

# The Seychelles Challenge

20 - 27 July 2025



The  
**Seychelles**  
challenge





**T**he Seychelles Challenge Committee invites you to compete in the Inaugural Seychelles Challenge 2025. The Organising Authority (OA) is The Seychelles Challenge Organising Committee affiliated with the Seychelles Sailing Association in co-operation with WorldSport South Africa, Tourism Seychelles and supported by Sunsail and The Moorings Charter Companies.

During the regatta, the Event Headquarters will be located on board The Moorings Leopard Power Catamaran also known as the race committee.

#### **SUNSAIL AND THE MOORINGS CHARTER BOAT AVAILABILITY:**

<https://www.sunsail.com/regattas-racing-events/seychelles-challenge#booking>

<https://www.moorings.com/regattas-and-events/seychelles-challenge>

#### **ORGANISING COMMITTEE:**

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Organising Chairman  
Race Director  
On-shore Event Manager  
Media and Marketing  
Sunsail and The Moorings  
Commercial  
Finance

#### **REGATTA HEADQUARTERS UNTIL THE START OF REGATTA:**

**Address:** Edan Bleu Hotel – Edan Island, Seychelles.  
**Contact us at:** [info@seychelleschallenge.com](mailto:info@seychelleschallenge.com)



# NOTICE OF RACE

**ORGANISING AUTHORITY:** The Seychelles Challenge Organising Committee (OC) in association with the Seychelles Sailing Association, Tourism Seychelles and Sunsail and The Moorings Charter Companies.

The notation '[DP]' is 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 ORC (Club) Rating Systems Rule will apply to 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 (OC).

## 3. ELIGIBILITY AND REGATTA ENTRY (EXCLUDES CHARTER FEES)

3.1 Eligible boats may enter by registering online at [www.seychelleschallenge.com](http://www.seychelleschallenge.com) and by filling out the entry form:

- (a) Providing a copy of the valid ORC Club Rating Certificate. Sunsail and The Moorings Charter fleets will be provided with an ORC rating Certificate.
- (b) Providing a crew and guest list.
- (c) Complete entry on either link below by the deadline of 15 May 2025, 12:00 GMT:
  1. **Charter boat**
    - 1.a [Sunsail](#) and
    - 1.b [The Moorings](#) Charter boats
  2. **Outside entries non-charter boats:**  
[www.seychelleschallenge.com](http://www.seychelleschallenge.com)



- (d) Paying the Entry fee which is \$2 300.00 per boat + \$325.00 per crew member and or additional guests. The entry fee is not refundable. Please ensure that proof of payment is sent with your entry form. The boat or Team name is to be displayed on the proof of payment.

The entry fee is to be paid into the following bank accounts, details of which are below:

**Sunsail Charter Boats**

Account Name: Mariner Yachts (Pty) Ltd  
Bank: Standard Bank of South Africa  
Account Number: 270652701  
Branch Code: 02-50-09  
Swift: SBZAZAJJ

**The Moorings Charter Boats**

Account Name: Mariner Yachts (Pty) Ltd  
Bank: Standard Bank of South Africa  
Account Number: 270652701  
Branch Code: 02-50-09  
Swift: SBZAZAJJ

**Outside Entries Non-Charter boats**

Account Name: WORLDSPOORT 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 15 May 2025, 12:00 GMT. A Late Entry fee of an additional \$300.00 per boat + \$50.0 per crew member will apply, the organising committee reserves the right to accept or decline a late 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 Sunsail 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 Charter Catamaran class will be allocated to one fleet, the fleet may be divided as follows:

- a. Charter Catamaran
- b. Charter Mono-hull (N/A)
- c. ORC 1
- d. ORC 2

## 6. SAFETY [DP]

- 6.1 All boats shall carry on board a VHF Radio capable of receiving Channels 06, 14, 71, 16, and marine channels.
- 6.2 All boats shall have a person on board with a valid Skipper's Certificate (Day Skipper minimum).
- 6.3 A boat that does not meet the requirements of Cat C in any respects must, no later than 12:00 GMT on Thursday, July 17th 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 and VHF announcements the OA and Race Committee will use "WhatsApp" to communicate using a boat's registered mobile telephone number provided to the Sailing Secretary.

