



Tour de Vlei 2017
To be sailed at Vogelvlei Yacht Club
from
Saturday, 14th October 2017 to Sunday, 15th October 2017

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020
- 1.2. The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2017-2020 and all Class Rules will apply.

2. NOTICE TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the club house.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 14h00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 19h00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole on the bridge hut.
- 4.2. When flag AP is displayed, "1 minute" is replaced with "not less than 15 minutes" in the race signal AP.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 5.1. Dates of racing:
 - 5.1.1. 14th October 2017 ~ Tour de Vlei.
 - 5.1.2. 15th October 2017 ~ Fun racing or Speed Trial (to be decided – weather dependent).
- 5.2. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Tour de Vlei on Saturday, 14th October 2017, is 14h30. The scheduled time for the warning signal of any subsequent races on Sunday 15th October 2017 will be displayed on the regatta notice board.
- 5.3. On Sunday 15th October 2017 no Warning Signal will be made after 14h00.

6. CATEGORY FLAGS

6.1. Class allocations are as follows:

- Class 1: Optimist, Tera, O9'er etc. i.e. small dinghies under 12ft
- Class 2: Dabchick, Laser, Xtra, Sonnet.i.e. Dinghies under 15ft
- Class 3: Dinghies with spinnaker over 15ft: e.g. 29'er, 505, Fireball
- Class 4: Multihulls
- Class 5: Keelboats.

6.2. The CATEGORY flags are as follows:

- Category 1: (Class 1) Numeral Pennant 1 (Red dot on a white background).
- Category 2: (Classes 2 & 5) Numeral Pennant 2 (White dot on a blue background).
- Category 3: (Classes 3 & 4) Numeral Pennant 3 (Red, white & blue).

6.3. Other classes will be allocated according to their respective categories and such Notice posted on the Race Notice Board

7. RACING AREA

Racing will take place on Voëlvlei Dam.

8. THE COURSE

8.1. The diagram in Addendum #1 shows the general course.

8.2. A red flag flown from the bridge will indicate all buoys to be left to Port. A green flag flown from the bridge will indicate all buoys to be left to Starboard.

8.3. Marks to be positioned according to allowable water level conditions, and such details posted on the race Notice Board.

8.4. Start Line: S33 21.983 E19 02.005 (approx.).

8.5. Number of rounds for the various classes are as follows:

8.5.1. Class 1: Multihulls, dinghies over 15ft and kites to complete two (2) rounds of the full circuit course.

8.5.2. Class 2: Dinghies and small keelboats to complete one (1) round of the full circuit course.

8.5.3. Class 3: Mirrors, Optimists and RS Teras to complete one (1) round of the half circuit course.

9. MARKS

9.1. Marks A, B, C, D and E will be large red buoys.

9.2. The starting and finishing marks will be small blue marks positioned near the bridge hut.

9.3. The Start/Finish line is a gate that the Class 3/4 boats must pass through to begin their second round.

10. THE START

- 10.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal given five (5) minutes before the starting signal.
- 10.2. The starting & finishing line will be between two (2) small blue marks near the bridge hut.
- 10.3. Boats will start in reverse Category order. On Race day the Race Committee will decide if Boat Categories are to be combined for the sake of starting. Boats who's Warning Signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area if another class start is in progress.
- 10.4. A boat starting later than twenty (20) 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. THE FINISH

The same line as the Start is to be used as the Finish Line (see 10.2). Boats to finish by crossing the line, moving in the same direction as they started.

12. SHORTENING COURSE

Should the Race Committee shorten course, a vessel positioned near a mark shall display the Code Flag "S", the corresponding Class Flag(s) and sound signal. All competitors in the corresponding class(es) are to round the mark and proceed to the finish.

13. TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish by sunset (19h17 SAST) will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

14. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 14.1 Protest forms are available from the Regatta Office. Protest shall be delivered to the Regatta Office within the protest time limit.
- 14.2 The protest time limit is sixty (60) minutes after the protesting boat has finished.
- 14.3 The time limit for protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress is sixty (60) minutes after the last boat has finished. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 14.4 Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes after 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 club house.

15. SCORING

All boats are scored according to SAS Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap system.

16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 16.2 Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.
- 16.3 All competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid capable of supporting a 5kg steel weight at all times while afloat in a yacht.
- 16.4 Wet or Dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!

17. TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not discard trash in the water.

18. 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.

19. INSURANCE

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

ADDENDUM #1

Full Circuit Course

Please Note: Buoy C is not a mark on this course.

Class 2 & 5 (1) Rounds.

Class 3 & 4: Two (2) Rounds.

Green Flag flown from bridge indicates starboard roundings (clockwise).

Red Flag flown from bridge indicates port roundings (anti-clockwise).



Half Circuit Course

Class 1: One (1) Round (EDC S/F)

To be sailed when Green Flag is flown



Or

Class 3: One (1) Round (ABC S/F)

To be sailed when Red Flag is flown