



## PACER 27 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS 2012 INCORPORATING THE MYKONOS OFFSHORE REGATTA



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### PACER 27 CLASS ONLY

## SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in **The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-12.**
- 1.2 The following prescriptions of the South African National Authority apply:  
**The South African Sailing Requirements for National Championships.**  
**The Merchant Shipping (Small Vessel Safety) Regulations 2007 Cat C.**
- 1.3 **The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2009-12 and all Pacer 27 Class Rules** will apply.

### 2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice boards located at Royal Cape Yacht Club and Club Mykonos.

3. These Sailing Instructions must be read in conjunction with the Mykonos Offshore Regatta Sailing Instructions, and all provisions and special Regulations contained therein shall be complied with.

### 4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 07:30 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19:00 on the day before it will take effect.

### 5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the RCYC mast located at the RCYC clubhouse. Subsequent to the completion of the Mykonos Offshore Race signals made ashore will be displayed on the Club Mykonos mast, Langebaan.
- 5.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore, racing will be postponed and the warning signal will be made not less than 1 hour after the AP flag is lowered.
- 5.3 When Flag Y is displayed ashore, RRS 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

### 6. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 6.1 Dates of racing:  
22/02/2012                      Racing

23/02/2012	Racing
24/02/2012	Racing
25/02/2012	Racing and Prize Giving

## 6.2 Number of races:

- a) Wednesday 22nd February 2012 – a maximum of four races will be held around the buoys in Table Bay.
- b) Thursday 23rd February 2012 – a maximum of four races will be held around the buoys in Table Bay.
- c) Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012 - one coastal race of approximately 60 nautical miles, starting in Table Bay and finishing at Club Mykonos, Langebaan.
- d) Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012 – one bay race of approximately 22 nautical miles sailed within Langebaan Lagoon and its approaches.

## 6.3 The scheduled time of the Warning Signal for the first race on the first day is 10h30. Thereafter starts will be indicated by the “L” flag on the committee boat or on the notice board ashore.

When there has been a long postponement and when more than one race (or sequence or races) will be held on the same day, the Warning Signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the Orange Flag used to denote the Start Line on the Committee Boat, having previously been lowered after completion of the last start in the previous sequence, will be displayed with one long sound signal for at least 4 minutes before a Warning Signal is displayed. It shall thereafter remain displayed until the end of the current start sequence.

## 7. CLASS FLAGS

Class flag for the Pacer 27 Class will be as follows:  
Code flag numeral 4  
(White diagonal cross on a red background)

## 8. THE COURSES

- 8.1 The diagrams in Addendum # 1 show the courses for round the buoy racing on Wednesday 22nd February and Thursday 23rd February 2012, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.
- 8.2 No later than the Warning Signal, the Race Committee signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg. Applicable to racing on Wednesday 22nd February and Thursday 23rd February 2012 only.
- 8.3 On Friday 24<sup>th</sup> February 2012 the Pacer 27 Class will sail the Mykonos Offshore Race, starting between the Royal Cape Yacht Club Bridge Hut and No 10 Harbour Buoy. Boats will be required to pass through a gate consisting of an anchored boat positioned off the Eastern shore of Dassen Island and Dassen Island Lighthouse. The finish will be between a buoy laid off the Club Mykonos breakwater and the NSRI Station mast.
- 8.4 On Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> February 2012 the Pacer 27 Class will sail the Mykonos Offshore Pursuit Race in Langebaan Lagoon, starting line between the committee boat and an inflatable buoy positioned off the Club Mykonos Harbour. The finishing line between an inflatable buoy positioned off Club Mykonos and the mast of the NSRI control station, proceeding in a Northerly direction.

## 9. MARKS (Applicable to round the buoys races)

- 9.1 In respect of the courses detailed in Addendum 1 ; Marks 1 and 2 will be inflatable buoys.
- 9.2 The starting and finishing marks will be inflatable buoys.

9.3 Details of marks used for the Mykonos Offshore Race and the Bay Pursuit Race are published in the Sailing Instructions for the Mykonos Offshore Regatta, which should be read in conjunction with these Sailing Instructions.

## **10. THE START(Applicable to round the buoys races)**

10.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.

