

Notice of Race

Botswana National Sailing Championships 2009

to be sailed at
Gaborone Yacht Club
from

17th October, 2008 to 18th October, 2009

Programme

Friday 16th October at the Club

Tune up sailing 15h30
Registration 16h30 to 17h30
Welcome 17h45
Happy Hour 18h00 to 19h00
Lunch & dinner – food for sale

Saturday 17th October at the Club

Registration 07h45-08h45
Skippers Briefing 09h00
First Race not before 09h30
Lunch – food for sale at Club Galley
Supper 19h00-Clubhouse

Sunday 18th October

Racing starts not before 08h30
No race warning signal will be made after 13h00
Lunch-Food for sale at Club Galley
Prizegiving-Clubhouse

Entry Fee: Double-handed boat: P 250.00
Single-handed boat: P 200.00

Camping for competitors and their supporters is available at the Club. Camping is free of charge.

All queries: Contact Club Manager: Lynda Champion
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***Boats from outside Gaborone need permits and spraying.
PLEASE NOTE THAT THIS IS NOT AN ONEROUS PROCESS.
Contact Chris Long +267 72195686 for further details and
assistance. If possible, spraying will be arranged at the Club site.***

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The *ISAF* Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS), the Class Rules, the Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.

The RRS will be changed in terms of rule 86 as follows: Rule 44.2 is changed so that, for multihulls, all reference to a two turn penalty is replaced by a one turn penalty.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Gaborone Yacht Club.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted on the official notice board, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 18h00 on the day before it will take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flag pole at the Clubhouse.

5. SCHEDULE OF RACES

1. The first race of the Botswana National Championship 2009 is scheduled to start not before 09h30 on Saturday 17 October, 2009. There will be a Skipper's Briefing at the Clubhouse at 08h30 on 17 October 2009. The scheduled starting time of the first race on subsequent days is not before 08h30 unless otherwise posted on the Official Notice Board by 18h00 on the day before it will take effect.
2. When there has been a long postponement or when more than one race (or sequence or races,) will be held on the same day, the Warning Signal for the first race and each succeeding race will be made as soon as practicable. If the Race Committee, on station at the Finishing Line, is displaying International Code Flag "L" while yachts are finishing a race, it will indicate that the next race is to start shortly and competitors should proceed to the starting area.
3. No Warning Signal will be made after 13h00 on Sunday 18 October 2009.

6. THE COURSES

The course sailed shall be a triangle, a sausage, a triangle and a beat to the finish. A common start and finish line will be situated approximately half way up the beat. The course diagram will be confirmed on the official notice board. Any changes to this format will be shown on the official notice board.

A separate novice course may be set at the discretion of the Race Committee. Details will be posted on the official notice board.

7. MARKS

4. Marks of the course will be yellow inflatable bouys.

8. THE START

5. Races will be started by using RRS 26 with the Warning Signal given 5 minutes before the starting signal.
6. A boat starting later than 6 minutes after her starting signal will be scored did not start (DNS). This changes RRS A4 and A5.
7. The start will be a line from the yellow pin bouy to a staff on the committee boat demarcated with an orange flag.

9. THE FINISH

8. The finish will be a line from the yellow pin bouy to a staff on the committee boat demarcated with an orange flag.

10. TIME LIMITS

9. Boats failing to finish within twenty minutes of the first Laser will be scored did not finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

11. NATIONAL CLASS CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

10. The National Championships shall comprise of a multihull class and the monohull class. In order to qualify as a National Class Championship the following criteria shall be satisfied: A minimum of five valid entries received one hour before the scheduled starting time of the first race, at least five finishers in any one race of the series and at least four completed races.
11. To qualify as a National Class Champion the competitor and the crew must be a Botswana resident.

12. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

12. Protest forms are available at the Race Office. These will be issued against payment of a fee of P500.00. Protests shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
13. The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. The same time limit applies to protests by the Race Committee and Protest Committee and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
14. Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
15. On the last day of the event a request for re-opening a hearing shall be delivered:
 - Within the Protest Time limit if the party requesting the re-opening was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting re-opening was informed of the decision that day. This changes RRS 66.

13. SCORING

16. The 'Low Points' scoring system RRS Appendix A4 will be used in all classes.
17. A minimum of FOUR races shall be completed.
18. If four races are completed, all race results will count.
19. If five to seven (inclusive) races are completed, ONE race result shall be discarded.

20. If eight or more races are completed, TWO race results shall be discarded.
21. The multihull and monohull classes will be scored separately to determine the respective National Class Champions.
22. The Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System (SCHRS) will be used to score the multihull class.
23. The Portsmouth Yardstick (PY) handicap rating system will be used to score the monohull class.

14. SAFETY REGULATIONS

24. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the Race Committee as soon as possible.
25. Yachts shall comply with their Class buoyancy and safety requirements.
26. Life jackets shall be worn during all races. Wet or Dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!

15. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

27. Substitution of crew will not be allowed without prior written application and approval of the Race Committee.
28. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made in writing to the Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

16. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

29. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee measurer to proceed immediately after the completion of a race to a designated area for inspection.

17. PRIZES

30. Prizes will be awarded to the winner in each class.
31. The first placed Botswana resident in each class will be declared the respective National Class Champion for 2009.
32. Additional prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the organising committee.
33. Prize giving will take place as soon after the last race as possible.

18. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, nor any of its personnel, 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.

**THE BOTSWANA NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REGATTA
TO BE HELD AT THE GABORONE YACHT CLUB
From 17th October 2009 to 18th October 2009**

ENTRY FORM

TYPE OF YACHT SAIL No

NAME OF SKIPPER CLUB

ADDRESS PHONE (W)

..... CELL

..... FAX / E-MAIL

ENTRY FEE PAID:

We jointly and individually agree to be bound by the I.S.A.F. Racing Rules of Sailing, The Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and all other rules covering this event and indemnify I.S.A.F., and the Gaborone Yacht Club and any other individual, club or organization associated with this event against any claim arising from loss of life or injury or for loss or damage to any equipment, vessel or personal property, before, during or after this event.

No	Skipper / Crew Name	Signature	Date
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Signed (Skipper) Date