

GP14 Class National Championship 2009

will be sailed at

Mossel Bay Yacht & Boat Club

from

25th 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).
- 1.2** The following prescriptions of South African Sailing will apply:
The SA Sailing Requirements for National Championships.
- 1.3** Boats participating in this regatta shall conform to the Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS), the Class Rules of the GP14 Class, this Notice of Race, and the Sailing Instructions.

2 ADVERTISING

Advertising will be restricted to Category C. ISAF Regulation 20 applies.
Boats may 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** In accordance with the International Sailing Federation (ISAF) Regulation 19 (Eligibility Code), 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.
- 3.2** Eligible boats may enter by completing the attached form and sending it, together with the required fee, to:

The Regatta Secretary,
27 Louw Wepener St, Sedgefield 6573, Fax: 086 697 3517
E-Mail evelyno@telkomsa.net
By 22 April, 2009

3.3 In cases of electronic or faxed entry, confirmation of payment shall clearly bear the following reference number GP14 2009... and be faxed or e-mailed, together with the Entry, to the Regatta Secretary.

3.4 Late entries will be accepted under the following conditions:
At the start of the regatta, as long as they are received by no later than 10:00 on 25th April 2009. An additional fee of R50.00 will be charged for late entry.

4 CLASSIFICATION

The ISAF Sailor Classification Code, Regulation 22 shall apply.

5 FEES

5.1 Required fees are as follows:

<i>Type</i>	<i>Fee</i>
Early	R250
Late	R300

5.2 Other Fees:

All Entry Fees and Class subscriptions shall be paid prior to the close of 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 25th April 2009 From 08:30 To 11:00

6.2 Dates of racing:

<i>Date</i>	2009/04/25
	2009/04/26
	2009/04/27

6.4 Number of races:

As many as possible in the three days, with a maximum of 15. It is hoped to have at least 3 on Saturday, 4 on Sunday and 4 on Monday.

6.5 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race of each day is 12:00 on Saturday, 25 April 2009 and 11:00 on days thereafter.

6.6 MEASUREMENTS

Each boat shall produce a valid measurement / rating certificate.
In addition spot measurements may be taken at any stage during the regatta.

7 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions will be available from the Regatta Secretary on completion of registration formalities.

8 VENUE

Racing will take place on Mossel Bay (launching from Mossel Bay Yacht Club), in the area prescribed by the Race Officer and as detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

9 THE COURSES

The diagrams in Attachment A 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.

10 SCORING

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

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

11.3 (a) When fewer than 5 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

(b) When from 5 to 9 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

(c) When 10 or more races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her two worst scores.

11 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.

12 SAFETY

Yachts shall comply with their class buoyancy and safety requirements.

All competitors shall wear a personal buoyancy aid capable of supporting a 5Kg. steel weight at all times while afloat in a yacht.

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!

13 SUPPORT BOATS

Support boats shall be marked with / carry a yellow flag and remain no less than 150m from areas where boats are racing, between the Preparatory Signal and the last competitor finishing the race. Failure to comply shall result in action from the Protest Committee

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 will be given as follows:

Class Trophies and Other Awards (GP14 class):

Name	Type	Criteria for award	Donated by	Donated date
Silver Rose Bowl	Trophy	Winner of the Championships		1965
Bell Trophy	Trophy	Second place	Bell Woodworking Company	1966
ERYC Trophy	Trophy	Third place	East Rand Yacht Club	1974
Pete's Pot	Trophy	Awarded to the Skipper and Crew with the lowest points on the low point system who has not finished in the first three places overall, and who has not won any races	Peter Hawkins	1974
Triers Trophy	Trophy	Awarded to the Skipper and Crew who start and finish every race and scores the highest points on the low point system	Red Hot Poker Florists	1967
Handicap Trophy	Trophy	Awarded to both Skipper and Crew who at the National Championships obtained the best improvement on a handicap basis, using the results of the first race as the base		1978
First Lady	Trophy	Awarded to the first lady (helm or crew)	Boating Centre	1974
Junior Trophy	Trophy	Awarded to the first junior (not yet turned 18 in the year of the Championships)	Gavin Horn	1988
Sportmans Trophy	Trophy	Awarded to the best sportsman/woman during the National Championships.	Peter Hawkins	1970
Dolphin Trophy	Trophy	Awarded to the winning Skipper & Crew of the last race of the event	Gordon Rivas	1997
Cape Bell	Trophy	Awarded to the Skipper and Crew with the best points among participating Cape based boats	Besters	2001
Ken's Stick	Trophy	Awarded to the Skipper or Crew of youthful heart and mature years	Ken Bennetts	1988

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 it's 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

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

22 FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information please contact Evelyn Osborne – 082 377 9217