



## MBR 2017-Communiqué #1

Following the launch of the 2017 event, entries have been coming in steadily. We have received lots of enquiries and hopefully will attract a few “newbie’s” to this event.

Please remember, only paid up entries are considered.

It is the intention to stick strictly to the cut off dates. The organizers have the option of accepting late entries, but from a planning perspective it is not intended to do so, further, a late entry is generally a lesser prepared entry and very “last minute”, something that is fraught with issues in the realm of Offshore sailing.

Entrants may do their safety inspections in advance. Please remember, this is not your COF (legal requirement) this is race specific... please attend to your COF requirements separately.

Please ensure that you arrange in advance with the safety scrutiniser and ensure that you are fully prepared for your safety scrutinising, which should involve everything being placed out for a speedy check. The scrutinisers are doing this voluntarily. Please ensure that you have prechecked everything and that you have printed and have the check sheet available.

Scrutinising can be done in Cape Town or Simon’s Town as follows:

### **Cape Town:**

Dave Elcock -082 683 8600  
Dale Kushner -082 552 4533

### **Simonstown:**

Andrew MacKenzie -083 339 3384

Suggest get this out of the way and one thing less to do.

We have been asked what charts are suggested to have aboard for this race. We recommend the following:

- SAN 120..... Cape Point to Cape Agulhas
- SAN 121..... Cape Agulhas to Cape Barracouta
- SAN 122..... Cape Barracouta to Cape St Blaize
- SAN 1020..... Mossel Bay
- SAN 1016..... False Bay

This will be in the Sailing instructions as well, but why wait till the last minute. **Electronic charts are not a replacement for paper charts.**

For those who are Facebook fundi’s, please like the Mosselbay Race FB page...  
<https://www.facebook.com/mosselbayrace/>

A recommendation to all entrants: if you don't have, to consider fitting a proper AIS transponder. This is the way things are going, plus the added advantage of being able to see where your competition is on your chartplotter/tablet/laptop and other vessels and assists with MOB (Man Over Board) if the MOB has a AIS PLB(Personal locator beacon). If you do the research, all those that have taken it on have only being complimentary... Those ashore can also follow you on the website: Marine Traffic for free (so a form of free coastal tracking).

Please also check to ensure that you are in compliance of **NOR -Clause 11 Advertising and reference to Race**. Specifically check that you are not carrying any sponsor branding or PR for a product or brand that conflicts with any of the event sponsors. This is international practice and is important to events to maintain and attract sponsors to our sport. What they don't want is a form of ambush marketing. If there is conflict your entry may be cancelled. If you have any doubt or questions in this regard, suggest contacting the race chairman to discuss.

Please do not hesitate to contact the organizers, the team is there to help you and answer any of your concerns. there is also a Q&A icon on the race website which might answer some of your questions.

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