



## 2025 SEYCHELLES CHALLENGE

20 July 2025 – 26 July 2025

### Sailing Instructions

The notation '(DP)' in a rule in the Sailing Instructions 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 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:
  - 1.5.1. RRS 52, Manual Power, is deleted.
  - 1.5.2. RRS 77, Identification on Sails, is deleted.

#### 2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS AND COMMUNICATIONS

- 2.1. The VHF call sign for the Race Committee (RC) will be "Seychelles Race Committee". VHF channel 71 will be used to communicate with Competitors.
- 2.2. In addition to VHF radio, a WhatsApp group will also be used to contact registered mobile numbers for each boat providing notifications and RC intentions. Failure to receive WhatsApp messages shall not be grounds for redress and changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 2.3. 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. (DP).

#### 3. SAFETY

- 3.1. Retirement. A boat that retires from a race shall notify the RC using VHF before leaving the race area, or by WhatsApp to the RC +27 82 413 1934. (DP)
- 3.2. Any Competitors Support Boats shall carry on board, and operate while on the water, a marine VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving on International marine VHF channels and agree to assist the RC if directed to do so. [DP].

#### 4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 4.1. Any changes to the schedule of races will be posted before 0900hrs on the day it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE

5.1. Signals made will be displayed from the flagstaff located on the race committee boat. Details of signals displayed will be advised by VHF and the WhatsApp group.

6. SCHEDULE OF RACES, CLASSES, AND CLASS FLAGS

6.1. The Seychelles Challenge Regatta will consist of up to 7 medium distance races.




6.2. The entry list and details of the class splits will be posted on the WhatsApp Groups before 17:00 on Saturday July 19, 2025.

6.3. The first warning signal on each day will be as follows:

- Monday 21 July at 10:00 hrs
- Tuesday 22 July at 10:00 hrs
- Wednesday 23 July at 10:00 hrs
- Thursday 24 July at 10:00 hrs
- Friday 25 July at 10:00 hrs
- Saturday 26 July at 11:00 hrs

6.4. The start sequence order and timings for each class start will be advised by VHF and WhatsApp before the orange flag attention signal of each race.

6.5. On Saturday 26 July, no warning signal will be displayed after 13:00hrs.

Division/Class	Class Flag
Multihull	NP 1 
ORC 1 Monohulls	NP 2 
Fareast 28	NP 3 

7. RACING AREA

7.1. Racing will be between the islands of Mahe, Praslin, La Digue and adjacent waters. The RC will advise competitors of the start location via VHF and the WhatsApp group initially 30 minutes prior to the first warning signal of each day.

8. COURSES

8.1. The courses will be confirmed or advised by VHF and WhatsApp before the orange attention signal, using the Appendix A – Racecourses.

9. MARKS

9.1. The colour of any laid inflatable mark that is to be used in a race shall be provided by the RC using VHF.

9.2. Starting marks will be a RC vessel and an inflatable mark.

9.3. The finishing marks will be a RC vessel and the nearby mark.

## 10. THE START

- 10.1. To alert boats that a race or sequence of starts will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed as an attention signal at least five minutes before the first warning signal.
- 10.2. The Starting Line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting mark and the course side of the yellow inflatable mark.
- 10.3. Individual recalls will be broadcasted on VHF. Delay or failure to broadcast or receive a recalled boat number or name shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 10.4. A boat starting later than 15 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This changes rule A4 and A5.

## 11. SHORTENING THE COURSE

- 11.1. In addition to RRS 32, the finishing line for the shortened course, will be a line between the mast on the committee boat flying the "S" flag and the nearby mark or its extension to the nearby island. The potential finishing line will be described either at the morning briefing or on the WhatsApp Group. The RC will use VHF radio and WhatsApp Group to assist in communicating the change. Failure not receiving a broadcast shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

## 12. THE FINISH

- 12.1. The Finishing Line will be between the flagstaff displaying a blue flag on the RC boat and the nearby finishing mark.

## 13. TIME LIMIT

- 13.1. The time limit after the first boat of each class has completed the racecourse and finished will be 60 minutes.
- 13.2. Boats failing to finish within 60 minutes after the first boat of her class will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

## 14. PENALTIES

- 14.1. RRS 44.1 is changed so that the penalty for a boat breaking a rule in Part 2 shall be a One-Turn Penalty (1 tack and 1 gybe).
- 14.2. A boat that may have broken a rule of RRS Part 2 may after finishing the race concerned and before the start of a related protest hearing, notify the RC that she accepts a 20% scoring place penalty as stated in rule 44.3(c).
- 14.3. If a boat does not return to the start line after being notified as an individual recall, the penalty for OCS, as defined in RRS 44.3(c), the boat will be scored their finishing position plus 3 position points, this does not alter the score of the remaining boats scores.

## 15. PROTEST AND REQUEST FOR REDRESS

- 15.1. Boats intending to protest should radio their intention to the RC via VHF or WhatsApp as soon as practical after finishing or retiring from the race concerned, naming any other Boats involved, and await an acknowledgement. This adds to RRS 61.1(a).
- 15.2. Protest forms are available at the RC or can be downloaded from the event website. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be received within the appropriate time limit.
- 15.3. The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat of her class has finished the last race of the day. Details of the protest time limit time will be notified via WhatsApp.
- 15.4. Protest hearings will normally be heard as soon as possible, and boats will be notified of the time of the hearing by the PC.
- 15.5. Notices of protests by the RC or PC will be posted via WhatsApp to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 15.6. On the last scheduled day of racing a request for redress from a PC decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.

## 16. SCORING

- 16.1. One race shall be completed to constitute a series.
- 16.2. If five (5) or more races are completed a boats worst score shall be excluded from a boat's series score. This amends NOR 14.2.

## 17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 17.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with Safety Requirements. On the water a boat may be instructed by the RC to proceed immediately after the completion of a race to a designated area for inspection. (DP)

## 18. PRIZES

- 18.1. Prizes will be awarded as per the NOR 15.

## 19. RISK STATEMENT

- 19.1. See the NOR 16.

## 20. INSURANCE

- 20.1. Each participating boat shall be insured as per the NOR 16.

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