## 8. SCHEDULE AND FORMAT

### 8.1 Day 1: Sunday 20 July 2025

09:00 to 14:00	Registration at the Eden Bleu Hotel.
11:00	Competitors Briefing at the Eden Bleu Hotel.
09:00 to 16:00	Charter boat handover at Sunsail and The Moorings base.
15:00 to 16:00	Optional warm-up race vicinity St Anne.
17:00	Welcome Ceremony at the Eden Bleu Hotel Eden Island.

### Day 2: Monday 21 July 2025 | Stage 1

10:00	First Warning Signal vicinity St Anne Island, Praslin, finish off Paradise Beach, Praslin.
17:00	Prize-giving after racing Paradise Beach.

### Day 3: Tuesday 22 July 2025 | Stage 2

10:00	First Warning Signal, vicinity Paradise Beach, Felite (P), Grande Soer Islands (P), finish off Paradise Beach.
17:00	Prize Giving after racing Paradise Beach.

### Day 4: Wednesday 23 July 2025 | Stage 3

10:00	First Warning Signal, vicinity Paradise Beach, Booby Islet (P), finish off Anse Lazio between the committee boat and buoy, and anchor at Anse Lazio (for Lunch).
14:30	Second Warning Signal, vicinity Anse Lazio, Curieuse (S) finish Paradise Beach.
17:00	Prize Giving after racing Paradise Beach.



Day 5: Thursday 24 July 2025 | Stage 4

10:00 First Warning Signal, vicinity Paradise Beach, La Digue Island (P), finish outside entrance la Digue Island harbour.  
17:00 Prize Giving after racing La Digue Island.

Day 6: Friday 25 July 2025 | Stage 5

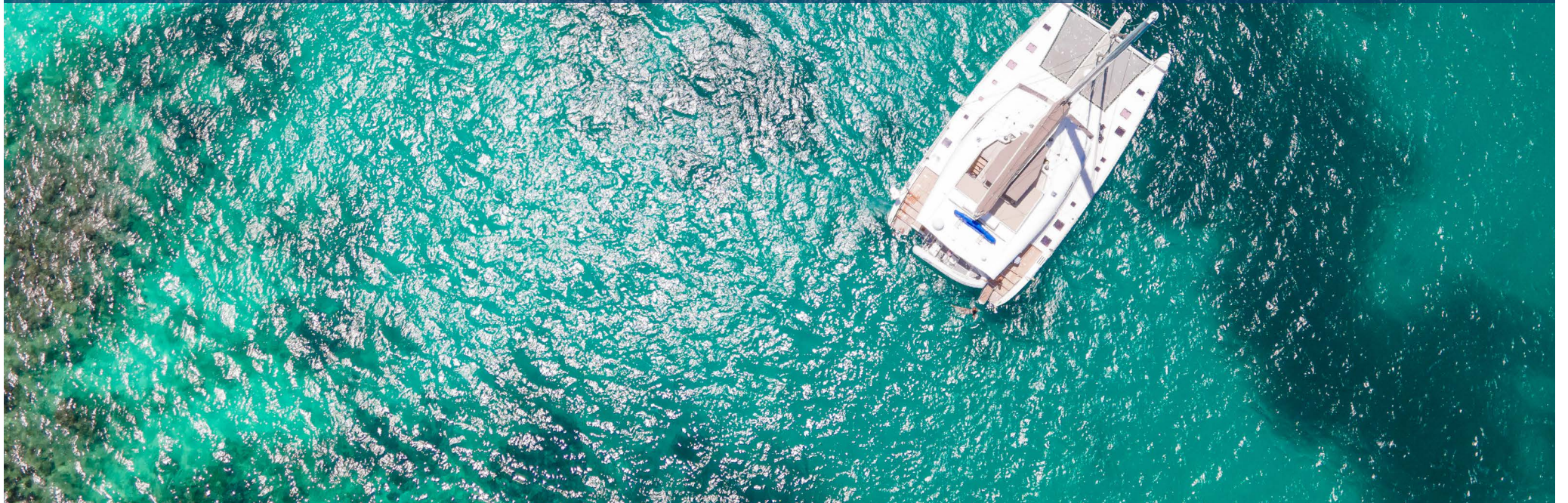
10:00 First Warning Signal, vicinity outside La Digue harbour, Finish St Anne, Mahe.  
17:00 Prize-giving venue TBA.

