



**GREAT  
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RACE**

# **NOTICE OF RACE**

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## **ORGANISING AUTHORITY (OA)**

Great Cape Race Limited holds the rights to the event and will organise the event in conjunction with GCYC.

Great Cape Race Limited will work closely with the Technical Committee, the Race Committee, the International Jury and co-operation of the Host Yacht Clubs.

## **1 RULES**

1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in 2021-2024 Racing Rules of Sailing.

1.2 The OA will be applying to World Sailing to replace RRS 88.12 & 88.2.

1.3 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category 0 Monohulls modified by Appendix 1 will apply.

1.4 The Racing Rules of Sailing will be changed as follows:

(a) RRS 41 (Outside Help)

Delete "freely" from (c).

Add "(e) a boat shall not receive any private meteorological, tactical advice or information."

Add "(f) a boat may receive any assistance after suspension of racing with the permission of Race Management incurring a 24hour time penalty."

Add "(g) Intervention of the Organising Authority on safety grounds is permitted."

(b) RRS 52 (Manual power) Modified to allow keel canting hydraulics, water ballast pumps and rudder autopilots. In yachts with LOA greater than 80' powered winches are permitted with rating penalty.

(c) RRS 47.1 (Limitations on equipment and crew) Add "Boats may take on equipment or supplies after suspension of racing. See modified RRS 41(f)."

(d) Whisker poles or outriggers shall not be used for headsail or spinnaker sheeting modifying RRS 50.2 and RRS 50.3(c). IMOCA rated boats with deck spreaders can use aft outriggers.

(e) RRS 51 (Movable ballast) Delete and replace with. "Sails only can be freely stacked above deck. Fuel tanks, water tanks, batteries, life rafts, anchors, chain, race medical kit and any item over 20kg will be sealed in place. Other items less than 20kg can be stacked below deck."

(f) RRS 55 (Trash) Add "However biodegradable material such as food and wool may be discharged overboard."

1.5 Under RRS 87, class rules are changed as follows:

Sails

(a) A maximum of 10 sails shall be on board.

(b) Storm Jib, Heavy Weather Jib and trysail are mandatory.

(c) A total of 13 sails may be used during the race.

(d) Mainsails, headsails with LP greater than 150% J and spinnakers with foot length greater than 180% J shall not contain carbon fibre.

## **2 ADVERTISING**

2.1 In accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20 (Advertising Code), boats will be required to display the advertising chosen and provided by the OA.

2.2 Boats must reserve the forward 25% LOA of hull, boom and top 25% (above MHU) of mainsail for OA.

2.3 Race flag shall be displayed from backstay within 25nm of a leg start and finish.

2.4 OA provided flags shall be displayed within the forestay triangle when boats are docked in race ports.

2.5 The OA reserves the right to refuse any boat name or advertising which it considers to be in poor taste, shocking, abusive or contradicting the purpose of the race.

### **3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

3.1 Great Cape Race 2021-22 is open to mono hulls of length greater than 60' having valid ORCi Certificates.

#### **3.2 Crew**

- (a) A boat shall have a minimum of 4 crew.
- (b) The minimum age of any crew is 20 on 1 Oct 2021.
- (c) All crew shall hold a current World Sailing approved Offshore Personal Survival Training certificate.
- (d) All crew shall hold a current Yacht Master Offshore certificate.
- (e) At least 30% of crew shall have a valid STCW A-VI/4-2 (Proficiency In Medical Care) certificate or equivalent. The remainder of crew shall have STCW First Aid Training complying with A-VI/1-3 (Elementary First Aid) certificate or equivalent.
- (f) A signed doctor's certificate endorsing that each crew is in physical condition compatible with the constraints of the race.

#### **3.3. Qualifying Ocean Passage and Races**

A boat with the Person in Charge and at least 60% of crew shall undertake in 2021:

- (a) A qualifying passage approved by the Race Management not less than 1500nm. For boats launched in 2021 this distance will be 3000nm.
- (b) The Fastnet race is obligatory. Non-compliance will result in a financial penalty.

3.4 Prior to 1 June 2021 a Race Management approved marine surveyor shall certify that the boat is fit for the purpose of a category 0 ocean race. Such a survey does not absolve the skipper of their responsibility to participate.

#### **3.5 Minimum Performance**

A boat must be capable of completing Leg 1 in less than 30 days based on achievable ORCi prediction values and Leg 1 weather matrix.

3.6 Determination of eligibility: A decision of the Organising as to any matter under NoR 3, including as to whether a boat and her crew meet the eligibility criteria for entry in the race, is final and binding and will not be grounds for a request for redress (amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a) and RRS 63.1 shall not apply).

