

The Seychelles Challenge

5 - 11 July 2026



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THE SEYCHELLES CHALLENGE Organising Committee invites you to compete in 2026 The Seychelles Challenge. The Organizing Authority (OA) is the Seychelles Challenge Organizing Committee affiliated with the Seychelles Sailing Association in cooperation with Worldsport South Africa, Tourism Seychelles and supported by the Moorings Sunsail Charter Company.

During the regatta, the Event Headquarters will be located on board the Moorings Leopard Power Catamaran - also known as the Race Committee.

SUNSAIL | MOORINGS CATAMARAN CHARTERS

For charter catamaran options, please contact [Moorings](#) or [Sunsail](#).

For Charter packs and additional services, please contact:

Rory Percival at rory.percival@thlmarine.com or

Nicci Welgemoed at nicci.welgemoed@thlmarine.com

Once you have secured your catamaran, please enter using the entry form which forms part of this Notice of Race.

ORGANISING COMMITTEE

Bruce Parker-Forsyth	- Organising Chairman
Hylton Hale	- Race Director
Jenni Liefeldt	- On-Shore Event Manager
Ingrid Hale	- Sail + Leisure
Rory Percival	- Sunsail The Moorings
Nicci Welgemoed	- Sunsail The Moorings
Phillip Mkorongo	- Commercial Manager
Leonie Mollentze	- Marketing, Media & Communications
Carlos das Neves	- Finance

REGATTA HEADQUARTERS UNTIL THE START OF REGATTA:

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NOTICE OF RACE

ORGANISING AUTHORITY: The Seychelles Challenge Organising Committee in association with the Seychelles Sailing Association, Tourism Seychelles and the Moorings Sunsail Charter Company. The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race (NOR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee (PC), be less than disqualification.

1. RULES [DP]

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 RRS Appendix T (Arbitration) will apply.
- 1.3 The 2025/2026 ORC (Club) Rating Systems Rule will apply for both monohulls and catamarans.
- 1.4 For all boats the Merchant Shipping (Small Vessel Safety) Regulations 2007 – Category C will apply.
- 1.5 The RRS rule will be changed as follows:
 - (a) RRS 52, Manual Power, is deleted.
 - (b) RRS 77, Identification on Sails, is deleted.
- 1.6 The Sailing Instructions (SIs) may also change over other RRS.

2. ADVERTISING [DP]

Advertising is permitted in accordance with class rules and World Sailing Regulation 20. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and/or supplied by the OA.

3. ELIGIBILITY AND REGATTA ENTRY (EXCLUDES CHARTER FEES AND / OR CHARTER BOAT ARRANGEMENTS)

3.1 Eligible boats may enter by registering online at www.seychelleschallenge.com and by completing & submitting the entry form.

- (a) Providing a copy of the valid ORC Club Rating Certificate. The Moorings Sunsail Charter fleet will be provided with an ORC rating Certificate. For ORC Club Certificate visit <https://orc.org/>
- (b) Providing a crew and guest list.
- (c) Downloading and completing the entry form by the entry deadline of 29 May 2026, 12h00 GMT email to info@seychelleschallenge.com



(d) Paying the Entry fee which is \$2 000.00 per boat + \$200.00 per crew member and/or additional guests. The entry fee is not refundable. Please ensure a proof of payment is sent with your entry form. Boat or Team name is to be displayed on the proof of payment.

The entry fee to be paid into the following bank account:

Account Name:	WORLDSPORT SOUTH AFRICA (PTY) LTD
Bank:	ABSA
Account Number:	41 1194 3886
Branch Code:	632 005
Branch:	FORESHORE
Swift:	ABSAZAJJ

3.2 Late entries may be accepted if received after 29 May 2026, 12h00 GMT. A Late Entry fee of an additional **\$300.00 per boat + \$50.00 per crew member** will apply, the organising committee reserves the right to accept a late entry or not.

3.3 Seychelles registered yacht entries are eligible for a regatta discount of 25% for the yacht entry and per crew member entry.

4. RATING CERTIFICATES [DP]

All boats shall have a valid ORC Club certificate issued at least 4 days prior to the event. This excludes all Suncail and The Moorings charter catamarans.

5. CLASSES

Depending on the number of entries and other factors the Organising Authority might split the Classes into different fleets. The Multihull class will be allocated to one fleet, both charter catamarans and other catamarans, the fleet may be divided as follows:

- a. Multihull
- b. Monohull
 - i. ORC 1
 - ii. ORC 2



6. SAFETY [DP]

6.1 All boats shall carry on-board a VHF Radio capable of receiving Channels 06, 14, 71, 16, marine channels.

6.2 All boats shall have a person on board with a valid Skipper's Certificate (Coastal Skipper minimum).

6.3 A boat that does not meet the requirements of Cat C in any respects must, not later than 12h00 GMT on Thursday, 26 June, request exemption, in writing, from the OA for those items with which the boat will not comply.

6.4 All boats must have one allocated mobile phone number with available data for WhatsApp messaging.

7. COMMUNICATION

7.1 Except in an emergency, a boat that is racing shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communications that are not available to all boats.

