

GOVERNOR'S CUP 2010

Simon's Town to St.Helena Island Ocean Yacht Race

1st December 2010 to 18th December 2010

*Organized by the St.Helena Yacht Club of St.Helena, South Atlantic
and the False Bay Yacht Club of Simon's Town, South Africa.*

The race starts in Simon's Town and ends in St. Helena.

The event is under the management of the Organising Committee appointed by the St Helena Yacht Club and the False Bay Yacht Club and will be sailed under the authority and sanction of South African Sailing.

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2009-2012 (RRS)*, the 2009 IRC insofar as this rule applies to competing boats, this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions.
- 1.2 Part 2 of the RRS relating to when boats meet shall only apply for three hours after the start after which right of way will be determined by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (COLREGS)
- 1.3 The provisions of the Merchant Shipping (Small Vessel Safety) Regulations 2007 shall apply. This is classified as a Category A event.
- 1.4 Note that all yachts shall be fitted with jackstays and each crew member shall be equipped with his/her own safety harness.
- 1.5 Self-steering devices will be allowed on all yachts.
- 1.6 All participating South African yachts are required to comply with all local legal requirements with regard to "going foreign".

2 ADVERTISING

- 2.1 Advertising will be permitted in accordance with ISAF Advertising Code (Appendix 1 Regulation 20) for which purpose the event will be classified as a Category "C" event.
- 2.2 Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority. This may be in the form of a burgee to be flown from the backstay on the day of the start and at the finish.
- 2.3 The name of the boat, whether displaying advertising or not, must be acceptable to the Race Committee. No entry will be accepted from a boat displaying advertising or having a name which conflicts with any interests of the race sponsor, or any sub-sponsor of the event.
- 2.4 The organisers and sponsors shall be entitled to make use of any photograph, film or other electronic reproduction of or relating to all boats participating in the event, their

owners and crew and to make use of all interviews, broadcasts and reports by any of them for any purpose relating to or arising from the event or the sponsorship thereof.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1 Competitors shall comply with the ISAF 2008 Eligibility Requirement Regulation 19 – which requires that all competitors (skippers and all crew) shall be members in good standing of SA Sailing. Proof of this membership must be produced at registration.
- 3.2 Non South African participants must produce similar proof of membership of their own Member National Authority at registration.

4 RACE FLEETS

- 4.1 Mono-hull IRC Racing Fleet – all mono-hulls with valid 2010 IRC “endorsed” certificates. Divisions shall be made at the Race Committees discretion.
- 4.2 Mono-hull Cruiser fleet – all mono-hulls under a PHRF rating. Divisions shall be made at the Race Committees discretion.
- 4.3 Multi-hull Cruiser fleet – all multi-hulls.
- 4.4 Single handed and double handed classes shall also be accepted.
- 4.5 If there is sufficient demand, other classes of boats or challenges will be considered, at the Race Committee’s sole discretion, with a minimum of 5 boats per class.

5 ENTRIES

- 5.1 Eligible boats may enter by completing the prescribed form and sending it, together with the required fee, to:

The Gov’10 Race Secretary,
 PO Box 45, Simon’s Town 7995, South Africa.
 Tel: 021 Cell: 071 383 1864 Fax: 021
 Email: erika.spilhaus@vodamail.co.za

Entries must be received by 17h00 on 15th October 2010. **Late entries will be accepted up to 17h00 on 1st November 2010 at an additional fee of ZAR500.00.**

- 5.2 The standard entry fee will be:
 - 5.2.1. A basic fee of ZAR1000.00 per yacht plus
- 5.3 Competitors will still be liable for the following costs, for their own accounts, where applicable:
 - 5.3.1. Shipping of the yachts cradle and/or any equipment out on the ship RMS St. Helena.
 - 5.3.2. Passenger berths for the return on the RMS St. Helena.
 - 5.3.3. Shipping of the yacht for the return on RMS St. Helena.
- 5.4 In the case of an emailed or faxed entry, confirmation of electronic payment shall clearly bear the notation *GOV10* followed by the yachts name. Entry will only be official upon receipt of funds.
- 5.5 Each entry **MUST** supply a brief biographical note of the skipper and crew and **MUST** include photographs of the skipper, crew and boat. All photographs must be in “jpeg”

format and can be sent via email or on disc **by close of entry date**. The organising committee is hereby authorised to use such information or photographs in connection with any advertising, publication, promotion, sponsorship or the like relating to the race whether in printed or electronic form or howsoever.

- 5.6 The Race Committee reserves the right to refuse any entry or exclude any boat from the event at its sole discretion.

6 QUALIFYING PASSAGE

- 6.1 All local participating yachts will have to complete a qualifying sea passage of 200nm or 48 hrs unbroken deep sea sailing with at least the certificated skipper and the navigator in the crew, between the dates 1st May and 19th November 2010. All yachts must inform the RO prior to departing on this passage and immediately upon return. (Spilly Spilhaus marinamanager@fbyc.co.za 071 383 1863)
- 6.2 Visiting foreign cruising yachts shall produce their log as proof of passage.

7 SKIPPER AND CREW QUALIFICATIONS

By 19th November, the Race Committee must be satisfied that:

- 7.1 with the exception of single handed entries, each crew has at least one member with a SAS Yachtmaster Offshore or Ocean Skippers Certificate or two members with SAS Coastal Skippers Certificates. Single handed skippers must hold SAS Yachtmaster Offshore or Ocean Skippers Certificates or equivalent.
- 7.2 at least one member of each crew shall hold a current and valid First Aid Certificate.

