



MBR 2017-Communiqué #3

Hooray, it's spring.... But also, only twelve days till the closing date of the MBR. So, if you are a fence sitter, please Commit and pay your entry fee.

The closing date is 12 September 2017.

PAID UP ENTRIES ARE OFFICIAL. If an entry has not for any reason been paid, they will be scratched. Please check to ensure your entry fee has been paid.

We have received a question on How do the class's work:

To Simplify:

The Overall Handicap winner is on club rating. This allows all boats, be it cruising, racing or multihull to compete for the highest OVERALL honours.

IN addition, we will be offering an IRC/ORC handicap class. To enter this, you would need to provide your ORC/IRC certificate before the cut of date for this. See NOR. These boats would then be competing for the IRC/ORC trophy as well.

The Multihulls will be competing for a Multihull class trophy which will be scored on Club Handicap.

Those Monohulls not Sailing IRC/ORC will automatically be divided into Club Class 1 or Class 2 Handicap Class. The class split is simply dividing the amount of boats eligible into two class's. ie. 50/50 giving nice size class's. We suspect most boats will opt for the club class making it the biggest class.

So, in essence, if you were say a monohull without IRC/ORC you would be eligible to win the MBR Overall trophy and a Class one or two (depends which you fall in) trophy.

IN addition, all boats entered are eligible to win the Line Honours trophy. We suspect a record could be made this year, if the weather allows.

The MBR is an Offshore race, it is for the serious offshore sailors. Much like the Comrades, **competing and completing** is the main focus and pleasure, becoming a race veteran in the process.

It is the sort of event, that entrants will come back time and again, much like the Sydney Hobart race...

A Reminder, Entrants may do their safety inspections in advance, this is already in play. 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 scrutineer and ensure that you are fully prepared for your safety scrutinising, which should involve everything being placed out for a speedy check. The scrutineers are doing this voluntarily. Please ensure that you have pre-checked everything and that you have printed and have the check sheet available. Scrutineering 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

Just a reminder, this event is Proudly supported by:

- **North Sailmakers**
- **Central Boating**
- **Xtra-Link**
- **Protea Hotel Mossel Bay**

Where possible, please try and support them, which strengthens the relationship.

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Lastly, the organizing committee are there to assist you where possible. If you have any queries or questions, please don't hesitate to contact us. We are there to help.

Organizing Committee
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