 1 & 2 and will be displayed as the warning signal.

PHRF Division 1

Numeral Pennant 1



PHRF Division 2

Numeral Pennant 2



Inshore bay racing

Keelboat fleet

"D" Flag



Dinghy fleet

"F" Flag



9. RACING AREAS

- Offshore racing will occur in the Hout Bay area between The Hout Bay sentinel, Kommetjie and surrounds.
- Inshore racing will take place in the bay of Hout Bay

10. THE COURSES

Please refer **Appendix A: Course Cards for the shorter races for all fleets**

Courses for the bay races for the offshore fleet will be posted on the noticeboard and/or announced over the radio

- Where weather conditions dictate the Race, Officer may amend the posted course and such change will be made known to the fleet by a communication on;
 - **VHF Ch-71** Offshore course
 - **VHF Ch-69** Inshore course
 - And/or by the display of the new course on a board on the stern of the relevant Committee Boat.
- The Racing bridge will be known and hailed as **'Admirals Bridge'** and the bridge utilised for the finish of the John Coles race will be known and hailed as **'Hout Bay Finish'**.
- ALL Offshore course yachts will communicate on **VHF Ch-71** until after their respective starts, where after ONLY for the John Cole Race will then communicate on Channel 71 with **'Hout Bay Finish'**.
- The short courses to be sailed will be Windward / Leeward or a combination of Windward/Leeward and Windward/Leeward/Triangle courses as per the course cards in Appendix A. Courses for the day will be posted on a board on the stern of the committee boat and/or announced over the radio.
- It is the intention of the race committee to set a medium/long distance race for the Offshore fleet on the final day, should enough short courses races have been sailed. The course for this race will be posted on the noticeboard and/or announced over the radio.
- The John Coles Sprint Race:

This race will be sailed by all the entrants in the offshore race and is a sprint race with the start being the finish of the last race completed on the first day of racing on Saturday 25th April. Yachts will then sail from the finish/start as above to the finish line that is established for the John Coles Sprint Race. The finish line of the John Coles race will be made known to the fleet prior to the start of the last race that day.
- For clarity, note that the code "L" flag (refer to Section 12) will **NOT** be flown at the beginning of the last race on Saturday. The John Coles Race will commence for each individual boat immediately it passes the finish line of the last race.

- If for any reason, a boat does not start the final race on Saturday or retires from the final race on Saturday, it may still take part in the John Coles race, subject to announcing to the **'Admirals Bridge'** its intention to cross the start line of the John Coles race on Saturday both **five (5) minutes** prior to crossing the line and **thirty (30) seconds** prior to crossing the line.

11. MARKS

- **Shorter courses for bay and offshore fleets:**
 - Rounding marks will be brightly coloured inflatable buoys.
- **Bay races for offshore fleet:**
 - The following marks/rounding points may be used, but is not limited to: (A) Vulcan Rock, (B) Swell/Weather Buoy (south of crayfish factory) (C) Barker Rock, (D) a Laid mark (coordinates to be indicated on the course cards), permanent marks; (E) Dunes, (F) Ore Jetty, (G) Fish on the Rocks.

12. THE START

- Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal given **five (5) minutes** before the starting signal.
- The start line for ALL CLASSES will be between a staff displaying the HBYC burgee on the Committee Boat at the Starboard end, and the starting mark at the Port end.
- Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.
- A boat starting later than **four (4) minutes** after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start.
- Start sequence will be announced once entries have been received. Note: the starting sequence may be changed, please observe flags
- A Code Flag "L" displayed by the Starting and Finishing Vessel will indicate that a subsequent race will be attempted shortly after the present race. Code flag "L" will be lowered at 6 minutes before the first start of a sequence.

"L" Flag:



13. SHORTENING COURSE / COURSE CHANGE

"S" Flag



Shortening course

- If flag "S over C" is displayed near a rounding mark, then boats are to round the nearby mark and proceed to the finish line.