10.2 The starting line will be between the mast on the Start Boat and a nearby inflatable buoy.

10.3 Boats whose Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area.

10.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.

10.5 If a boat breaks RRS 30.3, the Race Committee at Mark 1 will point flag X at her, make a sound signal and hail her sail number. The hailed boat shall immediately leave the course area. If she fails to do so she will be disqualified without a hearing and her score will not be excluded. This changes RRS A5.

## **11 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE**

To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position.

## **12. THE FINISH (Applicable to round the buoys races)**

12.1 The finishing line will be between the mast on the Start Boat and a nearby inflatable buoy.

## **13. SHORTENING COURSE**

13.1 Should the Race Committee shorten course, the finishing line will be:

A rounding mark, between the mark and a staff displaying Code Flag "S".

## **14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31.2 or 44.1 shall complete an acknowledgement form at the Race Office within the protest time limit.

## **15. TIME LIMITS**

Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5. Such time limit is only applicable to the round the buoys races sailed on 22nd and 23rd February 2012. Otherwise time limits for the Mykonos Offshore Regatta shall apply.

## **16. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS**

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

- 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 two races of the series;
- At least four races completed.

## **17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 17.1 Protest forms are available at the Race Office. Protest shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.2 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2
- 17.3 Notices will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings and times thereof in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the jury room, located at Royal Cape Yacht Club wardroom or Club Mykonos.
- 17.4 Notices of protest by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.5 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered.
  - (a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
  - (b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 17.6 On the last day of the regatta a request for redress from a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62

## **18. SCORING**

- 18.1 The Low Point scoring system of Appendix A will apply. The Mykonos Offshore Race from Table Bay to Club Mykonos shall count as a single race for the purpose of these National Championships.
- 18.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
  - a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores.
  - b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
  - c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boats series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

## **19. SAFETY REGULATIONS**

- 19.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 19.2 Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.
- 19.3 Yachts shall comply with the safety regulations for the Mykonos Offshore Regatta
- 19.4 Youth category competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid at all times while afloat in a yacht.
- 19.5 Wet or Dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!

## **20. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT**

- 20.1 Substitution of crew will be allowed, subject to the provisions contained in the Pacer 27 Class Rules.
- 20.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

## **21. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS**

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the Class Rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a Race Committee Measurer to proceed immediately after the completion of a race to a designated area for inspection.

## **22. SUPPORT BOATS**

22.1 Team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay 150 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the Preparatory Signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the Race Committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment. Non-compliance with this rule may lead to action under RRS 69.

## **23. TRASH DISPOSAL**

Boats shall not discard trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and Race Committee boats.

## **24. 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.

## **25. 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.

## **26. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

26.1 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.

26.2 VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on Channels 06, 12, 14, 16, & 71 shall be monitored at all times.

## **27. PRIZES**

Prizes will be awarded as detailed in the Notice of Race.

## **28. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

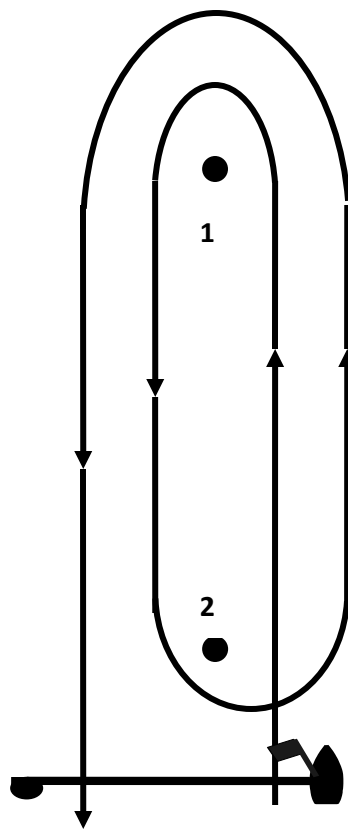
Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk; see RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority, nor any of its personnel, will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

## **29. INSURANCE**

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

**SEE COURSE ADDENDUM BELOW!!**

**ADDENDUM 1**  
**WINDWARD/LEEWARD**



**START / FINISH**