



CAPE 2RIO

2017

Notice of Race

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Cape to Rio Yacht Race 2017

NOTICE OF RACE

The Cape to Rio Yacht Race 2017, 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), under the auspices of South Africa Sailing (SAS).

2. DEFINITIONS

2.1. The *rules*, as defined on the [Racing Rules of Sailing 2013-2016 or applicable 2017 - 2020 \("RRS"\)](#) of the International Sailing Federation.

2.2. "IRC" shall mean the 2016/17 version of the Royal Ocean Racing Club's IRC handicapping system (<http://www.ircrating.org/>).

2.3. "RCYC TCF" shall mean the Royal Cape Yacht Club's handicap rating system for multi-hulls, issued by the Royal Cape Yacht Club's ratings committee.

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:

4.1.1.1. the [2013 – 2016 and applicable 2017 - 2020 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing \(RRS\)](#),

4.1.1.2. the [2016/7 IRC](#) Rules insofar as this rule applies to competing boats,

4.1.1.3. this Notice of Race,

4.1.1.4. the Sailing Instructions,

4.1.1.5. the ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category One for mono-hulls and multihulls.
<http://www.sailing.org/documents/offshore/especialregs/index.php>

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 not before **1600B on Monday 5th Dec 2016** 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.
www.cape2rio2017.com

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 30 foot (9.35m).

5.1.2. The event will comprise the following fleets:

5.1.2.1. IRC Racing Fleet for mono-hull boats with valid IRC 2016/17 certificates, divided into various divisions - at the Race Committee's discretion.

5.1.2.2. A Two-Handed Class within IRC. Boats will be eligible for both Two-Handed and IRC rating band class trophies. Automatic or wind-vane steering is permitted (changes IRC Rule 15). Entries must satisfy the committee that they have suitable and adequate experience and that their boat is appropriately organised for two-handed sailing.

5.1.2.3. Multi-hull Fleet for multi-hull boats with a valid RCYC TCF, the fleet may be divided into "racing" and "cruising" at the Race Committee discretion.

5.1.3. If there is sufficient demand, other classes of boats will, at the Race Committee's sole discretion, be considered.

5.1.4. Each boat, including her crew, must during the year of 2016 and by five days before the start date, have sailed a single journey of at least 500 nautical miles, or 36 continuous hours; the onus shall be on the owner to satisfy the Race Committee thereof.

5.2. Eligibility of Crew:

5.2.1. Minimum/Maximum Numbers:

5.2.1.1. A minimum compliment of 4 crew is set throughout all fleet entries; unless,

5.2.1.2. Specifically entered within the Double Handed Division.

5.2.1.3. The Race will not accommodate Single Handed entries.

5.2.1.4. IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by: The crew number shall not exceed the number printed on the Certificate. This rule does not apply to short-handed certificates issued under rule 8.2.1.

5.2.2. **Minimum Crew Standards:**

5.2.2.1. The skipper must satisfy the Race Committee by Monday **5th December 2016** that at least one, excluding the skipper, of the crew is sufficiently qualified to navigate the boat between Cape Town and Rio de Janeiro.

5.2.2.2. The Race Committee will be satisfied of the two qualifying crew members' competence in terms of clause 10.1 if –

5.2.2.2.1. He holds a South African Sailing or equivalent Yacht Master Ocean Certificate, or

5.2.2.2.2. 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, in offshore races of at least 750 nautical miles, or

5.2.2.2.3. He presents such other evidence of other experience or international qualifications as may be acceptable to the Race Committee,

5.2.2.2.4. He can present evidence of having attended a course on Survival Training. Alternatively, another member of the crew may, for the purposes of this subparagraph, be substituted.

5.2.2.2.5. The Race Committee may grant permission for a nominated person to be on-board 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 two starts:

6.3.1. **Monday 26th December 2016 at 1400B** – IRC cruising with a guideline rating of 1.100 or less and the RCYC TCF Cruising Multihulls.

