



**Tour de Vlei**  
**To be sailed at Vogelvlei Yacht Club**  
**From Saturday, 9th October to Sunday, 10th October 2021**

**SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

***The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.***

**1. RULES**

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

**2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official Tour de Vlei Skipper WhatsApp Group, as well as the Regatta Notice Board, the latter where possible.

**3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

Any change to the sailing instructions or the schedule of races will be posted on the Tour de Vlei Regatta Skipper WhatsApp Group by 13h00 on the day it will take effect. Where possible, they will be posted on the Regatta Notice Board.

**4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole in front of the club house
- 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. Registration: Saturday 9 October 2021 from 09h30 to 13h30.
- 5.2. Dates of racing:
  - 5.2.1. Saturday 9 October 2021 Tour de Vlei. Skippers briefing 13h30
  - 5.2.2. Sunday 10 October 2021 ~ Fun racing or Speed Trial (to be decided – weather dependent).
- 5.3. The scheduled time of the warning signal for the Tour de Vlei on Saturday 9 October 2021, is 14h30. The scheduled time for the warning signal of any subsequent races on Sunday 10 October 2021 will be displayed on the regatta notice board. Sunday sailing- Skippers briefing 09h00, start not before 09h30, & no start after 13h00

## **6. CLASS FLAGS**

- 6.1. Class allocations are as follows :
  - 6.1.1. Class 1 : Optimists RS Teras and 09ers
  - 6.1.2. Class 2 : All monohulls with the exception of those in Class 1
  - 6.1.3. Class 3: All multihulls
- 6.2. The class flags are as follows:
  - 6.2.1. Class 1: Numeral Pennant 1 (Red dot on a white background).
  - 6.2.2. Class 2: Numeral Pennant 2 (White dot on a blue background).
  - 6.2.3. Class 3: Numeral Pennant 3 (Red, white & blue)
- 6.3. Any other possible classes will be allocated according to their respective categories and such Notice posted on the Race Notice Board

## **7. RACING AREAS**

Racing will take place on Voëlvlei Dam.

## **8. THE COURSES**

- 8.1. The diagram in Addendum #1 shows the courses for all classes
- 8.2. A red flag flown from the bridge will indicate all buoys to be left to Port, with the exception of C in Class 2 and 3. A green flag flown from the bridge will indicate all buoys to be left to Starboard, with the exception of C in Class 2 and 3.
- 8.3. Marks to be positioned according to allowable water level conditions
- 8.4. The start line is directly offshore from the Bridge Hut mast.
- 8.5. Number of rounds for the various classes are as follows:
  - 8.5.1. Class 1: One round of the half circuit course
  - 8.5.2. Class 2: One round of the full circuit course
  - 8.5.3. Class 3: Two rounds of the full circuit course
- 8.6. Class 2 may complete an optional second round of the course if the wind allows them to finish this second round by 19h00. They may only do this after having gone through the finish line for the first round of the course. This second round will not count towards the main overall or class prize but will count towards a fun "endurance prize". Failure to go through the finish line after Round One will result on a Class 2 boat doing an optional second round being scored DNF.

## **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 Class 3 (Multihulls) must pass through to begin their second round.

## **10. THE START**

- 10.1. The Start/Finish line will be between two (2) small blue marks near the bridge hut.
- 10.2. A boat that does not start within 20 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 10.3. Boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area during the starting sequence for other races. [DP]

## 11. THE FINISH

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

## 12. SHORTENING COURSE

In addition to the provisions of RRS 32, a mark laying boat on station near a mark may signal a shortened course before the leading boat of the class reaches that mark. The boat positioned near a mark shall display the Code Flag "S" and the corresponding Class Flag(s) and sound a signal. All competitors in the corresponding class(es) are to round the mark (which remains a mark of the course) and proceed to the finish.

## 13. TIME LIMITS

Boats failing to finish the course by 19h00 GPS time will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. 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 for each Class is 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the race.
- 14.3. Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses.
- 14.4. Hearings will be held in the clubhouse.
- 14.5. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 14.6. A list of boats that, under SI 14.2, have been penalised by the protest committee for breaking RRS 42 will be posted.
- 14.7. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## 15. SCORING

All boats are scored according to the following handicaps:

- South African dinghy classes: [The SAS Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap system](#)
- International dinghy classes: [The RYA Portsmouth Yardstick Handicap System](#)
- Multihulls: [The Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System](#)

## 16. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 16.1. All competitors shall wear a personal flotation device capable of supporting a 5 kg steel weight at all times while afloat, except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. [DP]
- 16.2. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible. [DP]
- 16.3. Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.

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

Where possible, competitors need to inform the race committee of any crew substitutions.

## **18. TRASH DISPOSAL**

Trash may be placed aboard support or official boats. Boats may not discard trash in the water.

## **19. RADIO COMMUNICATION**

Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats. [DP]

## **20. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. Neither SA Sailing, Vogelvlei Yacht Club, the organising authority nor its officials or other persons associated with the organisation 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.

### **RACE COMMITTEE**

Bev Shaw – Vice Commodore: VYC

Kevin Webb – Patron: VYC and Protest Committee Chair

Victoria Magner – Regatta Secretary

Jennifer Weyer – Race Officer

Saskia Stemmett

### **PROTEST COMMITTEE**

Kevin Webb – Chair

Sarel van der Merwe

Ian MacRobert

Saskia Stemmett

## ADDENDUM #1

### Full Circuit Course: Classes 2 and 3

#### Please Note:

Buoy C is mark on this course.

Class 2: One round

Class 3: Two rounds

Green Flag flown from bridge indicates starboard roundings of A, B, D E, passing C to port (clockwise around the dam)

Red Flag flown from bridge indicates port roundings of A B D E, passing C to starboard (anti-clockwise around the dam)



## Half Circuit Course: Class 1

Course to be sailed when Green Flag is flown

One Round: Start – E – D – C - Finish



or

Course to be sailed when Red Flag is flown

One Round: Start - A – B – C - Finish

