

THE MSC REGATTA 2016

incorporating

**The L26 CLASS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016,
The HUNTER CLASS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016,
The IRC CLASS REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2016**

and including

**A Regatta Championship for any One-Design, Racing or Cruising Keelboat and
Racing or Cruising Category 2 offshore Multihull yachts**

to be sailed at

The Point Yacht Club, Durban

from

Saturday 2th July to Friday 8th July 2016

NOTICE OF RACE

1. RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be organized by Point Yacht Club under the authority of South African Sailing (SAS).
- 1.2 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2013-16.
- 1.3 The following prescriptions of South African Sailing (SAS) will apply: **“The SA Sailing Requirements for National and Regional Championships”**.
- 1.4 Boats participating in this regatta shall conform to the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2013-16, the L26 Class Rules, the Hunter Class Rules, the IRC Class Rules, or any other qualifying Classes, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.5 The following changes to the RRS will apply:
 - Rule 44.1. “Two-Turns” penalty is replaced with “One-Turn” penalty.
 - Rule 62.2. Protest time shall be one hour after the last boat in its class or division has finished.
 - Rule 62.2 and Rule 66. On the last day of the Regatta a request for re-opening a hearing shall be delivered within the Protest Time Limit if the if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day or, no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision that day.

2. ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising permitted subject to the limitations of ISAF Regulation 20.
- 2.2 Boats shall be required to display event advertising on the forward part of the hull. Yachts shall not display any advertising which is in conflict with that of any official event sponsor without the written consent of the Race Committee.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 In accordance with the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Regulation 19 (Eligibility Code), all competitors (Helmspersons and all other crew) shall be members in good standing of a Yacht Club affiliated to and in good standing with SAS or their Member National Authority in the case of non-South Africans. The Yacht Club name and membership details shall be stated on the entry form or crew list. Current valid SAS Membership Cards or similar proof of MNA Membership in cases of non-South Africans shall be presented at Registration.

- 3.2 All L26 class boats and helmsmen must be paid up members of the L26 Class Association. All L26 boats must hold a valid measurement certificate which must be produced at registration.
- 3.3 All Hunter class boats and helmsmen must be paid up members of the Hunter Class Association. All Hunter boats must hold a valid measurement certificate which must be produced at registration.
- 3.4 All IRC class boats must hold a valid measurement certificate which must be produced at registration.
- 3.5 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to:

**The Regatta Secretary,
P O Box 2224,
Durban, 4001**

or

by faxing the completed entry to

031 305 1234

or

by email to

sailing@pyc.co.za

Bank :	First National Bank
Account No. :	50845714233
Ranch Name :	Smith Street
Branch No :	250655
Ref :	MSC Week 2016 and YOUR NAME

not later than one hour before warning signal for the start of the first race.

- 3.6 In cases of electronic or faxed entry, confirmation of payment shall clearly bear the following reference **MSC Week 2016** and be faxed or e-mailed, together with the Entry, to the Regatta Secretary.

4. FEES

4.1 Entry Fee:

All classes : R400.00 per Boat & Skipper plus R90.00 per crew member.

- 4.2 All Entry Fees and Class subscriptions shall be paid prior to the close of Registration. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the affected yacht being recorded as Did Not Compete until such time as the required payment/s are made. This changes rule A11 (DNC).

5. SCHEDULE

5.1 Registration:

Saturday 2 nd July	From 09h00	To 16h00
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5.2 Measurement and inspection:

Saturday 2 nd July	From 09h00	To 16h00
Sunday 3 rd July	From 09h00	To 16h00

5.3 Dates of racing:

Sunday 3 rd July	14h00	Warmup race in Durban Bay
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Monday 4th July to Friday 8th July. Warning signal for the first race of the day at 10h55.

5.4 Number of races:

Racing Classes:

IRC Class 1, Micro-Multihulls - Maximum 12 races (incl. Middle Distance Race).

IRC Class 2, L26, Hunter, other racing classes – Maximum 15 races (incl. possible Middle Distance Race).

MSC Racing Class - Maximum 5 races.

- 5.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for offshore racing is 10h55.

6. MEASUREMENTS

Each One-Design/IRC Class boat shall produce a valid measurement/rating certificate. In addition spot measurements may be taken at any stage during the regatta.

7. ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION

7.1 The principal sponsor's logo must be displayed on the bow of each participating yacht.

8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from the Regatta Secretary on completion of registration formalities.

9. VENUE

Racing will take place from the Point Yacht Club and sailed offshore Durban.

10. THE COURSES

Racing courses will be as depicted in the diagram in Annexure #A and Annexure #B.

The course for the Middle Distance Race will be posted in detail on the Official Notice Board.

