**Will be sailed on the Vaal Dam on the 5th March 2022**

**Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions**

**1. RULES**

1.1 The Organizing Authority is Lake Deneys Yacht Club.

1.2 The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, SAS prescriptions, NKA rules and relevant class rules.

1.3 Yachts participating in this race shall conform to the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2021-2024.

1.4 All yachts shall conform to the safety requirements and regulations as laid down by SA Sailing. Scrutinizing will be at the discretion of the race organizers.

1.5 All yachts over 9 meters shall be in possession of a valid COF certificate.

1.6 At least one person on board all yachts over 9 meters shall be in possession of a valid skippers’ ticket.

1.7 A working cell phone contact number must be supplied on the entry from.

1.8 Race communication on VHF Channel 9

1.9 This event does not have controlled event status and as such all skippers must ensure that they and their yachts conform to SAS requirements.

1.10 All competitors are to comply with any COVID19 restrictions in place at the time.

**2. SAFETY**

2.1 Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.

2.2 There should be an Approved Buoyancy aid - SANS 12402-5 Level 50, fitted with: a) Whistle b) Lifting loop c) Retro reflective material. These devices provide for continuous wear and provide lift, without significant face-up turning ability. Where the people onboard the vessel are NOT competent swimmers, SAMSA strongly recommends that sufficient level 100 lifejackets be provided.

2.3 ***Notwithstanding any class requirements, it is recommended that all Keel Boats and Micro Multihulls shall carry the following minimum safety Equipmen***t:

First Aid Kit

Minimum two liters fresh water, at all times.

Minimum one serviceable fire extinguisher.

Minimum one stout bucket with lanyard attached.

One anchor suitable for the size of boat, together with chain and min’ 20m warp.

One lifebuoy.

Minimum 20m tow rope.

Serviceable inboard or outboard motor.

**3. ADVERTISING**

3.1 Advertising on a boat or by its crew is permitted in accordance with the ISAF Regulation 20

3.2 Boats may be required to display event advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

3.3 Notwithstanding any other rule, the Race Committee reserves the right to require the removal from display of any advertising which, in its opinion, is not in good taste.

**4. ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY**

4.1 The race is open to all keel boats, micro multihull and catamaran classes of L.0.A. Above 17 feet (5,2meters) other yachts may enter only after written permission from the Race Committee is given.

4.2 All competitors shall be members in good standing of a yacht club affiliated to and in good standing with SA Sailing.

4.3 The yacht club name and membership details shall be stated on the entry form.

4.4 The Organizing Authority shall have the right but, not the obligation, to refuse entry to any yacht it deems to be unfit for this event.

**5. ENTRIES**

5.1 Skippers must be 50 years or older on the date of the race

5.2 ALL crew must be 40 years or older on the day of the race

5.3 Entries are to be completed online at <http://www.windsail.co.za> prior to 11h00 on Saturday 5th March 2022. Late entries shall not be accepted on the water.

5.4 Entry fee shall be R200 for the race unless an annual race card has been completed.

5.5 Entry fee payment EFT to Standard Bank Account 021820112 Use Boat Name as reference. E-Mail proof of payment to ldyc@telcomsa.net.

**6. REGISTRATION AND SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

6.1 Registration will be Online only.

6.2 Sailing instructions and course cards will be issued at registration.

6.3 Start shall be between LDYC Bridge Boat and LDYC Mark

**7. PLANNED SCHEDULE OF RACING**

7.1 Saturday 5th March 2022 Medium or Long Distance around fixed marks depending on wind. First signal not before 12h54.

**8. MOORING & ACCOMMODATION**

8.1 Courtesy moorings marked orange will be available, on request, at Lake Denney’s Yacht Club for visiting yachts.

8.2 Camping for competitors and their immediate family is free for the entire weekend.

8.3 Bar and Restaurant facilities will be provided throughout the weekend.

**9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS AND COURSES**

9.1 The course as set out on Notice Board not later than 12h00 and available at bridge boat.

9.2 The course will be around fixed marks on the dam.

**10. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

10.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located in the foyer of Lake Deneys Yacht Club and a WhatsApp group “Ancient Mariners 2022”

10.2 Attention to alterations made to the sailing instructions displayed either on the official Notice Board or the Bridge Boat Notice Board, will be by the raising the "L" flag accompanied by one sound signal.

10.3 Any change of Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 45 minutes before the scheduled start of the race.

**11. SHORTENING COURSE**

11.1 The course maybe shortened in terms of (RRS) 32, in which case yachts are to finish between a “Mark of the Course” and a boat flying the “S” flag and a BLUE on station flag.

**12. START**

12.1 Races will start using rule 26 of the RRS Part 3.

12.2 Starting area will be located on the area of water in front of LDYC

12.3 The starting line will be between the mast of the Bridge Boat flying an ORANGE flag and LDYC Mark.

12.4 The Bridge is a “Mark of the Course” only when starting.

**13. FINISH**

13.1 The finish line will be between the mast of the LDYC Bridge Boat flying a BLUE "on station" flag and the LDYC Mark

13.2 Bridge Boat is a “mark of the course” only when finishing a race.

**14. PENALTY SYSTEM**

14.1 ISAF Rule 44 shall apply except that RRS 44.3 shall NOT apply, and in the case of Catamarans and Micro Multi-hulls the penalty shall be one complete 360-degree turn.

**15. TIME LIMIT**

15.1 Races may be abandoned at the discretion of the Bridge Officer.

15.2 Any yacht not finishing within 1.4 times the leading yacht’s elapsed time will be deemed not to have finished.

**16. PROTESTS**

16.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Race Office and delivered within 60 minutes after the last race of the day, to the Race Office.

16.2 All protests may be heard at the LDYC Clubhouse on the day of the particular race, or at any other venue at a later date, but will be at the earliest opportunity to ensure that all parties affected are given reasonable time to be present. These arrangements are entirely at the discretion of the Race Officer.

16.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt.

**17. SCORING**

17.1 For overall results, yachts will be handicapped according to the Low Points scoring system of Appendix A 4.1 and A9 of RRS using the LDYC NKA TCF rating system.

17.2 Results will be posted on LDYC’s Notice Board after the race and on the LDYC web page [www.ldyc.co.za](http://www.ldyc.co.za).

**18. PRIZE GIVING**

18.1 At a date to be advised

**19. LIABILITY**

19.1 The attention of all competitors is drawn to the fact that participation in the race is entirely at their own risk. No responsibility ,at any time, for damage or injury resulting there from will rest with the organizing authority, NKA, SAS, the class associations, the host club or any persons connected with the running of or providing assistance during the race.

**20. SCRUTINEERING**

20.1 Scrutineering will be at the Race Officer’s discretion.

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