6.3.2. **Sunday 1st January 2017 at 1400B** – IRC racing fleet – all divisions and RCYC TCF Racing Multihulls.

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 **0400B (1200LMT Brazil) on Friday 27th January 2017** 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

8.3. 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 mono-hull fleet referred to in clause 5.1.2 shall have valid, signed and Endorsed IRC 2016/17 Certificates.

9.1.2. Boats racing in the Multihull Fleet referred to in clauses 5.1.2. shall have valid RCYC TCFs issued by the RCYC Ratings Committee.

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

9.3. 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:

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

9.3.2. In respect of multihull boats, the corrected time will be the elapsed time multiplied by the relevant boat's RCYC TCF.

9.4. A list of ratings for each fleet will be published on the Race Notice Board not less than five days prior to

each start.

- 9.5. Valid 2016/17 IRC certificates must be lodged with the Race Director no later than **1600B on Monday 5th December 2016**. The Race Committee reserves the right to extend the above time limit in exceptional circumstances.
- 9.6. 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.
- 9.7. 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.
- 9.8. Information regarding the obtaining of –
 - 9.8.1. IRC rating certificates is available from the IRC South Africa email sails@wol.co.za and,
 - 9.8.2. Multihull Fleet TCF's are available from the Race Organisers.

10. EXTRA SAILS

IRC boats are permitted to carry one extra spinnaker or loose luffed sail, to what is stated on their endorsed IRC Certificate.

11. SAFETY REQUIREMENTS AND SCRUTINY

- 11.1. All boats will comply with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations Category One for mono-hulls and multihulls. Any application for dispensation to any part of the ISAF regulations is to be made in writing to the Cape to Rio Race Committee.
<http://www.sailing.org/specialregs>
- 11.2. 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.
- 11.3. 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.
- 11.4. 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.
- 11.5. 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.
- 11.6. 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.
- 11.7. 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 **1600B on Monday 19th December 2016**. 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.

12. BRIEFINGS

12.1. Skippers Race Briefing

- 12.1.1. **Start One:** A compulsory Skipper and Navigator Briefing will be held at **1600B in the RCYC Main Hall on Friday 23rd December 2016**.
- 12.1.2. **Start Two:** A compulsory Skipper and Navigator Briefing will be held at **1600B in the RCYC Main Hall on Friday 30th December 2016**.

12.2. Weather Briefings

A weather briefing of expected weathers during the race will be presented during the Skippers and Navigators Briefings on **Friday 23rd and 30th December 2016**.

12.3. General

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

13. ENTRIES

13.1. General:

- 13.1.1. Entries close on **Monday 5th December 2016 at 1600B**. Entries received after the close of entries will be subjected to a late entry fee of ZAR16 000 per vessel and ZAR1400 per crew member.
- 13.1.2. An entry, on the prescribed entry form, must be submitted with the relevant standard entry fee to:

The Race Director
Cape to Rio Race 2017
PO Box 772
Cape Town
8000
South Africa
- 13.1.3. Late entries will be accepted up to **1200B on Friday 16th December 2016**, subject to the late entry fee.
- 13.1.4. The standard entry fee shall be –
**ZAR 8,000 per vessel plus,
ZAR 700 per crew member.**

Entry Forms

All entry documentation as prescribed in NOR and applicable fees are to be paid no later than 1600B on Monday 05th December 2016

13.2. Pre-entry Documentation:

The following additional documentation shall be lodged with the Organising Authority upon entry or when valid documents are available:

- 13.2.1. Entry Form 1
- 13.2.2. Proof of Payment of entry fee

- 13.2.3. 2016/17 IRC Rating Certificate
- 13.2.4. Application for an RCYC TCF (for multi-hull division)
- 13.2.5. Crew Competency Declaration Form 4
- 13.2.6. Certificate of Insurance
- 13.2.7. Crew List (BI – 157)*
- 13.2.8. Communications Equipment Information Sheet – Form 2

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.

