

Trans Agulhas Challenge Special Rules

The following rules will be applied to the above event in conjunction with the latest published SAIBA Rule Book 2007/8

562 HULL

It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that the boat conforms to the model of the official catalogue of the manufacturer and per Rule 562 in the SAIBA Rule Book 2007/2008.

563 MACHINERY

Rules regarding machinery will be as per SAIBA Rule Book 2007/2008. This applies to P750, P750S and all the RIB classes.

564 FUEL

See Rule 564 for banned additives aimed at increasing performance.

1. It is the pilots responsibility to carry sufficient fuel plus 10% or 5 litre, whichever is greater, for the intended leg.
2. Any boat stopped at sea as a result of fuel exhaustion will be penalized with the time of the last boat plus 30 MINUTES AND A FINE OF R1000 !!!!!!!
3. Any boat found at sea without at least 5 (five) litres of fuel in reserve or on a safe beach without fuel will receive a DNF for that leg, (last boat's time in his class plus 10 minutes).

567 RACE IN PROGRESS : SURF RACING

The following rules apply to surf racing in the Trans Agulhas event:

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Grid positions will be seeded by the Trans Agulhas Race Committee for the start of the first surf race of the event. The position for all the other surf races during the event will be according to the position that was attained during the previous race. Competitors will be divided into heats and will race in that heat for the duration of the event.

567.04

If a competitor misses a buoy and crosses the racing line, he will be penalized and receive the time of the last competitor in his racing class plus a 2-minute penalty.

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If a competitor touches or bumps a buoy, he will be penalized and receive the time of the last competitor in his racing class plus a 2-minute penalty.

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Deliberate bumping of another competitor, will result in disqualification from the event.

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If one boat lands on another, the offending party or parties will be disqualified from the event.

567.08

A competitor following too closely to another competitor will receive a yellow card warning and a time penalty of 2 minutes.

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If any boat collides amidships (T-bone) with another, this will result in immediate disqualification of the offending boat from the event.

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There must be a minimum of 10 (ten) metres between the shore buoy and the shore.

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The number of laps will be decided by the Race Organizer / OD / Safety officer.

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Boats will finish on the beach as demarcated. Penalty for running out of fuel will be the last boat's time in that class plus 2 minutes.

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Heats will be run on time.

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The start will be as follows: Both driver and co-driver will be out of the boat, the kill switch may not be plugged in and on the drop of a flag the race will start. Due to surf conditions, the start may be changed after consultation between the OD, Safety Officer and Trans Agulhas Racing Committee. Any competitor not on the start line when the flag is raised may not start that heat. Kill switches will be checked before every surf race. If the kill switch malfunctions, the boat will not be allowed to partake and will be penalized with the last boat's time in his class plus two minutes.

WET WATER RULE**567.21**

If any competitor lands in the water during a race, the race will be stopped immediately, with or without a red flag being raised. In the case of surf racing, all competitors are compelled to stop, clear the course and proceed to the start with extreme caution. Boats will line up in their positions as at the start of the respective heat. Crews may not refuel or make any changes to their equipment and must be ready for an immediate restart of the heat. Any competitor refuelling or making changes will be disqualified from that heat. The penalty for the above is the last boat's time in his class in his racing class plus two minutes. If the wet water rule is applied, the heat will be re-run.

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If a boat should burst or deflate rapidly during a heat for any reason, that boat will immediately cease racing and clear the course. This also applies to a competitor who loses a helmet during a race.

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The offending teams referred to in Rule 567.21 will not be permitted to take part in any re-start or re-run of that heat.

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After two re-starts, the heat will be postponed till after the last heat.

567.26 FLAGS

Chequered flag - Finish of race / Winner of race

Red flag - (Surf Circuits) Race stopped / Clear water

Red flag waving - (Long hauls) Immediate caution / Danger on the circuit or surf line

Event flag - Start flag and checkpoints.

Black flag - displayed from any airborne craft - proceed to nearest safe beach immediately - end of race.

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The race will be live when the event flag drops.

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Cut off time is 1,5 of the first boat's time in his class in the heat. The penalty for not finishing within the cut-off time will be the last boat's time in his class plus a 2-minute penalty.

569 RACE IN PROGRESS: LONG HAUL RACING

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A long haul event must be run on time.

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Deviation from a set course will result in disqualification from that leg and will be penalized by receiving the last competitor's time in his class plus a 10-minute penalty.

569.04

No person shall provide or receive outside assistance during a race. Assistance from the air is only permitted in case of injury. Failing to observe this rule will result in disqualification.

569.06

A boat must cross the finish line on the water under its own power, or by paddle power, to receive an elapsed time for the leg. Any boat that is towed along any portion of a leg and subsequently finishes the leg under its own power will be disqualified from the leg. Penalty is the last boat's time in his class plus 10 minutes.

