

Governor's Cup

Cut Yourself A Small Slice Of History



Arriving off St Helena.

With nine months to the start gun in Simon's Town, Governor's Cup 2012 has 24 entries. This includes the news that the SA National Defence Force, championed by Defence Yacht Club, Western Province, will be entering their Fast 42, *Umoya Omusha*, and two Centurions.

At this stage the fleet is split equally between the serious IRC racers and the Club Handicap Division, with three multihulls challenging the fastest monohulls for line honours.

This is the last year that the event, as we know it, will be available to lovers of something completely different. The race will still go on, in fact with the potential for far greater numbers, but the concept of three holidays in one will sadly be no more.

The next race to St Helena, scheduled for December 2015, will have a new form of transport back home - by air, for Basil Read has been appointed to build an airport on the island, and it is scheduled for completion by that date. However, cargo ships servicing the island will still be available to return yachts to Cape Town.

However, excitement builds as competitors prepare for this year's event, which is three separate and entirely different holidays in one. After the downhill roller coaster ride to the island, sailors will meet up with family and friends who have undertaken the trip on the *RMS St Helena*, and experienced Christmas at sea. This is the sole surviving Royal Mail Ship, which will soon release her cargo to jet planes. A five to ten day stay on the island enables competitors and supporters to enjoy the delights of the island. In fact, some lucky ones are opting to return on the second sailing of the *RMS*, adding another three weeks to their stay. The *RMS* brings participants and their yachts back to Cape Town in style, but some of the more adventurous sailors are sailing back to their home ports or on to distant shores.

Information from: www.governorscup.co.za ↓

Entries

<i>African Renaissance</i>	Wayne Badenhorst	Farr 40	Club Monohull
<i>Argonaut</i>	Des Mudge	Van Der Stadt Samoa	IRC
<i>Banjo</i>	Kevin Webb	Farrrier F9AX	Club Multihull
<i>Bella Mia</i>	Annalena Bindeman	Roberts 45	Club Monohull
<i>Beluga</i>	Nathan Blumenthal	Lavranos 50	IRC
<i>Canace</i>	Kevin Ward	Elan Impression 434	Club Monohull
<i>Compromise</i>	Rob Newman	Du Toit Cat	Club Multihull
<i>Ileool</i>	John Sheen	Vickers 41	Club Monohull
<i>Indaba</i>	John Levin	Stadt 34	IRC
<i>JML Rotary Scout</i>	Peter Bosch	Tosca 39	Club Monohull
<i>Just Fun</i>	Mark Devitt	Mount Gay 30	IRC
<i>Opela</i>	Kevin Robinson	Tosca 39	Club Monohull
<i>Patches</i>	TBA (St Helena)	Miura	IRC
<i>Peekay</i>	Paul Dennett	Beneteau 510	IRC
<i>Ray of Light</i>	Michael Kavanagh	Beneteau First 44.7	IRC
<i>Reaction</i>	Thinus Groenewald	Royal Cape One Design	IRC
<i>Sandpiper 2</i>	Paul Tanner	Simonis Voogd Cat	Club Multihull
<i>Seaboard</i>	Jan Delpont	Stadt 34	Club Monohull
<i>ti Duick</i>	Roger McCormick	Flicka 20	Club Monohull
<i>Unwind</i>	Niels Hendriks	Simonis Voogd 505	Club Monohull
<i>Yolo</i>	Dale Kushner	Jenneau Sunfast 3200	IRC