

Cape to Rio Yacht Race 2014

Notice of Race

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NOTICE OF RACE

The Cape to Rio Yacht Race 2014, incorporating a rally for cruising boats, will take place on the waters of Table Bay, Cape Town, transiting the Atlantic Ocean and ending in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil.

Owners and charterers of eligible boats are cordially invited to enter the Race on the conditions of this Notice of Race.

1. MANAGEMENT

The event is organized and conducted by the "Organising Authority" appointed by the Royal Cape Yacht Club (RCYC).

2. DEFINITIONS

- 2.1. the *rules*, as defined on the [Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 \("RRS"\)](#) of the International Sailing Federation.
- 2.2. "IRC" shall mean the 2013 version of the Royal Ocean Racing Club's IRC handicapping system (<http://www.ircrating.org/>).
- 2.3. "WCCRS TCF" shall mean the [World Cruising Cruise Rating System](#) Time Correction Factor for Cruise Fleet boats, both mono-hulls and multi-hulls, issued by the race rating authority.
- 2.4. Any reference to the male gender shall include the female gender.

3. TIMES

All times printed in this Notice of Race shall be taken as South African Local Mean Time (Bravo), unless specified otherwise.

4. RULES

4.1. General:

- 4.1.1. The event will be governed by:
 - the [2009 - 2012 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#),
 - the [2013 IRC](#) insofar as this rule applies to competing boats,
 - this Notice of Race,
 - the Sailing Instructions,
 - the Special Regulations contained in Schedule 1 and Schedule 2 as regards the Cruise Fleet.
- 4.1.2. In the event of a conflict between any of the above rules and regulations and this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the provisions of this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 4.1.3. Part 2 of the RRS relating to when boats meet shall only apply for three hours after the start, after which right of way will be determined by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.
- 4.1.4. All participating South African boats are to comply with all local legal requirements with regard to "going foreign".

4.2. Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be issued to all entrants prior to the start of the Race at a compulsory briefing for skippers and navigators scheduled for 1600B Monday 30th Dec 2013 at the Royal Cape Yacht Club – thereafter such instructions will be posted on the event website and official race notice board.

4.3. Amendments:

- 4.3.1. On good cause, the Organising Committee reserves the right to amend any of the provisions of this Notice of Race. Amendments will be published on the Main Race Notice Board and placed on the event website.
- 4.3.2. Amendments will be sent to all entrants electronically.

4.4. Official Race Notice Board:

The Official Race Notice Board bearing the name of the race will be positioned in the Race Centre of the Royal Cape Yacht Club.

5. ELIGIBILITY

5.1. Eligibility of Boats:

- 5.1.1. The event will be limited to vessels which have an overall length (LOA) not less than 35 foot (10.66m).
 - 5.1.2. The event will comprise the following fleets:
 - IRC Racing Fleet for mono-hull boats with valid IRC 2013 certificates, divided into two divisions - at the Race Committee's discretion,
 - Cruise Mono-hull Fleet for bonafide cruising mono-hull boats which do not have IRC certificates, sailed under RCYC club handicap system (RRD) - at the Race Committees discretion
 - Cruise Multi-hull Fleet for cruising multi-hull boats with a WCCRS TCF of no more than 1.200.
 - 5.1.3. Boats in the Cruise Fleets will, subject to certain restrictions, be able to use their motors (Refer to Schedule Two).
 - 5.1.4. If there is sufficient demand, other classes of boats will, at the Race Committee's sole discretion, be considered.
 - 5.1.5. Each boat must, by not less than five days before the boat's start date, have sailed a total of at least 500 nautical miles and the onus shall be on the owner to satisfy the Race Committee thereof
- ### 5.2. Eligibility of Crew:
- #### 5.2.1. Minimum Numbers:
- A minimum compliment of 4 crew is set throughout all fleet entries; unless,
 - specifically entered within the Double Handed Division.
 - the Race will not accommodate Single Handed entries.

