The Catamaran Club Bronkhorstspruit 01 May 2025

Annual Club Regatta Series and Saturday Long Haul

May 2025 - April 2026

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 ELIGIBILITY

All members of The Catamaran Club are eligible to compete in the Annual series, sailing multihulls with a current Small Cat Handicap Rating System (SCHRS) handicap or any monohull having a recognised Portsmouth Handicap.

Where a multihull does not have an SCHRS, it is the responsibility of the competitor to contact the Rear Commodore to arrange for the measurement and calculation of an SCHRS rating of that vessel prior to competing in any TCC event.

Eligibility to compete in each monthly regatta will be limited to those boats/skippers that record their sign on information at the Skippers Briefing of that event.

Non-TCC members may compete in all monthly club regattas in the year (May – April). Non-TCC members may receive place prizes in the monthly regattas but will not be deemed to be participants in the TCC Annual Regatta Series.

2 RULES

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing 2021-2024* until superseded, and the relevant class rules.

2.2 No national prescriptions will apply.
2.3 All safety rules and regulations of:
The Catamaran Club
SAMSA
will apply

2.4 Racing rule 44.1 Taking a Penalty will be changed as follows:
A multihulled boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when he/she may have broken a rule of Part 2 while racing or when he/she may have broken rule 31.

2.5 If there is a conflict between languages English will take precedence.

3 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the TCC Boma, TCC Club House or WhatsApp broadcast group.

4 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09:00 on the day it will take effect.

5 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed from the flagstaff located at the TCC Boma or flagstaff on pier.

6 SCHEDULE OF RACES

6.1 Dates of racing:
The actual dates of each monthly Club Regatta that contributes to this series will be as advertised on the club's website (http://www.catclub.co.za/). Notification regarding the Regatta's will also be communicated to members within the week leading up to the regatta weekend. This will consist of a long-haul series on the Saturday, with a course type Regatta on the Sunday.

Date	***Class***
7, 8 May	Multihulls and eligible monohulls
11, 12 June	Multihulls and eligible monohulls
9, 10 July	Multihulls and eligible monohulls
13, 14 August	Multihulls and eligible monohulls
10, 11 September	Multihulls and eligible monohulls
8, 9 October	Multihulls and eligible monohulls (potential clash with Hobie 14 Provincials, confirmation will be communicated)
12, 13 November	Multihulls and eligible monohulls
10, 11 December	Multihulls and eligible monohulls
14, 15 January	Multihulls and eligible monohulls
11, 12 February	Multihulls and eligible monohulls
11, 12 March	Multihulls and eligible monohulls
15, 16 April	Multihulls and eligible monohulls

6.2 Number of races:
The club annual series will consist of twelve-monthly race weekends, two days (Saturday Long Haul & Sunday Club Regatta). The sum of the positions achieved for the twelve monthly Saturday Long Haul and Sunday Club Regattas respectively, after applying discards, will be used to calculate an entrant's final overall position in the two series (Saturday Long Haul & Sunday Club Regatta).

Saturday Long Haul

Class	***Number Races per monthly regatta***
Multihulls	1 races at each weekend club regatta.
Monohulls	1 races at each weekend club regatta.

Sunday Club Regatta

Class	***Number Races per monthly regatta***
Multihulls	5 races at each weekend club regatta.
Monohulls	5 races at each weekend club regatta.

6.3 The scheduled time of the warning signal for the first race each day will be no earlier than 10h00.

6.4 On the day of the regatta no warning signal will be made after 15h30.

6.5 Only under extraordinary circumstances may the Race Officer cancel a race before the start time of a briefing. This would be based on external factors that may compromise the safety of the participants, compliance of the club to applicable legislation, or similar predetermined condition. This must be communicated at least 1 hour before the time of the briefing.

6.6 If a race is not cancelled at least 1 hour before briefing, participants will be required to complete the Regatta Registration form and the race will be counted as part of the series. Should conditions not permit a race to start at the estimated 30 minutes after briefing time, a minimum of 1 hour postponement must be placed to reconsider the conditions for sailing. Only after the 1st postponement can a decision be made to cancel the race, or allow for further postponements, to the maximum of 3 before the race will be cancelled.

6.7 The final decisions relating to a regatta lies solely with the Race Officer, participants are not permitted to lobby or attempt to influence the Race Officers decision in any way.

7 CLASS FLAGS

Class flags will be advised by the race officer at the skippers briefing on race day.