MSC Racing class course configurations will be posted in detail daily on the Official Notice Board.

11. SCORING

12.1 Low Point System of Appendix A4.1 will apply.

12.2 A minimum of four races are required to be completed to constitute a series in all classes other than the 'MSC Racing Class' where a minimum of two races are required.

- 12.3
- (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
 - (b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
 - (c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races excluding her two worst scores.
 - (d) When 15 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her races excluding her three worst scores.

13. REGIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify as a Regional Class Championship the following criteria shall be satisfied:

Keelboats Classes with four (4) or less crew.

- A minimum of six valid entries have been received no later than the closing time for entries one hour before the scheduled starting time of the first race.
- At least six finishers in any one race of the series.
- At least four races completed.

Keelboats Classes with five (5) or more crew.

- A minimum of five valid entries have been received no later than the closing time for entries one hour before the scheduled starting time of the first race.
- At least five finishers in any one race of the series.
- At least four races completed.

REGATTA CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify as an MSC Championship the following criteria shall be satisfied:

- A minimum of three valid entries have been received no later than the closing time for entries one hour before the scheduled starting time of the first race.
- At least three finishers in any one races of the series.
- At least four races completed (two races for the MSC Racing class).

14. SAFETY

- 14.1 Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.
- 14.2 All competitors shall have a personal buoyancy aid capable of supporting a 5 kg steel weight on board at all times while afloat in a yacht.
- 14.3 Wet or dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!
- 14.4 Notwithstanding any class requirements, all boats shall carry the following minimum safety equipment :-
Exceptions may be made for certain classes at the discretion of the Race Committee.
- Minimum two litres fresh water, at all times
- Minimum one serviceable fire extinguisher.
- Minimum one stout bucket with lanyard attached
- One anchor suitable for the size of boat, together with chain and min' 20m warp.
- One lifebuoy.
- Minimum 20m tow rope.
- Serviceable inboard or outboard motor.
- 14.5 It is recommended that all boats carry the following: -
- One VHF transceiver with at least channels 6, 9, 12, 16 & 26.
(“Durban Port Control” operates on Channel 9.)
- One First Aid kit.

15. SUPPORT BOATS

- 15.1 Coach or individual support boats shall be marked with a **White Flag** and shall remain no less than 150m from areas where boats are racing, between the Preparatory Signal and the last competitor finishing the race. Failure to comply shall result in action from the Race Committee.

16. HAUL-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.

17. 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.

18. RADIO COMMUNICATION

Except in an emergency, 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.

19. PRIZES

Prizes will be given as follows:

- 19.1 **SAS Medals** will be presented to competitors in the IRC, L26 and Hunter Classes in accordance with the SA Sailing requirements for Regional Championships and in accordance with the following table and subject to the Classes qualifying for Championship status:

MEDALS	Class with (4 or less crew)	Class with (5 or more crew)
GOLD	6 to 9	5
GOLD & SILVER	10 to 19	6 to 7
GOLD, SILVER & BRONZE	19 or more	8 to 9 (plus)

- 19.2 **MSC Awards** will be presented to all competitors in accordance with the following table and subject to the Classes qualifying for Championship status:

<u>Qualifying Boats</u>	<u>Awards</u>
3 to 6	1 st and 2 nd positions
7 or more	1 st , 2 nd and 3 rd positions

20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither the Organizing Authority nor its officials or other persons associated with the organization of the event will accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

21. INSURANCE

Each participating boat is encouraged to carry sufficient valid third-party liability insurance to cover any liability arising during the event.

22. FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:

Regatta Convenor : Ron Pet pet@glenwoodhighschool.co.za
 Regatta Secretary: Gill Campbell gillcam@telkomsa.net

23. ADDITIONAL INFORMATION (NOT FORMING PART OF THE NOTICE OF REGATTA)

- All boats whose entries are received by the Race Secretary by close of business on Friday 11th June 2016 will receive one free regatta T-shirt for each member of her crew.
- A limited number of camping sites are available at the PYC dinghy park.
- A welcome cocktail function will be held at 18h30 on Sunday 3rd July 2016 in the PYC Islander Room to which all competitors are invited.
- There will be a complimentary meal and drink for each competitor on 04, 05, 06 and 07 July 2016.
- A Prize Giving function will be held at 18h30 on Friday 7th July 2016 in the PYC Islander Room to which all competitors are invited.
- Shipping of boats to and from Durban from Cape Town will be provided free of charge to competitors (subject to size and weight limitations) by The Mediterranean Shipping Co. A completed, paid up entry is required to qualify for this facility. As in previous regattas, it is anticipated that all port charges will be waved (to be confirmed).
- Visiting boats from inland waters beyond KZN will be compensated with a travelling allowance of R800.00 per entry.