14. ADVERTISING, MEDIA AND REFERENCE TO RACE

14.1. Trademark Restrictions:

- 14.1.1. "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.

14.2. Mandatory Entry Information:

- 14.2.1. 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:
 - 14.2.1.1. the owner/skipper; and,
 - 14.2.1.2. The boat.
- 14.2.2. 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.

14.3. Media Rights:

- 14.3.1. 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.
- 14.3.2. 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;
- 14.3.3. 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.

14.4. Boat Decals and Flags:

- 14.4.1. A boat shall display the sponsors bow decals from **Monday 16th December 2016 until Saturday 31st January 2017.**
- 14.4.2. A boat must display the sponsors "battle Flags" while on her mooring between **Monday 16th December and Sunday 31st January 2017.**
- 14.4.3. Bow decals and event flags will be provided by the Organising Authority.
- 14.4.4. 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.

14.5. General:

- 14.5.1. 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.
- 14.5.2. 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.
- 14.5.3. 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.
- 14.5.4. 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.
- 14.5.5. 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.
- 14.5.6. If in doubt, a boat may enquire of the Organising Committee whether it infringes the provisions of any of the above advertising rules.

15. INFRINGEMENTS

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.

16. PRIZE-GIVING AND TROPHY PRESENTATION

16.1. Prize-giving will be held at the Rio Yacht Club on **Saturday 27th January 2017**, time to be confirmed.

16.2. 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.

16.3. Floating Trophies that will be awarded:

- 16.3.1. South Atlantic Trophy will be awarded to the overall winning team whose aggregate Corrected Time is the least, for teams in the IRC Fleet and the IRC Double Handed Fleet combined.
- 16.3.2. Telkom Trophy will be awarded to the second placed team whose aggregate Corrected Time is the second least, for teams in the IRC racing Fleet and the IRC Double Handed Fleet combined.
- 16.3.3. Punta del Este Trophy will be awarded to the third placed team whose aggregate Corrected Time is the third least, for teams in the IRC racing Fleet and the IRC Double Handed Fleet combined.
- 16.3.4. De Beers Line Honours Trophy will be awarded to the first IRC racing yacht to cross the finish line.
- 16.3.5. Neptune Cup will be awarded to the first IRC cruising yacht to cross the finish line.
- 16.3.6. The South Atlantic Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the overall winning team whose aggregate Corrected Time is the least, for teams in the IRC racing Fleet and the IRC Double Handed Fleet combined.
- 16.3.7. The Mory Trophy will be awarded to the overall winning team whose aggregate Corrected Time is the least, for teams in the IRC cruising Fleet.
- 16.3.8. SAR & H Trophy will be awarded to the overall winning team whose aggregate Corrected Time is the least, for teams in the Multihull Fleet.
- 16.3.9. CASA Trophy will be awarded to the overall winning team whose aggregate Corrected Time is the least, for teams in the Double Handed Fleet.
- 16.3.10. The Meridian Trophy will be awarded to the first team to cross the Meridian.
- 16.3.11. Additional trophies and prizes such as the Telescope Trophy for youth and the Amsterdam Sauer Trophy for seamanship will be awarded at the discretion of the Cape to Rio race committee.

17. INDEMNITY

17.1. 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"

17.2. 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.

18. JURISDICTION

- 18.1. 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.
- 18.2. 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.

19. INSURANCE

The owner of the boat shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy, with a sum insured of not less than US\$500 000 (five hundred thousand US dollars).

20. AMENDMENTS

- 20.1. 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. www.cape2rio2017.com
- 20.2. Amendments will be sent to all entrants electronically.

21. ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Ray Matthews	(Race Chairman)
RCYC Treasurer	(Treasurer)
Hylton Hale	(Race Technical & Maxis)
Luke Scott	(IRC Racing)
Alan Haefele	(IRC Cruising)
David Gough	(Multihulls)
David Elcock	(Safety and Scrutiny)
Marcus Reuter	(Logistics and Comms)
Toni Mainprize	(Race Secretary)

21.1. An expanded committee may 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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