### **4 FEES**

4.1 It is the OA's intention to run the race with a minimum of eight entrants and a maximum of 14.

A race entry fee equivalent to €200k + (yacht LOA x €3000) will be payable by all yachts competing.

A payment schedule will be agreed once an entrant has sent the OA his completed Entry Form and an initial deposit payment of €10k before the entry deadline of 31st December 2020.

The entry fee will be payable in instalments but must be paid in full prior to the start of the Fastnet race and in agreement with the payment schedule.

For every fully paid race entry greater than eight, each yacht entered (for all legs) will receive a refund of 5% of their own entry fee payable before the conclusion of the race.

Should an entrant wish to complete in only one, two or three legs of the race, they will not be eligible for the overall prizes. The entry fee for any boat not participating in all legs will be calculated using the same formula as a boat competing in the whole race divided by the number of legs they wish to participate in + €10k.

## 5 SCHEDULE

- 5.1 (a) Entry Form and initial non-refundable deposit - by 31 December 2020.  
Initial documentation - by 2 June 2021.  
Final documentation - by 1 September 2021.  
(b) Boats shall be at the disposal of the Organising Authority on 1 September 2021 that will include equipment inspection, check measurements and sail declaration.
- 5.2 (a) Initial documentation and outstanding fees - by 2 June 2021.  
Final documentation - by 1 September 2021.  
(b) Boats shall be at the disposal of the Organising Authority on 1 September 2021 that will include equipment inspection, check measurements and sail declaration.  
(c) Race Dates:

<i>Fastnet Qualifier</i>	<i>08 Aug 21</i>
<i>Assembly</i>	<i>01 Sep 21</i>
<i>Prologue Race</i>	<i>26 Sep 21</i>
<i>LEG 1 Europe to Cape Town</i>	<i>03 Oct 21</i>
<i>Cape Town Prologue</i>	<i>20 Nov 21</i>
<i>LEG 2 Cape Town to Hobart</i>	<i>27 Nov 21</i>
<i>Hobart Prologue</i>	<i>09 Jan 22</i>
<i>LEG 3 Hobart to South America</i>	<i>16 Jan 22</i>
<i>South America Prologue</i>	<i>27 Feb 22</i>
<i>LEG 4 South America to Europe</i>	<i>06 Mar 22</i>

## 6 MEDIA

The Organising Authority owns all media rights to the Great Cape Race.

The entrant shall grant the Organising Authority the unconditional, perpetual right and authority to publish and broadcast anywhere in the world, for any purpose and in any medium the photos, video and audio recordings from the boat and event venues during and after the race.

Entrant shall not make statements undermining or interfering with, or having a detrimental impact on, the Organising Authority and its officers, employees, volunteers, the Race Committee, the

International Jury, measurers, or sponsors.

All media content transmitted from a boat during racing shall be copied immediately to the Organising Authority.

A boat shall not post or broadcast its position or other competitors information to any internet site or social media or media organisation.

## 7 COMMUNICATION

Each boat must be equipped with a satellite telephone with a fixed antenna. This telephone shall remain turned on throughout the duration of the race shall and have a sufficiently audible ringtone.

A detailed account statement shall be provided to the OA within 48hrs of a leg finish for each non supplied satellite communication device.

Loss of position reporting or non response to OA communications will result in penalty.

## **8 SUPPLIED EQUIPMENT**

Primary tracker {to be supplied with prerequisite NMEA boat information}.  
Emergency Medical kit.

## **9 HANDICAPPING**

A single number Time on Time coefficient for each leg will be applied. A custom composite course matrix derived from historical climate data will be provided by the Organising Authority. Floatation measurements can not be changed after 20 Sep 2021 without penalty. Multiple certificates are allowable for varying sail or other weight declarations.

## **10 PENALTY SYSTEM**

For breaches of rules the Race Committee or International Jury shall apply a financial or time penalty ranging from 1hour to 72hour or DSQ. The penalties are listed in Appendix 2. Decisions of the international jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

## **11 SCORING**

Leg results will be decided by the application of the Time-on-Time scoring number as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time will be scored first and other boats shall be ranked accordingly. Time penalties or redress will be applied when determining elapsed time. Low Point System shall apply. All leg scores will count. An overall points tie will be broken in favour of the boat with the lowest overall corrected time this changes RRS A8.

## **12 PRIZES**

To be confirmed.

## **13 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

Competitors participate in the event 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 regatta.

## **14 INSURANCE**

Each participating boat shall hold a marine legal liability insurance policy with a sum insured of not less than 3 million euro. The insurance policy shall state that the boat is covered for the 'Great Cape Race'.