8 SCHEDULE

- 8.1 Registration will be on 20th and 21st November 2010 at the False Bay Yacht Club.
- 8.2 Scrutiny will be from 22nd to 26th November 2010 at the False Bay Yacht Club.
- 8.3 Race Start will be in Simon's Bay on Wednesday 1st December 2010.
- 8.4 Scheduled time of the Warning Signal will be 11h55.
- 8.5 Race "cut off time" will be 12h00 on Saturday 18th December 2010.
- 8.6 Other pertinent information regarding the race and social events will be communicated closer to the time.

9 REGISTRATION

- 9.1 Registration will take place on Sat 20th & Sun 21st November 2010 between 9h00 and 16h00 at the False Bay Yacht Club, Simon's Town.
- 9.2 All ships papers, rating certificates, logs, skippers certification, Certificate of Fitness, First Aid Certification, crew medical details/history, copies of passports etc must be produced for registration.

10 SCRUTINEERING

- 10.1 Scrutiny shall take place at the False Bay Yacht Club moorings, by appointment, from the 22nd to the 26th November 2010, from 9h00 to 16h00, daily.
- 10.2 All boats shall be scrutinised by the Race Committee to ensure compliance with safety requirements. A skipper is obliged to ensure that he and at least one other member of the crew are present at the scrutiny.
- 10.3 A boat which has not been issued a “Clearance to sail” certificate by the Race Committee by 17h00 on Saturday 27th November, may not start.

11 MEASUREMENTS

- 11.1 Each IRC yacht shall produce a valid, endorsed rating certificate.
- 11.2 All other yachts will be rated according to the Royal Cape Yacht Club rating system RRD (see www.rcyc.co.za - ratings – guidelines, for information)

12 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The sailing instructions will be available on the website (www.thegovernorscup.co.za) as from 1st October 2010 and printed copies will be available at the secretary’s office at FBYC as from that date.

13 VENUE

- 13.1 All pre-race activities will be centred around the False Bay Yacht Club, Simon’s Bay, Simon’s Town, South Africa.
- 13.2 The finish and prize giving activities will be on the Island of St.Helena, South Atlantic, dates and times will be communicated closer to the time.

14 THE COURSE

The course to be sailed will be as follows: Start in Simon’s Bay, Simon’s Town (details as per Sailing Instructions), Cape Point to Starboard, St. Helena to Port, finish in James Bay, St. Helena (details as per Sailing Instructions).

The approximate course length will be 1750 nm.

15 INFRINGEMENTS

If a boat infringes any of the provisions of this Notice of Race or of the sailing Instructions or any of the Rules and Regulations herein referred to, in circumstances which in the opinion of the Race Committee do not constitute a gross breach thereof, it may be penalised by having its basic elapsed time increased by such amount as the Race Committee, in its sole discretion, deems fit. In addition, the Race Committee shall be entitled to disqualify a boat in the event of a gross breach of any such provisions, rules or

regulations. Any penalty imposed by the Race Committee pursuant to this provision will not be subject to appeal.

16 SCORING

- 16.1 Results will be calculated by adding any penalties to each yacht's elapsed time and multiplying the result by the yacht's IRC or PHRF rating.
- 16.2 Elapsed time will be the time elapsed between the official start of the race and each yacht's actual finishing time. The yacht with the lowest corrected time will score as first.

17 SUPPORT BOAT

A support boat consisting of a large yacht will follow the fleet to St. Helena to assist with radio communications and to be on standby in the event of a crisis.

18 BERTHING

Berthing will be available at False Bay Yacht Club as from 1st October for visiting competitors, prior to the start. It is hoped to provide sufficient suitable swing moorings for all competitors at James Bay in St. Helena.

19 RADIO COMMUNICATION

Details of radio requirements and schedules for position reporting will be given in the Sailing Instructions, but all yachts must be equipped with VHF radio with channel 16, 06, 71 and a 100-watt SSB radio and /or Satphone.

20 PRIZES

- 20.1 The GOVERNOR'S CUP FLOATING TROPHY will be awarded to the overall monohull IRC handicap winner.
- 20.2 Other trophies will be awarded to the divisions in 4 above. Other prizes may be awarded at the discretion of the race organisers.
- 20.3 The prize giving will take place on the island of St. Helena at a time and venue to be announced. The anticipated date is Sunday 17th December 2010.

21 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The organizing authority will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the race.

22 INSURANCE

- 22.1 It is suggested that each participating boat be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of ZAR 1,000,000 for the event.
- 22.2 Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. Neither 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 event. Owners and skippers are advised to obtain counter-indemnities from each member of crew.

23 JURISDICTION

The event, being organised from Cape Town, is subject to the laws of South Africa and accordingly this Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions will be construed in accordance with such laws. All participants, owners, skippers and crews shall be deemed to have submitted to the jurisdiction of the High Court of South Africa, Cape Town, which alone shall have jurisdiction in regard to any legal disputes which may arise in connection with or arising from the event and a participant's participation therein. Owners and skippers of yachts participating in the event will be responsible for ensuring that the provisions of this Notice of Race are understood and agreed upon by all individuals concerned and hereby indemnify the organisers, the sponsors and all those involved in running of the event against all claims, loss or harm suffered as a result of a failure to do so.

24 ERRORS AND OMISSIONS

On good cause, the Organising Committee reserves the right to amend any of the provisions of this Notice of Race.

25 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact the Race Secretary, Erika Spilhaus, at

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Or the Race Officer, Spilly Spilhaus, at

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