



Notice is hereby given that the above Sailing Event is due to take place as detailed in this Notice of Race. Entries are invited in terms of this Notice.

1. DATE AND VENUE

The 20th MAC 24-HOUR CHALLENGE will take place on Saturday 18th of March and Sunday 19th March 2017 - around a triangular course on Rietvlei, starting at 12h00 Saturday and finishing at 12h00 Sunday.

2. REGISTRATION

Registration will take place at MAC Clubhouse on Friday 18h00 to 20h00 and Saturday 08h00 to 10h30.

3. SKIPPER'S BRIEFING

Briefing will be at MAC Clubhouse on Saturday @ 11h00.

4. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The challenge will be organised by the Milnerton Aquatic Club.

5. RULES

Challenge will be governed by rules as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing.

6. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

See copy below. A copy will be posted on the official notice board.

7. CLASSES

Challenge open to GP14, Enterprise, Mirror, Sonnet, Bosun, Pico, RS Q'ba and 420 Dinghy classes. Also by invitation Saldanha and Topaz classes. All boats must conform to class rules. Any other class wishing to enter must contact the organising committee for approval.

8. SCRUTINY

Scrutiny of dinghies Friday 18h00 - 20h00 and Saturday 08h00 – 10h30.

9. SAFETY

A boat is entirely responsible for its own safety - afloat or ashore and nothing reduces that responsibility. The team manager must be aware of conditions at all times and act accordingly.

Safety requirements for boats:

- A container for bailing - secured on board by means of lanyard
- A water resistant torch - secured by means of lanyard
- A personal flotation device (life jacket) and whistle per sailor
- Adequate buoyancy for boat

10. LIABILITY

Competitors sail entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to the disclaimer on the Challenge Crew list

11. CREW

The 24 Hour Challenge is for boats entering a team. A team name must be provided. A minimum of six or maximum of eight sailors per team. No swapping of team members is allowed without permission from race management. Junior teams may have up to 12 crew. Saldanha's must ensure they have a crew of 3 on board at all times. The age limit for junior teams is 16.

12. TEAM MANAGER

The Team Manager/ Representative will be required to sign off completed laps and discuss penalties during the event.

13. CHANGES TO SAILING RULES

Variations from Racing Rules of Sailing to permit:

- Use of a reserve boat, sails and gear in the same class
- Changing of crews and helms with permission from race management (varies Rule 47)
- Changing of sails
- Hauling out (varies Rule 45)
- Towing or manual propulsion to a pre-defined docking area (varies Rule 41 & 42)
- Outside help (varies Rule 41 & 47)
- A Penalty Buoy will be used during challenge (varies Rule 44)

14. OVERALL WINNER

The winner will be the boat with the shortest average lap time and the most km's sailed in 24 hours. (After application of the 24-hour handicap system.)

15. PRIZEGIVING

Prize giving will be held at the Clubhouse at approximately 14h30 on Sunday.

16. ENTRIES

An entry form per boat must be completed and submitted accompanied by the appropriate entry fee payable by cheque, cash or bank deposit:

Private teams: Entry fee of R650

Corporate teams: Entry fee of R1200

Entries accepted until 10h30 Saturday 18th March.

All early entries before the 1st March 2017 will receive a free T-Shirt.

Bank Details:

Milnerton Aquatic Club

Standard Bank, Bayside

Acc No: 27-22-22-372

Code: 02-22-09

Fax or email copy of deposit slip or EFT to MAC 24-Hour Challenge

Fax: (021) 557 7090

Email: mac@milnertonaquaticclub.co.za

17. GALLEY

The galley and bar will be open from Friday through to Sunday.

18. FURTHER INQUIRIES

Andre Wollheim on 082 855 1000 or awollheim@tarsus.co.za

or

Club Secretary on (021) 557 7090 or mac@milnertonaquaticclub.co.za



1. RULES

- a. The **MAC 24 HOUR CHALLENGE** will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- b. These Sailing Instructions shall vary and prevail over class rules with which they may conflict.
- c. These sailing instructions must be read in conjunction with the Notice of Race, which shall form an integral part of these instructions.
- d. Rule 33 (changing next leg of the course) is varied to read. “The race committee may during the challenge change the course. It may adjourn, abandon or cancel any part of the race at its discretion.”

2. TIME AND PLACE

The **MAC 24 HOUR CHALLENGE** will take place on Rietvlei – Milnerton Aquatic Club. Starting **SATURDAY 18th MARCH** at noon and finishing on **SUNDAY 19th MARCH** at noon. The Bar One Challenge will start immediately after the finish of the 24hr Challenge and will end at 13h00.

Start sequence

11:40 hrs	Time Signal
11:50	Warning Signal
11:55	Preparatory Signal
11:59	“One minute” Signal
12:00 hrs	Start of Challenge
12: 03	Saldanha Signal

There will be one start for classes Enterprise, GP14, Bosun, Mirror, Sonnet, Pico, RS Q’ba, Topaz and 420. The Saldanhas will start 3 minutes after the above start.

At the start of the challenge, if there is a fleet of 40+ plus boats, the start/finish line will be extended to a R.I.B. which will be anchored in front of the bridge.

3. ELIGIBILITY

Challenge open to ENTERPRISE, GP14, BOSUN, MIRROR, SONNET, PICO, Q’BA and 420 DINGHY CLASSES.

SALDANHA DINGHY & TOPAZ and other classes by invitation.