7.2 In addition to notices posted on the Official Notice Board of the Seychelles Challenge website and VHF announcements, the OA and Race Committee will use "WhatsApp" to communicate using a boat's registered mobile telephone number provided to the Race Committee.

8. SCHEDULE AND FORMAT

Day 0 Saturday, 4 July 2026	11:00 11:30 - 14:30 18:00	Competitors' Briefing (Venue TBA). Registration at the Venue (TBA). Welcome Ceremony at the Cap Lazare Nature Reserve.
Day 1 Sunday, 5 July 2026	11:00 17:00	STAGE 1 First Warning Signal vicinity St Anne Island, finish Baie Ternay Marine Park, Mahé. Prize giving after racing - Baie Ternay Beach. Overnight Baie Ternay.
Day 2 Monday, 6 July 2026	11:00	STAGE 2 First Warning Signal, vicinity Off Baie Ternay Mahe, Praslin (S), finish off Anse Lazio Beach, Praslin. Prize Giving after racing Anse Lazio Beach. Overnight off Anse Lazio Beach.
Day 3 Tuesday, 7 July 2026	11:00	STAGE 3 First Warning Signal, vicinity Anse Lazio Beach, Curieuse (S), finish off Cote D'Or. Prize Giving after racing Cote D'Or beach. Overnight Cote D'Or.



Day 4 Wednesday, 8 July 2026	11:00	STAGE 4 First Warning Signal, vicinity Cote D'Or, Les Soers (S), finish outside entrance - La Digue Island harbour. Prize Giving after racing - La Domaine de L'Orangerie Resort. Overnight La Digue harbour or anchorage outside harbour.
Day 5 Thursday, 9 July 2026		Free day, explore La Digue Island at your leisure. Overnight La Digue harbour or anchorage outside harbour.
Day 6 Friday, 10 July 2026	10:00	STAGE 5 First Warning Signal, vicinity La Digue harbour. Finish between Saint Anne and Île aux Cerfs. Overnight Saint Anne National Park anchorage.
Day 7 Saturday, 11 July 2026	11:00 19:00	STAGE 6 First Warning Signal, vicinity Saint Anne east side, Mamelles rock (S), finish Saint Anne Western Side. Return Eden Island Marina. Closing Ceremony and Prize Giving - Venue TBA.





8.2 Six races are scheduled over seven days, race course cards are in annexure 1. (These are subject to change should weather conditions be unfavourable)

8.3 No warning signal will be made after 12h00 Saturday, Saturday, 11 July.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and will be posted on the regatta website by Tuesday, 16 June 2026.

10. RACE AREAS

Racing will be between the islands of Mahé, La Digue and Praslin.

11. THE COURSES

The courses are indicated in annexure 1 of this NOR. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions. (All courses are subject to weather conditions).

Stage 1

Stage 1 – Ste. Anne to Baie Ternay, Mahé (Approx. Distance 12.2 nm)



Stage 2

Stage 2 - Baie Ternay to Anse Lazio, Praslin (Approx. Distance 29.6 nm)



Stage 3

Stage 3 - Anse Lazio to Cote D'Or via Curieuse Island (Approx. Distance 5.5 nm)



Stage 4

Stage 4 - Cote D'Or to La Digue harbour via Les Soers (Approx. Distance 13 nm)



NOTE: Courses are not for nautical use. Subject to change.

Stage 5

Stage 5 - La Digue to Ste. Anne, Mahé
(Approx Distance 24.7 nm)



Stage 6

Stage 6 – Ste. Anne around Mamelles Island and back Ste. Anne
(Approx. Distance 16 nm)



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12. PENALTIES

12.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty.

13. SCORING

13.1 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.

13.2 One discard will apply if 6 races are completed.

13.3 All races shall be scored using time-on-time using the Triple Number option for Coastal Long Distance.

14. PRIZES

14.1 The prize giving gala function will be held on Saturday, 11 July at the Melie Hotel, Eden Island.

14.2 Overall series prizes will be awarded at the prize giving to first, second and third place boats in each class after the final race.

15. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

Rule 4 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- i) They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- ii) They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- iii) They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- iv) Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- v) The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;



- vi) The provision of patrol boat cover if any is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can practically be provided in the circumstances;
- vii) It is their responsibility to familiarise themselves with any risks specific to the Seychelles Islands and venues or this event drawn to their attention in any rules or information produced for the venue or event and to attend any briefing held for the event;
- viii) They are responsible for ensuring that their boat is equipped and seaworthy so as to be able to face extremes of weather; that there is a crew sufficient in number, experience and fitness to withstand such weather; and that the safety equipment is properly maintained, stowed and in date and is familiar to the crew.
- xi) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least \$5,000,000 against third party claims. This excludes the standard third party insurance provided by Moorings Sunsail.

16. RIGHT & COPYRIGHT [DP]

In participating in The Seychelles Challenge any competitor automatically grants to the OA permission to make, use and show, from time to time, any motion pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of the event without compensation, in perpetuity.

17. FURTHER INFORMATION

17.1 Racing Rules of Sailing (2025 - 2028) - www.sailing.org

17.2 To book a Sunsail | Moorings Charter boat, visit <https://www.moorings.com/> or <https://www.sunsail.com/> and refer to The Seychelles Challenge Regatta.