



# Algoa Bay Yacht Club

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## **NOTICE OF RACE & SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

### ***GREAT CIRCLE RACE***

**28-29 January 2017**

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing 2017-2020.

#### **2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1 Competitors required to enter with Race Convenor by **Thursday 26 January 2017, 16h30**. Notices to competitors will be emailed to skippers and posted on the official notice board located at the ABYC Clubhouse.

#### **3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 3.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before the **09h00** Skippers Meeting on **Saturday 28 January**, or otherwise conveyed at this meeting.

#### **4. RACE REQUIREMENTS**

- 4.1 Valid COFs required.
- 4.2 Familiarization of Charts SAN 1024 and 125 is advisable. All yachts must have suitable working navigational equipment and a GPS, preferably with a Chart Plotter linked to GPS.
- 4.3 Open to all keelboats with a qualified skipper on board. Skippers holding only a Day Skippers license to liaise with Eugene Lombard or Phil Rademan for vetting; which needs to be confirmed at the Skippers meeting.



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## 5. THE COURSE

### 5.1 The course is:

Harbour Start → pass around the Bird Island Group (to remain outside of Bird Island, North Patch, Black Rocks, East Reef, Doddington Rock and East Reef), the St Croix group and Bell Buoy → Harbour Entrance Finish. (Sailing direction around the course will be conveyed at the Skippers meeting, depending on weather forecast and shipping movements.)

## 6. START

6.1 Harbour start: the start line will be between the General Goods terminal and the Ore terminal. The start warning signal will not be before 09h30 (dependant on shipping movements – refer to notices).

## 7. THE FINISH

7.1 Harbour Entrance Finish: the finishing line will be the Port Control Tower to the port entrance light, out to 100m of an extended transect line from the end of the breakwater. In this way shipping movements should not delay finishes. Competing yachts to record their elapsed times (to hours, minutes and seconds); and SMS these times to the Race Convenor.

## 8. SAFETY REGULATIONS

8.1 Check-Out and Check-In Procedures, sign in and out as per normal, and additionally you must enter your boat name on the day of sailing with the Race Officer.

8.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Officer as soon as possible via cellphone (provided at Skippers Meeting).

8.3 All crew must have harnesses. Yachts are strongly advised to carry Life-rafts.

## 9. ENQUIRIES

9.1 Race Convenor: Morgan Griffiths, 072 4175793, [morgan\\_griffiths@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:morgan_griffiths@yahoo.co.uk)

*“hark, now hear the sailors cry,  
smell the sea, and feel the sky  
let your soul & spirit fly, into the mystic...”*

— Van Morrison