Day 7: Saturday 26 July 2025 | Stage 6

10:00 Eden Island Harbour exit.  
11:00 First Warning Signal, vicinity St Anne Island, Mamelles (P), finish St Anne.  
19:00 Closing Ceremony and Prize giving (venue to be confirmed).

Day 8: Sunday 27th July 2025

09:00 Boat handover





8.2 Seven races are scheduled over six days, race course cards are indicated below. (These are subject to change should weather conditions be unfavourable).

8.3 No warning signal will be made after noon on Saturday, July 26 July 2025.

## 9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

The Sailing Instructions will be available at registration and will be posted on the Regatta website by Tuesday 15 July 2025.

## 10. RACE AREAS

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

## 11. THE COURSES

The courses are indicated below. Further details will be provided in the Sailing Instructions.

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

### Stage 1

Mahé to Praslin



### Stage 2

Praslin around Félicité Island (P), Grand Soeur (P) and finish Praslin



### Stage 3, Leg 1

Cote D'Or Beach around Booby Island and finish Anse Lazio



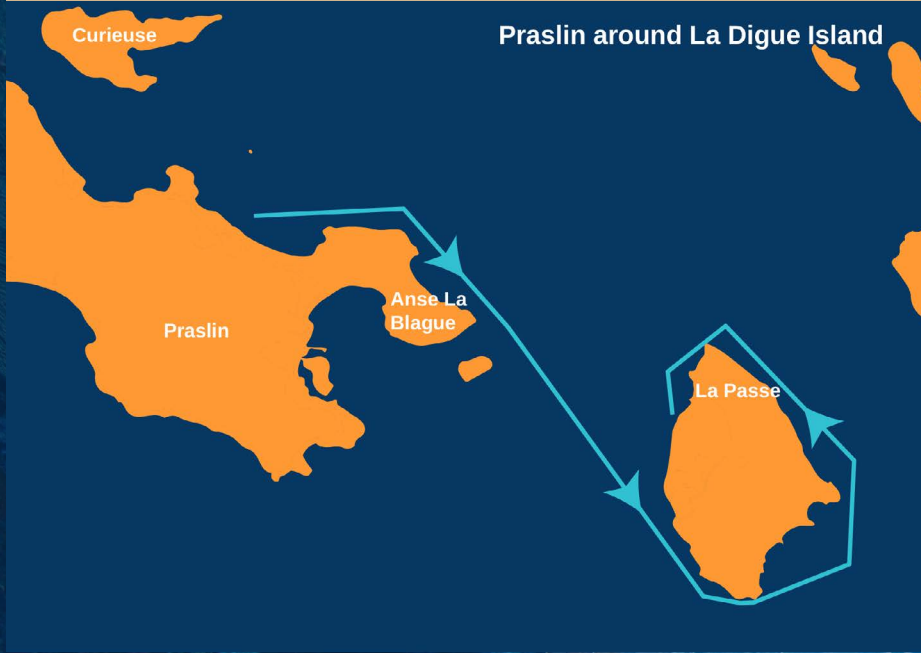
### Stage 3, Leg 2

Anse Lazio to Paradise Beach



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### Stage 4



### Stage 5



### Stage 6



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## 12. PENALTIES

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

## 14. SCORING

14.1 One race shall be completed to constitute a series.

14.2 One discard will apply if 6 races are completed.

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

## 15. PRIZES

15.1 The prize-giving gala function will be held on Saturday, 26 July 2025 (venue to be confirmed).

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

## 16 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.
- ix) Their boat is adequately insured, with cover of at least USD 1.0 million liability against third-party claims;

### 17. RIGHT & COPYRIGHT [DP]

In participating in The Seychelles Challenge any competitor automatically grants to the Organising Committee 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.

### 18. FURTHER INFORMATION

18.1 Racing Rules of Sailing:

[www.sailing.org](http://www.sailing.org)

18.2 To book a Sunseeker Charter boat, visit:

<https://www.sunseeker.com/regattas-racing-events/seychelles-challenge#booking>

18.3 To book The Moorings Charter boat visit:

<https://www.moorings.com/regattas-and-events/seychelles-challenge>

18.3 To book accommodation, flights and transfers, visit:

<https://www.creoletravelservices.com/>