



## NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. Preamble

- 1.1. Port Owen Yacht Club (POYC) takes pleasure in announcing the second staging of The Diamond Coast Race, a yacht race between Port Owen and Lüderitz Namibia starting on 20th March 2027 in accordance with the rules below.
- 1.2. Lüderitz is situated approximately 400 nautical miles North of Port Owen, and this route offers an exciting introduction to blue-water sailing.
- 1.3. All enquiries should be addressed to the Race Secretary, Port Owen Yacht Club:  
[sail@diamondcoastrace.co.za](mailto:sail@diamondcoastrace.co.za) Telephone + 27 (0)83 393 3930

### 2. Organizing Authority

- 2.1. The organizing authority is the Port Owen Yacht Club (POYC). The race will be under the management of the race committee, as appointed by the race organizing committee.
- 2.2. The race notice board, bearing the name of the race, shall be located at the Port Owen Yacht Club prior to the start and at the Lüderitz Yacht Club after the start.

### 3. Course and Date

- 3.1. The race will start in St Helena Bay and finish off Lüderitz, Namibia
- 3.2. The race is scheduled to start on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2027 at 12h00 South African time. Final details regarding the start or starts will be furnished no later than the 15<sup>th</sup> March 2027.

### 4. Time Limit

- 4.1. There is no time limit.

### 5. Eligibility

- 5.1. The race will be open to:
  - 5.1.1. Monohull and Multihull boats with a valid ORC Rating Certificates (ORC Club, ORC MH or ORC International);
- 5.2. Depending on the number of entries, the fleets may be subdivided into different classes at the race organizers discretion.



## 6. Rules

- 6.1. The race will be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), the 2027 ORC Rating Systems and the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea, including the Special Regulations in Schedule 1 which forms part of the Notice of Race.
- 6.2. The provisions of the Merchant Shipping (National Small Vessel Safety) Regulations of 2007, together with Marine Notice Number 13 of 2011, shall apply. This is classified as a Category A event.
- 6.3. Part 2 of the RRS relating to when boats meet shall only apply until three hours after the start, after which right of way shall be determined by the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.
- 6.4. The minimum crew shall be two aboard.
- 6.5. Boats are permitted to use self-steering devices and automatic pilots. This changes RRS 52.
- 6.6. All participating yachts are required to comply with all local legal requirements regarding to "going foreign".
- 6.7. In regard to weather forecasting or routing information, outside help shall be permitted in the form of information freely available to all boats, even if that information is only accessible at a cost, provided that such "at cost" help shall not include private forecasts or tactical advice or information customized for any particular boat. This changes RRS 41(c).
- 6.8. A boat may be required to carry a tracking device supplied by the race committee.
- 6.9. The term "skipper" as used in this notice of race and other race documents, means the person in charge under RRS 46.
- 6.10. Boats shall be not less than 9 metres in length and should be considered fit for purpose. The final decision shall be vested with the race committee.

## 7. Rating Certificates and Handicaps

- 7.1. Boats shall have current rating certificates as follows:
  - 7.1.1. Boats racing shall have current, valid ORC Rating Certificates (ORC Club or ORC MH or ORC International);



- 7.2. The corrected time will be the elapsed time multiplied by the relevant boat's ORC time-on-time correction factor for ORC weather routing system issued by ORC on the day of the start.
- 7.3. Valid ORC Certificates must be lodged with the race secretary no later than 17:00 on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2027, after which no changes may be made to a boat's rating certificate. The race committee reserves the right to extend the above time limit in exceptional circumstances.
- 7.4. The race committee reserves the right to correct, up until the prize giving, measurement and calculation restraints relating to any boat's rating certificate,

## 8. Infractions

If a boat infringes any of the provisions of this notice of race or of the sailing instructions, or of any of the rules and regulations referred to in this notice, the penalty may at the discretion of the protest committee be less than disqualification.

## 9. Safety requirements and scrutiny

- 9.1. The skipper of each boat must satisfy the race committee by no later than 17h00 on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2027 that he or she holds no less than a SAS Coastal Skippers Certificate for South African entries (the legal requirement). The Race Committee office will advise the requirement for foreign entries.
- 9.2. All boats shall be scrutinized by the race committee to ensure compliance with the requirements of Schedule 1. A boat which has not passed scrutiny by 17:00 on Friday 12<sup>th</sup> March 2027 may not start the race and the onus shall be on the skipper to ensure that his boat is scrutinized timeously.
- 9.3. If a boat does not comply with these regulations its entry may be rejected, or it may be liable to disqualification, or such other penalty as may be prescribed by the protest committee.
- 9.4. Notwithstanding anything in this notice of race, the safety of a boat and its crew shall at all times remain the sole responsibility of her skipper, who must satisfy himself/herself that the boat is fully sound, thoroughly seaworthy and manned by an experienced crew who are capable of handling the boat in bad weather. The skipper must ensure that all safety equipment is properly maintained and stowed and that all crew know where it is kept and how it is to be used. It is the sole and exclusive responsibility of each boat to decide



whether to start or to continue with the race and all those taking part in the race do so at their own risk.

