



MBR 2017-Communiqué #5

Entries are now closed. We have 22 entries. This is a good turnout for an Offshore event. We have compared to the previous year and in almost all the cases, there are good reasons why some of the boats that sailed last year are unable to sail this year. Offshore sailing is for the serious sailor.

We have entries bringing their boats down from St Francis Bay, Mossel Bay, Gordons Bay and RCYC's usual showing and of course FBYC... Missing are entries from Hout Bay, Port Owen and Saldhana Bay. We hope that they can grow their offshore sailing contingent and make it to next year's event.

If you wish to get hold of a power cable for the tracking unit to install early, (please see info on Communiqué #4).

It is important that entries are well prepared. Offshore sailing is different from normal sailing. Once offshore you need to be independent. and good preparation can assist in eliminating potential issues. Good preparation is also important when it comes to safety. As an Offshore event, safety is uncompromising. Most boats have already completed their Safety inspection for this race. Please see Communiqué #2 and 3. Suggest getting this out of the way as soon as possible to avoid it being a last minute detail.

The Sailing instructions are now on the Race website.

Please take note of the requirement for all boats to do a proper safety sailpast the start boat... with at least one reef in the mainsail, a Storm jib set properly connected to a stay(not hoisted free, if you are concerned suggest discussing with your sailmaker) harnesses on and the crew clipped to the jackstays... if you don't do this properly you are automatically not eligible as per the race rules. This is practised internationally for offshore racing. Please don't just approach it as something to satisfy race requirements, but rather to approach it with the correct intent of making your boat heavy weather safe.

Just to advise all, that the FBYC club galley will be open and serving on the night before the start and of the Skippers Briefing... it is likely that most sailors will be staying in Simon's Town that night, whether on board or in the town. Don't forget for those planning to drive in on the morning of the start, there is traffic inbound to Simon's Town... as everyone is heading to the naval dockyard (Normal daily traffic). Race start will not be postponed due to traffic.

ORC- For those boats intending to compete in the ORC class, please ensure that you file your Confirmed ORC certificate at registration. If we do not receive a valid ORC certificate from you for any reason, you are automatically in the Club Class divisions as well (we don't assume).

FBYC now goes into Spring regatta mode to ensure a top quality event happens.

So If you have any questions in the interim, please feel free to contact the race Chairman directly.
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Please take note of the registration times and dates and ensure you comply, as well as the tracker testing requirements. (Trackers will be issued at registration)