Course change

- A course change after the start will be signalled before the leading boat has begun that leg on which the change takes place although the new mark may not yet be in position.

14. THE FINISH

- The finishing line will be between a staff bearing the HBYC burgee on the Race Committee Boat at the starboard end and the finishing mark at the port end.
- All John Coles competitor boats are to hail 'Hout Bay Finish' an estimated 10 minutes prior to finishing.

15. PENALTY SYSTEM

- Rule RRS 44.1 is amended to one tack and one gybe.

16. TIME LIMITS

- Boats shall finish within the Time Limit failing which they will be scored DNF.
- The Time Limit is $0.4 \times E$ after the finish of the leading boat of each start, where E is the Elapsed time of the first (or scratch) boat to finish in each division.

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- Protest forms are available at the Race / Regatta Secretaries Office. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- For each class or fleet, the protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and Protest committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- Notices will be posted within 60 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings and times thereof in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the place stated on the protest notice beginning at the time stated therein.

- On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered
 - within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

- On the last day of the regatta a request for redress from a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

18. SCORING

- The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A of the Racing Rules will apply.
- When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- When 5 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- The John Coles Race is scored separately BUT will only be utilised to 'break' an unbreakable tie.

19. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.
- All yachts shall have a valid SAS or SAMSA Certificate of Fitness.
- Safety of the yacht and its crew is the responsibility of the skipper and the decision to race rests entirely with the skipper.
- Life jackets must be worn by all dinghy and Hobie cat skippers and crew.

20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- Substitution of crew will be allowed provided the number of crew is not changed by adding or removing crew members.
- Each yacht will sail with her correct registration number displayed on her sail, with the sails used in the first race. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee

Measurer to proceed immediately after the completion of a race to a designated area for inspection.

22. SUPPORT BOATS

- Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay at least 150 metres outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Preparatory Signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Non-compliance with this rule may lead to action under RRS 69.

23. HAULING-OUT RESTRICTIONS

- Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the Race Committee.

24. DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

- Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

25. RADIO COMMUNICATION

- A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.
- VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on **Channels 16 & 71 and/or 69** shall be monitored at all times whilst competitors are away from their moorings during the event.

26. PRIZES

- Prize-giving ceremony will be held at the HBYC Club House no sooner than 1 hour after the last race on 26th March 2017.
- The Admiral's Sword Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner of the offshore race.
- The John Coles Floating Trophy will be awarded to winners in the John Coles Sprint Race.
- Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Race Committee.

27. Emergency Numbers

- Hout Bay Yacht Club – 021 790 3110
- HBYC also listening on Channel 71 & 69
- NSRI Station 8 – Hout Bay - call Cape Town 021 449-3500
- Hout Bay Station Commander Lyall Pringle 082-990-5964

Appendix A

Course Cards: Shorter courses for all fleets

NB: Bay Race courses for the offshore fleet will be posted on the noticeboard, or will be announced on the radio

Course 1

Start, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1 Finish downwind



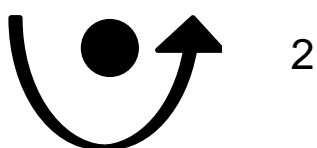
Start



Bridge
Boat

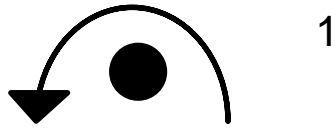


Finish



Course 2

Start, 1, 2, 1, 2 Finish upwind



Start/Finish

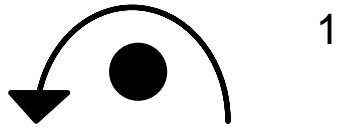


Bridge
Boat



Course 3

Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, 1 Finish downwind



Start



Bridge
Boat

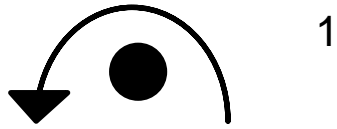


Finish



Course 4

Start, 1, 2, 3, 1, 3, Finish upwind



Start/
Finish



Bridge
Boat