569.08

A boat must complete each leg on the water under its own power within the cut-off time to qualify for that leg. Cut-off time will be 1.5 x the first boat's time in his class crossing the finishing line. Failure to complete a leg within the cut-off time will result in disqualification from the leg. The penalty is the last boat's time in his class plus 10 minutes.

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Not doing the required number of beach stops will result in disqualification (deviation from a set course). Boats arriving at the beach stop must beach on the starboard side of any/all beached boats under the supervision of a marshal. At all beach stops the motor must be killed until such time as the co-driver returns to the boat. No high-speed drops will be allowed. A high-speed drop is classed when a competitor cannot remain upright when stepping out of a boat at a beach stop. No competitor is allowed to ride in the surf less than 200 metres from the shoreline. Entry to and departing from a checkpoint will be at an angle of not less than 45 degrees or more than 90 degrees. The penalty for the above will be the last boat's time in his class plus 10 minutes.

569.12

All boats must carry the safety equipment as specified in SAIBA rulebook. All safety equipment must be marked with the competitor's race number. Refer to Rule 569.12 in the SAIBA Rule Book 2007/2008. In addition for the night shift, three glow sticks must be carried. A time penalty of 10 minutes per item will be given for any item not present at random kit inspections.

571 GENERAL

571.01

No abuse of officials will be tolerated. Any team, or members of their family, abusing any officials will be disqualified from the race or event and the race jury reserves the right to take appropriate action against the team.

571.04

A competitor registered as the crew for the event must remain the crew for the duration of the event. The crew may be replaced for the event at the discretion of the race committee with the event doctor declaring the entered crew unfit to continue the race. If the crew is replaced all prizes and positions are forfeited and the competing boat will remain on the beach with the start until all boats have left and the starter allows them to start. Failing to comply with this rule will result in disqualification from the event and being ordered to remove their boat from the water with immediate effect.

571.06

Dangerous or reckless driving as well as causing damage to another competitor's equipment due to dangerous or reckless driving will lead to disqualification. Intentionally causing damage to another boat, or intentionally causing bodily harm to a member of another boat will not be tolerated. Anyone failing to comply with this rule will be disqualified from the event. This applies to all disciplines of inflatable racing and will be strictly enforced.

571.08

All the parts on a power head may be replaced in the case of engine failure. Parts that were not damaged must be re-used in the re-build of the engine. Parts that were damaged must be handed to the technical officer for sealing/safe-keeping and possible inspection later. The boat and power head may not be replaced during the event.

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Non-homologated boats or engines may not be entered into the Trans Agulhas.

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Any teams in breach of Rules 561, 562, 563, 564, 751 and 752 will be fined R1000.00. The results for the race in question will be changed as if he had not raced and the team disqualified from the event.

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A competitor may not be under the age of 18 (eighteen) years old to compete in the Trans Agulhas for the P750 and P750M class and RIB drivers and not under the age of 16 (sixteen) years of age for the P750S class and RIB co-drivers.

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The Trans Agulhas racing committee will do seeding of competitors for heats.

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After a finding of gross infringement of the UIM or SAIBA or Trans Agulhas rules or a gross breach of good manners or sportsmanship, the race committee or the jury may exclude a competitor and a boat when appropriate from the event.

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The organizers of the Trans Agulhas reserve the right to impound, inspect and measure any competitor's motor at any time during the event. The first 5 motors in each class may be impounded and the onus is on the driver to make sure that his motor is available for the strip. (The OD will announce the place and time prior to the finish of the event).

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Any driver who is warned by an OD for dangerous driving will receive a yellow card warning and have his licence endorsed to reflect this warning. On the driver receiving a second warning during the event, he will be disqualified from the event as well as being reported to SAIBA.

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To legally qualify for a Trans Agulhas completion certificate or any prizes, a competitor must complete five of the six long hauls. Also he must start 4 out of the 5 circuit disciplines, which includes the night shift. As soon as a competitor cannot meet these standards his boat is to be removed from the water and the event.

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Wilful or accidental damage to club property shall be replaced at the offending competitor's expense.

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Disqualification from the event implies:

1. No further participation at sea.
2. The entire team will be excluded from the area demarcated for the Trans Agulhas.
3. Failing to comply with the above will result in a total ban for competitors and sponsors from future Trans Agulhas events.

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If a competitor's boat is accidentally damaged by another competitor at the start of a leg resulting in a DNS, the damaged boat will get the last boat's time in his class without penalties or a DNF.

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Random stripping and measuring of engines will be done throughout the Trans Agulhas event at the discretion of the OD and Technical Officer.

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Any member of the Rescue Crafts on sea as well as the spotter planes and helicopters will be deemed to be part of the officials of the event.

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Before any repairs or services are done to a motor, the Technical Officer must be informed. It is the onus of the competitor to make sure that his motor is sealed before the start of every day's race.