- 9.5. The crew list, on the prescribed form, together with a copy of each crew member's passport, shall be submitted to the race secretary by no later than 17:00 on Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> March 2027. Contingency corrections to this crew list, complying with the copy of passport requirements, may be made up to 48 hours before the start of the race.

## 10. **Skippers Briefing**

There shall be a Skippers/Safety Briefing at POYC on Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> March 2027 at 18h00. Attendance of this briefing is compulsory for the Skipper and Navigator,

## 11. **Entries**

- 11.1. An entry, on the prescribed entry form, together with proof of payment of the entry fee, must be submitted to the race secretary by no later than 17:00 on Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2027.
- 11.2. The entry fee shall be R4500.00 (Four Thousand Five Hundred Rands Only) per boat plus R650.00 (Six Hundred and Fifty Rand) per crew member.

Payment of entry fees shall be made directly into the following bank account, namely:  
POYC, Standard Bank, 083 352 589 -Ref: DCR + Boat Name.

## 12. **Advertising and reference to the race**

- 12.1. The organizing authority may require boats to display race advertising in compliance with World Sailing Regulation 20 at times specified in the sailing instructions.
- 12.2. Details of race advertising, size and placement will be furnished in the sailing instructions.
- 12.3. The name of any 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 race.
- 12.4. The owner and skipper of all boats participating in the race shall ensure that nothing is done by them or any of their crew or promoters or agents which will, or is reasonably likely to, injure, bring into disrepute, ridicule or lessen the public reputation, goodwill or favorable image of the race, the organizers and the race sponsors.



- 12.5. Participants in the race shall supply the organizers with a copy of all press releases and all promotional material issued by or on behalf of themselves or their sponsors relating to the race.
- 12.6. The owner and skipper of all boats shall ensure that no “ambush marketing” or “hijack signage” is carried out by or on behalf of themselves or their sponsors with reference to the race and that nothing else is done which might undermine the race, the rights of the race sponsor or any other sponsor or participator in the race.
- 12.7. The organizers and sponsors shall be entitled to make use of any photograph, film or other form of electronic reproduction of or relating to all boats participating in the race, 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 race or the sponsorship thereof.

### 13. Sailing instructions

Sailing instructions will be issued to all entrants no later than 7 days before the start.

### 14. Prize giving

- 14.1. The prize giving is scheduled to take place on Saturday, 10<sup>th</sup> April 2027 at 15h00 at Port Owen Yacht Club.
- 14.2. The “Diamond Coast Race Trophy” will be awarded to the overall winner on handicap. The “Starboard Trophy” will be awarded to the winner on line honours.

### 15. Moorings

Moorings will be available at POYC as from 6<sup>th</sup> March 2027 for visiting boats prior to the start, subject to availability and draft. Moorings will be allocated in order in which entries are received.

16. **PLEASE NOTE:** All Entrants may be required to anchor in Lüderitz, Namibia and all boats must therefore carry the appropriate anchoring equipment.

### 17. Communications

All boats will be required to report their position every day while racing. Details of the time for such reports and the email address or telephone numbers to which they are to be made will be furnished in the sailing instructions.



## 16. Indemnity

The owner and the skipper of each boat entered shall be deemed, on the acceptance of the entry by the race committee, on behalf of themselves, their crew, their dependents and their sponsors, to have indemnified the organizers, the sponsors and all those involved in the running of the race against all claims of any kind arising from any injury to person or property incurred during or in connection with the race, or from any cause arising whatsoever. Owners and skippers are advised to obtain counter-indemnities from each member of the crew.

## 17. Jurisdiction

The race, being organized 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 race and a participant's participation therein. Owners and skippers of boats participating in the race will be responsible for ensuring that the provisions of this notice of race are understood and agreed by all individuals concerned and hereby indemnify the organizers, the sponsors and all those involved in the running of the race against all claims, loss or harm suffered as a result of a failure to do so.

## RACE COMMITTEE:

|                |                     |
|----------------|---------------------|
| Derek Robinson | - Race Chairman     |
| Karen Latter   | - Regatta Secretary |
| Kevin Webb     |                     |
| Ian Mackintosh |                     |

|             |                                                                              |
|-------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Email:      | <a href="mailto:sail@diamondcoastrace.co.za">sail@diamondcoastrace.co.za</a> |
| Website:    | <a href="http://www.diamondcoastrace.co.za">www.diamondcoastrace.co.za</a>   |
| Contact NO: | 083 393 3930                                                                 |