

Cape 31 V&A Waterfront Invitational 2025

21 February – 23 February 2025
V&A Waterfront, Cape Town

NOTICE OF RACE

Organizing Authority: South African Cape 31 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 class rules shall be the South African Cape 31 Class Rules dated 14 February 2025. [<https://sa.cape31.com/class-rules/>]
- c. The Summer-in-the-South Notice of Series applies which can be found on the ONC [[Cape 31 | SA](#)].
- d. 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".
- e. 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".
- f. Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- g. Flag B may be displayed with one sound signal at least 10 minutes before the Orange flag is displayed. On this signal boats shall race with the heavy-weather jib.

2 COMMUNICATION

- a. The Official Notice Board (ONB): <https://sa.cape31.com/sa-notice-board/>
- b. Messages sent through the WhatsApp group are a courtesy and an added service to the competitors. [Click here to join the Series WhatsApp group.](#)

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 in good standing with their Member National Authority.
- b. The event is open to all boats of the Cape 31 Class.

5 ENTRY FEES

- a. Detailed in the Summer-in-the-South Notice of Series, which can be viewed on the ONB.
- b. The entry fee for South African boats that are not a member of the South African Cape 31 Association is R5100.

6 SCHEDULE

- a. Entry and registration shall be by sending an email to entry@cape31.com, stating the name of the boat, the hull number and the name of the person in charge.
- b. Skippers briefings will be communicated via the Cape 31 SA | Race Office [WhatsApp Group](#).
- c. The warning signal for the first day of racing will be 11h55.
- d. For the subsequent days of racing, the warning signal for the first race of the day will be posted on the Online Official Notice Board no later than 20h00 of the previous day. If no notices are displayed, the starting time will be the same as day before.
- 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 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- b. When 5 or more 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. If a boat is notified by the race committee at the end of racing on each day, the boat shall present its crew for weigh-in within one hour.
- b. A majority owner weighing less than 85kg may opt to weigh in or a weight of 85kg shall be allocated to the majority owner.

11 SAFETY (NP) (DP)

- 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 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 shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of R5 million or equivalent.

16 FURTHER INFORMATION

- a. For further information go to sa.cape31.com