

The Gentleman's Challenge 2020



Notice of Race

To be sailed at Transvaal Yacht Club, Hartbeespoort, North West Province on the eleventh day of April twenty hundred and twenty

11 April 2020

Activities shall commence at twelve bells

12h00

The inaugural Gentleman's Challenge took place in December 2010 and was won by Mr Leon Erasmus skippering Eat Pray Love, to maintain this legacy; this challenge will be held on Saturday, 11th April 2020. The challenge is a "deed of gift" event whereby the holder sets the rules for the next challenge. Holder of the title "Gentleman" Nic Roets has issued the following challenge for all to TYC members to accept. The Gentleman is challenging the Players to invite them experience racing on J22 keelboats.

Definitions

- Gentleman:** *A gentleman is a cruiser who does not normally compete in sailboat racing and has not raced more than six (6) times in the past year.*
- Player:** *A player is a sailor who is a regular competitor in sailboat racing.*
- Racing Yachts:** *Keelboats in the J22 class will be used for this event*
- Entry Fee:** *A R.50.00 entry fee per boat will apply. This will cover the costs of the celebratory toast as well as the bridge and support officers' refreshments.*

Rules

- 1. Leisure Racing will be on J22 Keelboats*
- 2. Crew on each boat will be made up of a Gentleman, one Player and as many crew members as considered necessary and safe per boat. Only one Player may assist or advise the Gentleman during the race.*
- 3. During racing, Players are allowed to take the helm to experience a true sense of leisure racing but only for short periods.*
- 4. During the race there will be no restriction on sails or equipment used, except for the use of motors which is considered to be "un-gentlemanly"*
- 5. Gentlemen and Players to enter their names, boats and pay the entry fee for the challenge with the race officials 1 hour before the Skippers Briefing which will be at 11h00.*
- 6. There will be a compulsory 10-minute briefing for the crews by the Race Officials in the Sailing Room (by the TYC flagpole).*

The Race Format

- 1. The course to be sailed shall be a medium distance course and will be dependent on the wind conditions on the day*
- 2. All marks of the designated course must be rounded.*
- 3. The participating boats will be moored on the jetties, rigged but with sails fully lowered.*
- 4. Crew will be on board their designated boats.*
- 5. The Gentlemen will start the race at the base of the TYC flagpole. The first signal sounded will be a 5-minute signal whereupon the Gentlemen will join their designated crews and boats on the jetties. Only once the Gentleman is on board can sails be raised and the boats leave the jetty.*
- 6. The start of the race shall be between two marks at the mouth of 'the channel' of moorings, but outside the moorings. The start shall happen on the second signal.*
- 7. The finish will be between the same two marks at the mouth of the channel (same line as start) or after 2 hour's duration – whichever comes first. The boat closest to the finish line at the 2-hour mark will be considered the "winner" with all other boats given positions second, third, fourth, etc. in relationship to the "winner"*