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Formula One (S.A.) Class National Championship 2009

will be sailed at

Vaal Cruising Association, Vaal Dam, Gauteng.

from

25th April 2009 to 27th April 2009

NOTICE OF RACE

1 RULES

- 1.1** The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012, The Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS) 2009 – 2012, the Class Rules of the Formula One (S.A.) Class, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions
- 1.2** The following prescriptions of South African Sailing will apply:
The SA Sailing Requirements for National Championships.
- 1.3** Racing rule(s) A4, A5, RRS 35, RRS 61.3 and 62.2 will be changed as described in the relevant clauses contained in the Sailing Instructions

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to Category C in terms of ISAF Advertising Code , Regulation 20.3.1 (b)

Boats will be required to display event advertising on the forward part of the hull. Yachts shall not display any advertising which is in conflict with that of any official event sponsor.

3 ELIGIBILITY AND ENTRY

- 3.1** Competitors shall comply with the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Eligibility Requirement in accordance with the 2005 ISAF

Regulation 19 – Eligibility Code – which requires that all competitors (helmspersons and all other crew) shall be members in good standing of a Yacht Club affiliated to and in good standing with SA Sailing or their Member National Authority in the case of non-South Africans. The Yacht Club name and membership details shall be stated on the entry form or crew list. Current valid South African Sailing Membership Cards or similar proof of MNA Membership in cases of non-South Africans shall be presented at Registration.

Alternatively, a crewmember other than the skipper may pay a non-refundable full individual South African Sailing membership fee to the Championship Secretary for submission to South African Sailing.

3.2 The regatta is open to all boats of the Formula One (S.A.) class.

3.3 Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to:

The Regatta Secretary,

PO Box 2107,

Parklands, 2121.

Fax: 011-886-4474

e-mail: martin@jsa.co.za

by 20 April 2009.

3.4 In cases of electronic or faxed entry, confirmation of payment as outlined in 3.3 above shall clearly bear the following reference number *F1 Nat.#* (Insert Sail Number) and be faxed or e-mailed, together with the Entry, to the Regatta Secretary.

3.5 Late entries will be accepted at an extra charge.

4 CLASSIFICATION

The ISAF Sailor Classification Code RRS Appendix 2, Regulation 19 shall apply.

5 FEES

5.1 Required fees are as follows:

- R150-00 up to 20 April 2009

- R175-00 thereafter up to date and time of registration on 25 April 2009.

- 5.2** All Entry Fees and Class subscriptions shall be paid prior to the close of Entries and Registration. Failure to meet this requirement will result in the affected yacht being recorded as Did Not Compete until such time as the required payment/s are made. This changes rule A11 (DNC).

6 SCHEDULE

6.1 Registration:

Day and date: From 18h00 Friday 24 April 2009 to 10h00 Saturday 25 April 2009.

6.2 Measurement and inspection:

This may take place at any time during the regatta at the discretion of the official measurer.

6.3 Dates of racing: 25, 26 and 27 April 2009.

6.4 Number of races: A maximum of ten races are scheduled.

The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race is 11h25 on Saturday 25 April 2009. The warning signal for the first race on subsequent days will be advised at the Venue in accordance with the Sailing Instructions.

7 MEASUREMENTS

Each boat shall produce a valid measurement / rating certificate.

In addition the spot measurements may be taken at any stage during the regatta.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from the Regatta Secretary on completion of registration formalities at Vaal Cruising Association (VCA), Vaal Dam, Gauteng from 18h00 on Friday 24 April 2009.

9 VENUE

Racing will take place in the VCA Bay / North Bay area of the Vaal Dam.

10 THE COURSES

The diagrams in Attachment A of the Sailing Instructions show the courses, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

11 PENALTY SYSTEM

Rules 44.1 and 44.2 (720 degree turn) shall apply.

12 SCORING

12.1 The Low Point System of Appendix A4.1 will apply.

12.2 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.3 (a) When fewer than five races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from five to eight races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When nine or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

13 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP REQUIREMENTS

In order to qualify as a National Class Championship the following criteria shall be satisfied:

* A minimum of ten valid entries have been received no later than the closing time for entries one hour before the scheduled starting time of the first race;

* At least ten finishers in any two races of the series;

* At least four races completed.

14 SAFETY

Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.

All competitors shall wear a suitable personal buoyancy aid while afloat when so signalled.

Youth category competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid at all times while afloat in a yacht.

Wet or Dry suits do not constitute adequate buoyancy!

15 SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall be marked with the competing entry name and/or sail number and remain no less than 150m. from the racing line between the Preparatory Signal and the last competitor finishing the race. Failure to comply shall result in action from the Protest Committee

16 HAUL-OUT RESTRICTIONS

Keelboats shall not be hauled out during the regatta except with and according to the terms of prior written permission of the race committee.

17 DIVING EQUIPMENT AND PLASTIC POOLS

Underwater breathing apparatus and plastic pools or their equivalent shall not be used around keelboats between the preparatory signal of the first race and the end of the regatta.

18 RADIO COMMUNICATION

A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

19 PRIZES Prizes and awards will be presented at the prize giving which will follow as soon as possible after the last race.

S.A. Sailing medals will be presented to competitors in accordance with the following table:

Medal	Yachts finishing
at least two races:	
5 to 7	Gold
8 to 11	Gold and Silver
12 or more	Gold Silver and Bronze.

Class floating trophies may be awarded as follows:

- National Championship Cup – Overall winner.
- Cutts Machine Tool Trophy – Good Sportmanship.

Other prizes may be presented at the discretion of the Race Committee.

20 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4, 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.

21 INSURANCE

It is suggested that each participating boat be insured with valid third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of R250,000 per event or the equivalent.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact:
Martin Smit – 011-787-5644 / 083-252-6191.