

# **The 2023 Cape 31 Opening Series**

**8th October and 25th & 26th November 2023**

## **NOTICE OF RACE**

Organizing Authority: Cape 31 Class Association with the approval of South African Sailing  
(RRS89.1(e))



## 1 RULES

- a. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing.
- b. The first two sentences of RRS 44.1 are changed to: "A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or RRS 31 in an incident while racing. However, when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 while in the zone around a mark other than a starting mark, her penalty shall be a Two-Turns Penalty".
- c. In RRS 44.2 insert after the first sentence: "However, on a windward/leeward course, if Mark 1a (windward spreader mark) is set, a boat shall take a penalty for an incident in the zone around Mark 1 or on the leg between Mark 1 and Mark 1a, as soon as possible after leaving the zone around Mark 1a".
- d. Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.

## 2 COMMUNICATION

- a. The Online Notice Board (ONB) is at [sa.cape31.com](http://sa.cape31.com)

## 3 ADVERTISING

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

## 4 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- a. All competitors shall be registered with World Sailing and in good standing with their Member National Authority.
- b. The event is open to all boats of the Cape 31 Class.
- c. Eligible boats may enter at [sa.cape31.com](http://sa.cape31.com)
- d. Class fees and SAS/MNA fees shall be paid before an entry is accepted.

5 ENTRY FEES

- a. Entry fees are included in the SA Cape 31 Class membership fee.

6 SCHEDULE

- a. Registration will be done online via Event Link provided on the notice board at [sa.cape31.com](http://sa.cape31.com)
- b. The 9-race series will take place over the following days:

<b>Date</b>	<b>Venue</b>
8 October	Table Bay
25 & 26 November	Table Bay

- c. Skippers briefings will be communicated via the Opening Series Whatsapp Group.
- d. The starting signal for the first race on 8 October will not be before 12h00, and on 25 & 26 November will not be before 10h00.
- e. Three races with a target time of 50 minutes are scheduled to take place each day.
- f. Three races are required to be completed to constitute the series.
- g. A maximum of 4 races may be sailed on any one day.
- h. No warning signal shall be made after 16h00 on any day of racing.
- i. After each day of the event a racing discussion/debrief will be hosted on the docks.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- a. The sailing instructions will consist of the instructions in RRS Appendix S, Standard Sailing Instructions, and supplementary instructions that will be posted on the Online Notice Board.

8 THE COURSES

- a. The courses will be as shown in the supplementary sailing instructions.

9 SCORING

- a. When fewer than 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b. When 6 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

10 CREW WEIGH-IN

- a. Crew weights will be monitored by declaration. Random crew weighing may be conducted throughout the series at the discretion of the Race Committee.

11 SAFETY

- a. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.

12 SUPPORT BOATS AND PERSONNEL

- a. All support boats shall act as rescue boats in the case of need & may be called upon to assist with course logistics.
- b. At all other times coach and support boats shall remain at least 50 m from boats that are racing.

13 PRIZES

- a. The winner of the Opening Series will be the boat with the lowest score.
- b. Prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the Organizing Authority.

14 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- a. Competitors participate in these races entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race. Neither the Organizing Authority nor its officials or other persons associated with the organization 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.

15 INSURANCE

- a. Each participating boat is advised to carry third-party liability insurance of at least R10 million to cover any liability arising during the event.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

- a. For further information go to [sa.cape31.com](http://sa.cape31.com)