5.2.2. Minimum Crew Standards:

- The skipper must satisfy the Race Committee by Monday 16th December 2013 that at least 2 of the crew are sufficiently qualified to navigate the boat between Cape Town and Rio de Janeiro. In the case of entry to the Double Handed class, then 2 crew only.
- The Race Committee will be satisfied of the two qualifying crew members' competence in terms of clause 10.1 if –
 - he holds a South African Sailing or equivalent Yacht Master Ocean Certificate, or
 - he holds a South African Sailing or equivalent Yacht Master Offshore Certificate and is able to navigate by celestial observation, or the boat on which he will sail has electronic navigation equipment which complies with paragraph 14 of the Special Regulations and he has completed, as skipper or navigator, offshore races of at least 750 nautical miles, or
 - he presents such other evidence of other experience or international qualifications as may be acceptable to the Race Committee,
 - he can present evidence of having attended a course on Survival Training within the last five years. Alternatively, another member of the crew may, for the purposes of this subparagraph, be substituted.
- The Race Committee may grant permission for a nominated person to be onboard a boat for a short period after the start of the race for promotional purposes. In this case written permission from the Race Committee must be obtained at least five hours prior to the boat's start. The Notice of Race clause 5.2.2. regarding crew list requirements and RRS 47.2 will not apply to that person.

Determination of Eligibility

A decision of the Organising Authority or Race Committee as to any matter prescribed within Par 5, including as to whether a boat and her crew meet the eligibility criteria for entry in the race, is final and binding and will not be grounds for a request for redress.

6. COURSE AND DATE

- 6.1. The event will start in Table Bay and finish at the finish line at Rio de Janeiro,
- 6.2. Boats may follow any route but due regard must be taken of **limiting latitude 37° 07'S**.

6.3. There will be one start for all boats – Saturday 04 January 2014 at 1400B.

6.4. Precise details of the start line, the marks to be rounded in Table Bay and the finish line will be published in the Sailing Instructions.

7. TIME LIMIT

7.1. The event will end at 0000B (2000LMT Brazil) on Friday 31st January 2014 after which all boats that have not finished will be considered to have retired.

7.2. Boats still at sea after the event ends should adopt the internationally accepted mode of communication for emergencies.

7.3. The Race Committee reserves the right to extend the time limit under exceptional circumstances.

8. COMMUNICATIONS

8.1. Communications Instructions will be issued together with the Sailing Instructions.

8.2. All race communication for position reporting will be handled by means of:

- 8.2.1. E-mail
- 8.2.2. SATPHONE
- 8.2.3. SSB

8.3. Special waiver of the SSB requirement will be considered provided that such waiver is requested in writing and supporting proof is supplied indicating sufficient comparative method/s of sustainable communication.

8.4. The Fleet may be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the Organising Authority. A boat on which such a unit fails or ceases to operate will be required to provide a full report and may be subject to penalties or disqualification from the race – at the Race Committee's discretion.

9. RATING CERTIFICATES AND HANDICAPS

9.1. Boats shall have current rating and / or handicap certificates as follows –

9.1.1. Boats racing in the IRC fleet referred to in clause 5.1.2 shall have current, valid and signed IRC 2013 Certificates.

9.1.2. Boats racing in the Cruise Fleet referred to in clauses 5.1.2. shall have valid WCCRS TCFs issued by the Race Committee or World Cruising.

9.2. Each boat in the Cruising Division will be obliged to furnish acceptable proof of its displacement.

9.3. The Race Committee reserves the right to request further information regarding measurements of a boat.

9.4. The placing of each boat in its particular fleet shall be determined by the corrected time taken by that boat to complete the course, calculated as follows:

9.4.1. In respect of boats in the IRC fleet, the corrected time will be the elapsed time multiplied by the relevant boat's IRC TCC.

9.4.2. In respect of all other boats, the corrected time will be the elapsed time multiplied by the relevant boat's WCCRS TCF.

- 9.5. A list of ratings for each fleet will be published on the Race Notice Board not less than five days prior to the start.
- 9.6. Valid 2013 IRC certificates must be lodged with the Race Director no later than 1600B on Monday 23rd December 2013. The Race Committee reserves the right to extend the above time limit in exceptional circumstances.
- 9.7. On showing good cause and with the prior written approval of the Race Committee, changes may be made to a boat's rating certificate up to 24hrs prior to the boat's start date.
- 9.8. The Race Committee reserves the right to correct, up until the Prize-giving, measurement and calculation mistakes relating to any boat's rating certificates, if notified of these by the South African Sailing Rating Authority.
- 9.9. Information regarding the obtaining of –
- 9.9.1. IRC rating certificates is available from the South African Sailing Office (SAS) or the [Royal Ocean Racing Club](#) in the United Kingdom and,
- 9.9.2. Cruising Fleet TCF's are available from the Race Organisers.

10. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND SCRUTINY

- 10.1. All boats shall be scrutinised by the Race Committee to ensure compliance with the safety requirements. The skipper is obliged to ensure that he and at least one other member of the crew are present at the scrutiny.
- 10.2. A boat which has not passed scrutiny by 24 hours before the boat's start time may not start the event and the onus shall be on the skipper to ensure that his boat is scrutinised timeously.
- 10.3. If a boat does not comply with these regulations as prescribed in this Notice of Race and applicable Appendixes its entry may be rejected or it may be liable to disqualification or such other penalty as may be prescribed by the Race Committee.
- 10.4. Notwithstanding anything herein contained, the safety, management and insurance of a boat and its crew shall at all times remain the sole responsibility of her skipper, who must satisfy himself that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who is capable of handling the boat in bad weather.
- 10.5. The skipper must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that all crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each boat to decide whether or not to start or to continue the Race and all those taking part in the Race do so at their own risk.
- 10.6. The Crew List, on the prescribed form provided together with a copy of each crew member's

valid passport and visa (if required), shall be submitted to the Race Director no later than 0800B Monday 30th December 2013. Contingency corrections to this crew may be made up to four hours before the start of the event, provided that a copy of the passport accompanies the amendment.

11. BRIEFINGS

11.1. Skippers Race Briefing

A compulsory Skipper and Navigator Briefing will be held at 1600B in the RCYC Main Hall on Monday 30th December 2013.

11.2. Weather Briefings

11.2.1. A general weather briefing of expected weathers during the race will be presented during the Skippers and Navigators Briefings on Monday 30th December 2013.

11.2.2. A final weather briefing will be held 0830B on Saturday 04th January 2014 in the RCYC Main Hall. Skippers and Navigators attendance is compulsory.

11.3. General

It is mandatory that all skippers and navigators attend all race briefings and/or presentations.

12. ENTRIES

12.1. General:

12.1.1. An entry, on the prescribed entry form, must be submitted with the relevant standard entry fee to:

The Race Director
Cape to Rio Race 2014
PO Box 772
Cape Town
8000
South Africa

12.1.2. Late entries will be accepted up to 1200B on Friday 27th December 2013, subject to the late entry fee.

12.1.3. The standard entry fee shall be –

- R6,000 per vessel plus,
- R500 per crew member - provided that in the case of a late entry the fee of shall be twice the standard entry fee.
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Entry Forms

All entry documentation as prescribed in NOR and applicable fees are to be paid no later than 1200B on Monday 02nd December 2013

12.2. Pre-entry Documentation:

The following additional documentation shall be lodged with the Organising Authority upon entry:

1. Entry Form
2. 2013 IRC Rating Certificate
3. Application for an RCYC TCF (for cruising class).

4. Crew Competency Declaration Form
5. Certificate of Insurance
6. Crew List (BI – 157)*
7. Communications Information Sheet

The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry or to exclude any boat from the event at its sole discretion.

Privacy Note

Personal information about crew members is obtained in the crew lists. This information is required for Search and Rescue purposes.

13. ADVERTISING, MEDIA AND REFERENCE TO RACE

13.1. Trademark Restrictions:

13.1.1. "Cape to Rio" and "Rio Race" are trademarks of the Royal Cape Yacht Club and the use of either of these trademarks is restricted and limited to use by or with the consent of the Organising Authority.

13.2. Mandatory Entry Information:

13.2.1. In the interests of public relations, media and race promotion, all entry forms must be accompanied with a brief biographical note of the owner and/or skipper, information on the crew and must include a photograph of:

- the owner/ skipper; and,
- the boat.

13.2.2. The Organising Committee shall be authorised to use any such information and photographs in connection with any advertising, publication, promotion, sponsorship or the like relating to the race whether in printed or electronic form or howsoever.

13.3. Media Rights:

13.3.1. Upon entry, all boats, skippers and crew acknowledge that the Organising Authority owns all media rights to the Cape to Rio Yacht Race and may exercise those rights as it sees fit.

13.3.2. Upon entry all boats, skippers and crew grant the Organising Authority the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any media, the names, images and biographical information relating to the crew and photographs, video footage and audio recordings taken of the boat and its crew prior to, during and after the race;

13.3.3. Crew members of boats may, prior to, during and after the race, speak or provide material to any media representatives accredited by the Organising Authority, regarding the race and the prospects, performance or strategy of boats entered or participating in the race, subject to any comments and material not undermining or interfering

with, or having a detrimental impact on, the Organising Authority and its officers and employees, the Race Committee, the Jury or Protest Committee, measurers or current or former sponsors of the Organising Authority. This approval may be revoked by the Organising Authority in respect of a boat or media representative at any time.

