

Hi to all the boaters out there : there is only 7 months left before the annual TransAgulhas and we take this opportunity to invite you to join us for the **21<sup>st</sup>** TransAgulhas Challenge. This is the coming of age, be there, or miss out!

Entries open with the sending out of this bulletin and entry forms are also on the website, [www.transagulhaschallenge.com](http://www.transagulhaschallenge.com) . We have to ask for a deposit of R1500.00 before the 14<sup>th</sup> July 2008 to secure your entry after which date entries will be CLOSED. No late entry will be accepted. This deposit will be non-refundable and not transferable. The entry fee has been increased and will be R3,250-00. This amount includes camping fees. Final payment must be made before the 1<sup>st</sup> November 2008. If you are not in possession of a Trans Agulhas ID sheet, that will cost you R270 extra. Please bear in mind that a first come first serve basis will be followed should a cut-off number be agreed upon. Ground crew vehicles will be limited to two vehicles per team. Any x-tra vehicles will cost you R250 each. If you wish to take a truck with, you will be charged R250 for any truck.

The increased fees are due to a couple of factors : e.g. rising costs of using the municipal beaches, the camp sites, water & electricity, maintenance of equipment used by you and of course the increase in fuel prices. For example, e.g. the Trans Agulhas Rescuer used approximately R20,000.00 of fuel last year, this year the estimate is definitely nearer to R30,000.00.

Application to enter will be taken to the organizing committee and their decision is final, no correspondence will be entered into if your application to enter is denied.

The following arrangements will be in place:

**Registration & Scrutineering venue**

26 December 2008  
Van Riebeeck Sport Field, Mossel Bay

**Rules**

2008 SAIBA rulebook with the 2008 Trans Agulhas amended special rules. Special rules will be supplied on registration, and a printable version will also be available on our website [www.transagulhaschallenge.com](http://www.transagulhaschallenge.com).

**Venue & Date**

Arrival, 26 December 2008, Van Riebeeck Sports Field, Mossel Bay - opening at 08:00.  
The municipal officials will only open gates at 08:00.  
Bring own accommodation with, as none will be supplied.

**Media**

There will be coverage in the media, before the event as well as during and after.

**Dates & Routes**

This will be communicated in the next Info, well in advance of the **Trans Agulhas Ultra Long haul Challenge**.

**Classes**

Noviso P750S - you only qualify for this team if you have never been on the starting line  
P750  
P750S  
P750M

**Plus : Veteran's class** - This class will be Open, racing with 50hp engines. The criteria to participate in this class will be as follows : Both the pilot and the co-pilot must be 35 years of

age or older. If you don't enter for this class, you will not be automatically put there and you **CANNOT** enter for this class at the Trans Agulhas.

**International teams** - International participation will only be allowed if there is more than 15 teams participating. All their monies must be paid by the end of July 2008, because we have to inform PSA who needs to inform the UIM, we have to put into place all the officials needed, etc.

***Only 12 boats per class will be accepted.***

No participation of RIBS or Jetski's will be considered for this year's Trans Agulhas due to safety reasons.

Once again, the organizers and sponsors, extend a hand to all of you out there who thinks he/she has what it takes to participate in the challenge of the seas, to complete an Application Form. We await your entries with anticipation.

***Club Agulhas***