

LDYC - Ancient Mariners

Date/s: 06 April 2024

Venue: LDYC

Organising Authority: LDYC Free State Sailing with the consent of SA Sailing.

1. COMMUNICATION

- 1.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board located at LDYC, LDYC website at ldyc.co.za and will also be posted to the race WhatsApp group.
- 1.2 The race office is located at LDYC OR telephone 087 160 0556, email office@ldyc.co.za.
- 1.3 A VHF radio capable of receiving and transmitting on Channel 9 (156.450 MHz) shall be monitored at all times during the event whilst boats are away from their moorings for those vessels wishing to monitor VHF.
- 1.4 WHATS-APP GROUP for competitors – An invitational link will be sent to all skippers.

2. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted no later than 90 minutes before the start on the day on the Race WhatsApp group.

3. CODE OF CONDUCT

Competitors and support persons shall comply with reasonable requests from race officials.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

4.1 There will be no signals made ashore.

5 CLASS FLAGS

Class flag will be Yellow for all entries.

6 RACING AREA

The races will be distance racing on the Vaaldam as per the course set out below, and the Start shall be 13:54

7 COURSES

MARK			Rounding	Light	Distance
Start LDYC to Port					
SPYC (Sealpoint mark)			Port		
DAC			Port		
Finish LDYC					

NB CO-ORDINATES MAY NOT BE 100% ACCURATE. LOOK FOR THE MARK IN THE VICINITY OF THE CO-ORDINATES

8 THE START

8.1 Races will start using rule 26 of the RRS Part 3.

8.2 No warning signal for the start shall be before 13:54

9 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will drop a replacement mark (yellow) mark to replace the original mark or the finishing line to a new position, with or without a sound signal, and will fly a flag.

10 THE FINISH

10.1 The finish line will be between Bridge and White Mark

11 SHORTENING COURSE

RRS 32.1 After the starting signal, the race committee may shorten the course (display flag S with two sounds) or *abandon* the race (display flag N, N over H, or N over A, with three sounds),

RRS 32.2 If the race committee signals a shortened course (displays flag S with two sounds), the finishing line shall be,

- (a) at a rounding *mark*, between the *mark* and a staff displaying flag S;
- (b) a line the course requires boats to cross identified by the signalling boat and a white mark.

The shortened course shall be signalled before the first boat crosses the finishing line.

12 PENALTY SYSTEM

12.1 ISAF Rule 44 shall apply except that RRS 44.3 shall NOT apply, and in the case of Catamarans and Micro Multi-hulls the penalty shall be one complete 360-degree turn.

13 TIME LIMITS

13.1 Races may be abandoned at the discretion of the Bridge Officer.

13.2 Any yacht not finishing within 1.4 times the leading yacht's elapsed time will be deemed not to have finished.

14 HEARING REQUESTS / PROTESTS

14.1 Protests shall be written on forms available at the Race Office and delivered within 60 minutes after the last race of the day, to the Race Office.

14.2 All protests may be heard at LDYC on the day of the particular race, or at any other venue at a later date, but will be at the earliest opportunity to ensure that all parties affected are given reasonable time to be present. These arrangements are entirely at the discretion of the Race Officer.

14.3 Protests will be heard in approximately the order of receipt.

SCORING

- 14.4 For overall results, yachts will be handicapped according to the Low Points scoring system of Appendix A 4.1 and A9 of RRS using the NKA TCF rating system.
- 14.5 The NKS ratings Time modification factor shall be employed.
- 14.6 Results will be posted on LDYC Notice Board after the race and on the Race WhatsApp Group.

15 SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1 All vessels are to comply with the National Small Vessel Safety rules as published by SA Sailing inclusive of Category R Safety Equipment.
- 15.2 A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

16 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

- 16.1 Substitution of competitors is not allowed without prior written approval of the race committee.
- 16.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity, which may be after the race.

17 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 17.1 A boat or its equipment may be inspected at any time to ensure compliance with the class rules, notice of race or sailing instructions and skippers must provide access to their boats to this end.

19 LIABILITY

The attention of all competitors is drawn to the fact that participation in the race is entirely at their own risk. No responsibility, at any time, for damage or injury resulting there from will rest with the organizing authority, NKA, SAS, the class associations, the host club or any persons connected with the running of, or from providing assistance during the race.

18 TRASH DISPOSAL

Trash may be placed at LDYC

MAP SHOWING VAAL DAM LAYOUT FOR ILLUSTRATIVE PURPOSES

