



COMMUNIQUE #4 MBR2017

At this point entrants are likely to be finishing up any of their preparations.

Many boats have already completed their safety scrutinizing and have this now behind them. Info in this regard in Communiqué #2 and #3 which can be found on the race website: www.mosselbayrace.co.za We suggest getting this out the way as soon as possible if you have not done yet.

PROFESSIONAL DELIVERY SKIPPERS:

If you are looking for a delivery skipper after the race, to take your boat from Mossel Bay, back to your home port. Please contact the race chairman: 082 552 4533 there are a few that are available and they come highly recommended.

TRACKERS:

The installation details can be found on the race website. Most entrants have already used this system, it is very simple, fit on PushPit (you may not fit anywhere else) and power up with an uninterrupted source. These are commercial grade units with powerful transmitters so very reliable providing it receives power and a clear view of the sky.

If any entrant would like to get a power cable in advance which they can fit in the interim, contact the race chairman, Dale Kushner at 082 552 4533. He has a couple of cables available for now.

The tracking is fully sponsored by Xtra-Link.

This company has played quite a role in ensuring tracking is affordable for South African events, often subsidizing. They have priced for a Rand economy. The basic platform will be used.

According to the RORC IRC website there do not seem to be any valid IRC certificates currently for South African boats, therefore The Trophy will be sailed under ORC for those choosing to sail under ORC. The rest will sail under Club.

We have been asked how many downwind sails may you carry and use aboard. If you are sailing under ORC the number of sails is given on your ORC certificate, i.e. smaller boats have 3 on the certificate, but as the boat gets bigger, the rule allows for more downwind sails. So large boats can really broaden their options.

For Club Rating, there are no limitations of downwind sails.

Don't forget to check that you comply with all the required dates, the schedule is available under race docs on the race website.

Advisory: As is international Custom in offshore racing, crew normally have their own PFD (Personal Floatation Device) with built-in harness, their own torch (trend currently is a head torch), personal knife and where possible a MOB AIS beacon programmed to the boat. We recommend encouraging your crew to invest in their own equipment. It should not always fall to the boat owner.

Please do not forget the race committee is there to help you, please don't hesitate to contact them should you not be sure on something, or need help/advice.

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