24 Hour Challenge Boat Handicaps

Class	Factor
Enterprise	1.113
GP 14	1.131
Bosun	1.198
Mirror	1.383
Sonnet	1.085
420	1.105
Saldanha	1.240
Pico	1.265
Topaz	1.190
RS Q'ba	1.220

4. BOATS AND GEAR (Rule 47.1 varied) – Limitations on equipment

1. Rule 47.1 varied as follows:
 - a. One boat from each team may race – entrants may hold a reserve boat, rig and gear. Race committee permission must be obtained before exchanging boats due to damage or breakage.
 - b. Boats will be identified by their sail numbers.
 - c. All boats are to confirm to class rules.

5. THE COURSE

- a. Three Triangular courses – a chart will be posted on the Challenge Notice Board at the Clubhouse. These sailing instructions include a Course Diagram and Layout.
- b. Selected course to be sailed will be displayed on Bridge Whiteboard no later than 20 minutes before the start.
- c. All marks will be large yellow or orange cylindrical buoys including a penalty buoy (marked per chart).

6. CHANGE OF COURSE

- a. The bridge signals change of course (see signals made ashore).
- b. A motor boat flying code Flag 'L' may proceed ahead of the lead boat to direct the fleet onto new course.
- c. Lead boat will proceed to new course when it next crosses start/finish line.
- d. Rest of fleet to proceed to new course once lead boat has crossed start/finish line.
- e. Should change of course involve 180° course change - pin end of start/finish to be rounded and then boats proceed to new course.
- f. After starting boats must pass through the start/finish line on each lap.
- g. In the case of 180° course change, start/finish line is an extension beyond pin end.

7. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

The following signals may be displayed from the Bridge halyards.

- a. Flag 'AP' – Race postponed – warning signal to start race will not be made less than 30 minutes after flag lowered.
- b. Flag 'L' – a) notice has been posted on board at Clubhouse. b) Race 'change course' together with flashing light display and a single sound signal.
- c. Flag 'C' hoisted together with 5 long sound signals. Together with course numeral pennant – to indicate course change has been effected.

- d. Flag 'B' hoisted with flashing light and 1 sound signal – Protest has been lodged – check notice board. Failure to be present at hearing will lead to protest being heard in either parties absence.

Course ONE	Numeral Pennant 1	Buoys left to Port
Course TWO	Numeral Pennant 2	Buoys left to Starboard
Course THREE	Numeral Pennant 3	Buoys left to Starboard

8. START – Rule 29 and Rule 30 are varied as follows:

Individual recall – a boat which is on the course side of the start line at her starting signal and has crossed the start line shall be required to round the start pin and start again. Failure to do so will result in the lap being forfeited.

The start and finishing line shall be between the Bridge flying the MAC burgee and a buoy in front and in the vicinity of the Bridge.

9. FINISH

Boats shall finish at 12h00 on the lap that they are currently on when the bridge sounds the finish signal. It is not necessary to complete the lap they are on.

Boats taking part in the Bar One Challenge must continue sailing.

Boats will finish when next they cross the start/finish line after 13h00 at which time a sound signal is made.

10. TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF CHALLENGE

This will be announced by the sounding of four (4) long sound signals from Bridge and the raising of the AP postponement flag. Competitors are to complete the lap they are currently on and then come ashore.

The restart will be signalled by flying International Code Flag 'L' and one long sound signal. The restart will be 30 minutes after this signal using the normal start sequence.

11. DECLARATION

Team Manager / Rep to sign completed laps declaration form at 18h00, 23h59, 06h00 and 12h00 during the Challenge at the Clubhouse. The form must be signed within 30 minutes of being placed on the notice board. Failure to sign indicates acceptance of the laps and no queries will be dealt with after the 30 minute cut off time.

12. LAUNCH AND REPAIR AREA

Area will be in front of Clubhouse / Slipway and beach area. Crews must inform Bridge when coming ashore to effect repairs and when they re-join the challenge after effecting repairs.

13. PENALTIES – Rule 44 (Penalties at the time of an incident will not apply)

When a penalty occurs, the offender must sail to the penalty buoy and pass around the penalty buoy and then continue the course. The penalty can be taken on any leg. If the penalty is taken on the leg which includes the start/finish and before passing the start/finish, the penalty buoy must be rounded and then pass through the start/finish line.

14. PROTESTS – Varies Rules 63, 1(a) – Protest requirements

Protests must be lodged at bridge (complete protest form) within 30 minutes of crew change or 20 minutes by team members ashore who might have noted infringement of a rule.

The Race Officer will inform the team being protested by placing the protest form on the board and making an announcement over the PA system..

The protested team must observe the protest form and decide whether to use penalty buoy or to proceed with protest. Teams must inform the Bridge of their intention. Protest committee will proceed with protest by informing protesting parties of time and place for the hearing. Parties are responsible for attending with their witnesses. The protest may be heard in the absence of any of the parties or witnesses.

15. CREW CHANGES

Beach area nearest the bridge will be used as crew change over area only. Crew changes must be done in a maximum of 5 minutes, any team requiring longer is to move to the launch area to avoid congestion in the changeover area.

16. PERSONAL BUOYANCY

Shall be worn at all times when on the water. Dry/wet suits do not constitute adequate personal buoyancy.

17. CHANGES MADE TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to Sailing Instructions will be posted no later than 20 minutes before the start of the Challenge. Sailing Instructions may be amended during the Challenge and will be posted on the Clubhouse notice board. Amendments will come into effect after 20 minutes of posting on notice board, except in the case of an emergency.

18. SAFETY Varies Rules 41 and 47.2 (outside help)

Competitors may be assisted by Rescue/Safety boats without penalty.