13.4. Boat Decals:

13.4.1. A boat shall display the sponsors bow decals and backstay flags from Monday 30th December 2013 until Saturday 01 February 2014. Bow decals and event flags will be provided by the Organising Authority.

13.4.2. The name of any boat, whether displaying advertising or not, must be acceptable to the Race Committee. No entry will be accepted from a boat displaying advertising or having a name which conflicts with any interests of the race sponsor, or any sub-sponsor of the event. No entry will be accepted from a boat sponsored by any liquor organisation, without the Organising Committee's express permission.

13.5. General:

13.5.1. Advertising will be permitted in accordance with the current ISAF Advertising Code (Appendix 1 Regulation 20), for which purpose the event shall be classified as a Category "C" event.

13.5.2. The owner and skipper of all boats shall ensure that no "ambush marketing" or "hijack signage" is carried out by or on behalf of themselves or their sponsors with reference to the event and that nothing else is done which might undermine the event, the rights of the event sponsor, or any other sponsor or participant in the event.

13.5.3. The organisers and sponsors shall be entitled to make use of any photograph, film or other form of electronic reproduction of or relating to all boats participating in the event, their owners and crew and to make use of all interviews, broadcasts and reports by any of them for any purpose relating to or arising from the event or the sponsorship thereof.

13.5.4. The skipper of a boat, if and when requested to do so, shall from time to time provide the organisers with a written or verbal report of the boat's current position or any other matter of interest, suitable for use on the radio, television and internet.

13.5.5. The entry of a boat breaching any of the provisions of this clause may be rejected and any boat breaching any of these provisions shall be subject to disqualification or such penalty to her corrected time as the Race Committee may deem fit.

13.5.6. If in doubt, a boat may enquire of the Organising Committee whether it infringes the provisions of any of the above advertising rules.

14. INFRINGEMENTS

14.1. If a boat infringes any of the provisions of this Notice of Race or of the Sailing Instructions or any of the Rules and Regulations herein referred to, in circumstances which in the opinion of the Race Committee do not constitute a gross breach thereof, it may be penalised by having its basic elapsed time increased by such amount as the Race Committee, in its sole discretion, deems fit. In addition, the Race Committee shall be entitled to disqualify a boat in the event of a gross breach of any of such provisions, rules or regulations. Any penalty imposed by the Race Committee pursuant to this provision will not be subject to appeal.

15. PRIZE-GIVING AND TROPHY PRESENTATION

15.1. Two Prize-giving's will be held - dates will be advised at a later stage.

15.2. The skipper and at least one other member of the crew of a boat due to receive a prize will be obliged to attend the Prize Giving. If, for good reason, this is not possible, the owner and skipper undertake to inform the Organising Committee prior to the Prize Giving.

16. INDEMNITY

16.1. The owner and the skipper of each boat entered shall be deemed, on the acceptance of the entry by the Race Committee, on behalf of themselves, their crew, their dependants and their sponsors to have indemnified the Organisers, the host club, the sponsors and all those involved in the running of the event against all claims of any kind arising from any injury to person or property incurred during or in connection with the event, or from any other cause arising whatsoever. Owners and skippers are advised to obtain counter-indemnities from each member of the crews.

RRS Rule 4

"The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone"

16.2. Owners and skippers of boats participating in the event will be responsible for ensuring that the provisions of this Notice of Race are understood and agreed by all individuals concerned and hereby indemnify the organisers, the sponsors and all those involved in the running of the event against all claims, loss or harm suffered as a result of a failure to do so

17. JURISDICTION

17.1. The event, being organised from Cape Town, is subject to the laws of South Africa and accordingly this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions will be construed in accordance with such laws.

17.2. All participants, owners, skippers and crews shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the High Court of South Africa, Cape Town, which alone shall have jurisdiction in regard to any legal disputes which may arise in connection with or arising from the event and a participant's participation therein.

18. INSURANCE

18.1. The owner of the boat shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy, with a sum insured of not less than R2 million (or its equivalent in another currency).

19. AMENDMENTS

19.1. On good cause, the Organising Committee reserves the right to amend any of the provisions of this Notice of Race. Amendments will be published on the Main Race Notice Board and placed on the event website.

19.2. Amendments will be sent to all entrants electronically.

20. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

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21. An expanded committee will be announced in due course to handle specific tasks as decided by the above committee at their discretion.

22. FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:

PLEASE ADDRESS ALL ENQUIRIES TO-

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