

# DOWNWIND RULES – MAURITIUS SURFSKI WEEK 2019

## **DOWNWINDS**

**Preliminary important note for security at open sea:** a downwind is not a race. All paddlers must stay in group and carefully follow the instructions of the Organizers at all time.

**Route:** The route will be determined by the Organizing Team and will be clarified at the briefing which will take place just before going into the water. The paddlers must not deviate from the route and may only go through the passes in the reef as determined at the briefing. Any deviation from this could result in the paddler not been eligible for any other downwind.

**Check-in and verification:** it is compulsory to check-in and register before proceeding into the water before each downwind. The onus is on the participant to ensure that Officials have registered his number.

**Craft & Branding:** Supplied branding (race decals) of the event is to be applied to all craft prior to the start of the downwind. Race decals are to be applied to the craft in the positions indicated by the organizers. All these decals are to remain visible throughout the Surfski week. The participants number (the number provided by the organizers) is to be also displayed on the craft. Numbers are to appear on both sides of the top deck of the craft; this number is also the official race number. No other numbers are to be displayed.

**Rules of Participation:** All participants are to have a leash and an approved Personal Floatation Device (PFD) (“life jacket”) as compulsory items of their kit. Inflatable PFD’s must be fully inflated at all times. The PFD must be worn at all times and all other items must be fitted to your craft or person. The Organizing Team or a safety boat skipper may decide whether a participant should be prevented from starting or continuing the downwind at any time. The skipper or Organizing Team’s decision will be final.

It is the onus of all participants to cross the finish line of the downwind or advise the organisers that they have withdrawn from the session as soon as possible. The Organisers may institute a search for any participant who has not crossed the finish line or advised the Organizers of his/her/their withdrawal. The costs of the search will be borne by the competitor/s being sought.