8 RACING AREAS

The location of the racing area will be on Bronkhorstspruit Dam, as specified by the race officer at the skippers briefing on race day.

9 THE COURSES

9.1 The course will be as described and modelled by the race officer at the skippers briefing using the dam plan.

9.2 Courses may be shortened at the discretion of the race officer.

9.3 Marks 1, 2, 3 and 4 will be as described by the race officer.

9.4 The following marks are rounding marks:
Marks 1, 2, 3.
Any other mark specified as such by the race officer.

9.5 For the **Sunday Club Regatta**, the starting and finishing marks will be the committee boat at the starboard end, and a round buoy at the port end unless indicated otherwise by the race officer.

9.6 For the **Saturday Long Haul**, the starting and finishing marks will be the flagstaff on the pier and no wake buoy unless indicated otherwise by race officer.

10 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

The following areas are designated as obstructions:

The boomed off area in front of the Dam Wall.
The buoyed off powerboat and ski areas on the North side of the dam.
Any other area so designated by the Race Officer at the skippers briefing.
The area around the club submersible pump as demarcated by buoys.

11 THE START

11.1 Races will be started by using rule 26 with the warning signal made 5 minutes before the starting signal.

11.2 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her starting signal will be scored *Did Not Start* without a hearing.

12 CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

12.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will move the original mark (or the finishing line) to a new position. This will be completed before the start of the next race.

12.2 Pertaining to Saturday Long Haul only, in the event that a race is to be shortened whilst in process, on the judgement of the Race Officer, all participants will be made aware of such a change by the Race Officer via radio communication to the safety boat and then to the competitor's starting with the leading boat, providing the leading boat hasn't passed the point of change.

13 PENALTY SYSTEM

13.1 The penalties are as follows: for multihulls, one full turn per rule 44.1 as amended in 13.2 below. For monohulls, two full turns per rule 44.1

13.2 For all multihulled class's rule 44.1 is changed so that a One-Turn Penalty replaces the stipulated Two-Turns Penalty.

14 TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

Boats failing to finish within 20 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored *Did Not Finish* without a hearing.
When a long-haul course is set, then this time limit is extended to 60 minutes.

15 ARBITRATION, PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

15.1 ADVISORY HEARING
When there is an incident that will not result in the lodging of a protest or a request for redress, a boat, protest committee or race committee may request an Advisory Hearing with the race office, and notify any boat involved in the incident. An advisor will then call a hearing to learn what may have happened and will state whether any rule appears to have been broken, and by which boat. A boat may, as a result, notify the race office that she accepts an Exoneration Penalty when it applies to the incident, or choose to retire.

15.2 EXONERATION PENALTY
15.2(a) A boat that may have broken a rule of Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing or rule 31 or 42 may, after finishing the race concerned and before the start of any related protest hearing, notify the race committee that she accepts an Exoneration penalty – a 20% scoring penalty in accordance with rule 44.3(c), except that the minimum penalty is two places if that does not result in a score worse than DNF. However, if a boat caused injury or serious damage, or gained a significant advantage by her breech her penalty shall be to retire.

15.2(b) When and Exoneration Penalty is accepted:
Neither boat nor a protest committee may then revoke or remove the penalty.
The boat shall not be penalized further in a protest hearing when the protest committee decides that it was appropriate to the facts found and the applicable rules.

15.3 Protest forms are available at the race office, located at the TCC Boma. Protests and requests for redress or re-opening shall be delivered there within the appropriate time limit.

15.4 For each class, the protest time limit is 30 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day.

15.5 Notices will be posted no later than 30 minutes after the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the TCC Boma, beginning at the time posted.

15.6 Notices of protests by the race committee or protest committee will be posted to inform boats under rule 61.1(b).

15.7 A list of boats that, under instruction 14.3, have been penalized for breaking rule 42 will be posted.

15.8 Breaches of instructions 18, 21, 23, 24, 25, 26 and 27 will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. Penalties for these breaches may be less than disqualification if the protest committee so decides. The scoring abbreviation for a discretionary penalty imposed under this instruction will be DPI.

15.9 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
(a) within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day.
(b) no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day.

15.10 On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress based on a protest committee decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted.

15.11 Decisions of the protest committee will be final as provided in rule 70.5.

16 SCORING

16.1 The scoring system is as follows:
In recognition that entrants may sail different boats during the season, all results will be associated with the skipper and not the boat.

At each monthly regatta, entrants will be handicapped in accordance with the Small Catamaran Handicap Rating System (SCHRS). Monohulled boats will be handicapped by converting their Portsmouth Rating to an SCHRS handicap applying the conversion SCHRS = 0.PY / .675 or any updated formula as published by the SCHRS.

Thereafter, scoring will be performed in accordance with the Appendix A low point method, using rules 8.1 and 8.2 as a tiebreaker.

As a separate exercise, Overall Series results will be calculated by recording the *position* achieved by each skipper in each monthly regatta into a separate result set, and then re-applying the Appendix A low point method, using rules 8.1 and 8.2 as a tiebreaker.

17 Annual Series Discards

17.1 The Two Annual Series shall consist of twelve monthly “Saturday Long Hauls” and twelve “Sunday Club Regattas” of which the best Ten (10) Monthly Regatta scores for each competitor will count.

17.2 (a) When fewer than ten (10) monthly regattas have been completed by a skipper, that

skipper's overall series score will be the total of their positions achieved in each monthly regatta (actually sailed), plus a DNC value for each event required to make up their score to the required ten (10) results.
The DNC point allocation in the Overall Series is defined as the points for a position equivalent to *total number of competitors at that said regatta plus two (2) (i.e., number of competitors on the day plus two penalty points)*

(b) When more than ten (10) monthly regattas have been completed, a skipper's series score will be the total of their best ten (10) Monthly Regatta results.

17.3 When a competitor is unable to take part in a Monthly Regatta due to a requirement to man the Committee, Bridge or Rescue boats, then that competitor will not suffer the prescribed DNC penalty but will instead be awarded points equivalent to the Average of the sum of points for all their non-discarded races.

This alternative result will apply to a maximum of two regattas in any annual series.

17.4 In the event of a cancelled race on the day of the Saturday Long Haul or Sunday Club Regatta, all participants that attended the briefing and completed the Regatta Registration form for the day, will receive a score equivalent to the average of their series results.

17.5 In the event of a race being cancelled more than 1 hour before the briefing time, the race day will be removed from the series and will not count towards the final score for any participants.

18 SAFETY REGULATIONS

A boat that retires from a race shall notify the race committee as soon as possible either at the committee boat or at the TCC Boma.

19 REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT

19.1 Crew and/or equipment may be substituted between regattas in the Annual series, provided that the skipper remains the same (i.e. Points earned by a skipper may not be transferred to any other person). Refer 16.1 for series scoring in this event.

19.2 Should there be change in crew or equipment during the race day, all races for that day will be revised using the race setup which resembled the lowest handicap on that day.

20 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions.

21 ADVERTISING

Boats may display advertising.

22 OFFICIAL BOATS

Official boats will be the TCC bridge boat, TCC rescue boat, and any other boat so designated by the race officer at the skippers briefing.

23 SUPPORT BOATS

23.1 From time to time TCC may ask to conduct on-the-water training during the Monthly Regatta's, however this must be proposed at the skippers briefing, and agreed to by all participants taking part in that event so as to avoid protests based upon the receipt of outside assistance.

23.2 All other team leaders, coaches and other support personnel shall stay a minimum of 200 meters outside areas where boats are racing from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or retired or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.

24 TRASH DISPOSAL

Boats shall not put trash in the water. Trash may be deposited on any Official boat.

25 COMMUNICATIONS

Except in an emergency, 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.

25.1 All communication related to the Regatta prior to participant heading out on the water will be done by means of WhatsApp broadcasts, during briefing, and/or flagstaff wherever most applicable and efficient.

25.2 As a minimum there will be radio communication between the TCC bridge boat, TCC rescue boat and standby on land in case of emergency.

25.3 Allowance has been made and encouraged to allow for participants to take mobile telephones to assist with safety on the water in the event of an emergency.

26 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See rule 4,
Decision to Race. The organizing authority 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.

27 INSURANCES

27.1 All TCC club members must be a member of SA Sailing as per the club rules. This membership includes 3rd party insurance as defined and changed from time to time by SA Sailing. This insurance is directly between SAS and its member and does not involve TCC in any way.

27.2 It is the skipper's responsibility to confirm his/her insurance cover. TCC does not in any way cover any claims that may arise from an incident that occurred during participation of a Saturday Long Haul or Sunday Club Regatta.
Each participating boat is encouraged to carry sufficient valid third-party liability insurance to cover any liability arising during the event.