

INVESTEC MAURITIUS OCEAN CLASSIC RULES

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The Mauritius Ocean Classic is the premier event of 19km (distance is subject to the weather and surf conditions likely to prevail on race day).

Investec Mauritius Ocean Classic (hereafter “MOC”) is a single surf ski event though double ski, SUP's and OC 1's and 2's is welcome.

Starts: Where ever possible the starts will be wet starts (i.e. in the water on your craft) and paddlers will be lined up with the top paddlers (as seeded by the Organizing Team) in the front row, and then the balance of the craft. The Ladies and doubles will start a few minutes earlier.

Race Route: The route will be determined by the Organizing Team and will be clarified at the race briefing which will take place at 18h00 on the eve of the race. The race will not be shorter than 19 km or longer than 30 km. The paddlers must not deviate from the route and may only go through the passes in the reef as determined at the race briefing. Any deviation from this could result in the paddler not been eligible for any of the prizes.

Race Date: The race is set for Thursday 25 June 2020. However, all participants must be available as from Wednesday 24 June 2020. Friday 26 and Saturday 27 June 2020 are both reserve dates for the race, if forecast shows and if any matter beyond our control happens, that the race cannot take place on Thursday 25 June 2020. The race day announcement will be made on the Wednesday prior and the route will also be determined.

Craft & Branding: Supplied branding (race decals) of the event is to be applied to all craft prior to the start of the race registration. 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 event.

The participants race number (the number provided by the race organizers) is to be displayed on the craft. Incorrect or incomplete numbers may result in disqualification from the race. Numbers are to appear on both sides of the top deck of the craft. No other numbers are to be displayed.

Only one craft may be used for the duration of the race. In the event of a craft been damaged, anyone may help a participant repair his/her craft, provided no unfair advantage is gained. E.g. On a boat moving forward while repairing craft.

Rules of Participation: All participants are to heed directions and instructions of the race officials. A participant, who rides the wake of a motorized craft, in an attempt to gain advantage, may be disqualified. Any participant who receives physical support or physical assistance, or who boards a boat, may be disqualified, with the exception of those doing so to repair their craft or to recover from illness, in which case the boat is to ensure that it does not travel in the direction of the race finish. A cut off time limit may be announced for the day and/or section thereof. The time limit may be lengthened at the discretion of the Organizing Team. All participants failing to meet the specified time limit may, for safety reasons, be removed from the water and may not continue in the event.

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All participants are to have a leash and an approved Personal Floatation Device (PFD) (“life jacket”) as compulsory items of their race 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 race at any time. The skipper or Organizing Team’s decision will be final.

No participant may use any illegal, detrimental or dangerous drugs, stimulants, depressants or other substances or procedures with the intent to improve performance, eliminate the sense of fatigue or for any other purpose. The Medical Control Rules set by the International Olympic Committee (IOC) (WADA) regulations and policies on banned substances, will be binding on all participants. In addition, other rules and regulations even if not recognized by the IOC may be instituted, which if such occurs, you agree to abide by. Participants may be requested to undergo drug-testing procedures, before and after the event. If you are requested to do so, you hereby agree to abide by such testing procedures. Should any participant test positive for any substance banned by the IOC regulations and policies and is not vindicated by the administrative appeal process, or test positive for any other item as mentioned above, the participant, at the judgment of the MOC officials, may be banned from participation for a period of two years. A second offence may result in lifetime suspension of participation in the MOC event.

Fraud, theft, cheating or attempting to do any of these, abusive treatment of volunteers or others and acts of poor sportsmanship are grounds for immediate disqualification and may result in contestants being suspended from competing in any MOC event in the future.

The onus is on the participant to ensure that timekeepers have registered their number and time at the finish of the race.

It is the onus of all participants to cross the finish line or advise the organisers that they have withdrawn from the event as soon as possible.

It is the onus of the organisers to institute a search for any participant who has not crossed the finish line or advised of his withdrawal.

If a participant decides to withdraw from the race at any time, it is the responsibility of the participant to report to the race referee and turn in his/her race number immediately. It is essential that race officials know where the participants are on the course at all times. **FAILURE TO NOTIFY THE RACE REFEREE AFTER WITHDRAWING FROM THE RACE MAY RESULT IN THE PARTICIPANT BEING PREVENTED FROM COMPETING IN FUTURE MOC EVENTS.**

The Race Organisers may institute a search for any competitor who has not crossed the finish line or advised the Race Organizers of his/her/their withdrawal. The costs of the search will be borne by the competitor/s being sought.

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Race Organizers reserves the right to make rule changes at any time provided all participants are notified in writing or at the race briefings.

Dispute Resolution Procedure: Only competitors or race officials may lodge protests or disputes. An arbitrator will hear all protests and disputes. A list of persons whom the parties may agree upon to chair a protest or dispute or who the parties may appoint to serve on a panel to hear a protest or dispute during the race will be made available at the race briefing. Where the parties (participant / race organizers) agree on an arbitrator to deal with the protest or dispute, the protest or dispute will be heard by that person only. Where the parties do not agree on a single arbitrator, the protest or dispute will be heard by three arbitrators. The decision taken by the arbitrator / panel of arbitrators will be final and binding on the parties. The arbitrator / panel of arbitrators may impose penalties for breach of any of the rules or regulations. Penalties may include time penalties or disqualification, without being limited thereto. All protests and disputes will be heard within 1 hour of the completion of the event (last athlete to complete the event). In addition to a dispute or protest lodged above, the arbitrator / panel of arbitrators may make decisions on all disputes pertaining to the safe and orderly conduct of the event and may seek assistance and advice where needed. Protests and disputes must be delivered to the Organizing Team within 10 minutes of the event finishing, in writing. All disputes and protests lodged by competitors delivered to the Organizing Team must be accompanied by a fee of US\$50. Fees will be refunded where the party lodging the dispute or protest is successful, or at the discretion of the Race Organizers.

Race Prizes, awards and categories: Cash prizes will be awarded to at least the first 5 men and to the first 3 ladies to complete the event. The 1st Mauritian Single will also receive a cash reward. Age categories will also be recognized – 40 to 49 (Vets); 50 to 59 (Masters) and 60 plus (Grand Masters). All paddlers who complete the event will receive a finisher's medal

INVESTEC MAURITIUS OCEAN CLASSIC INSIDER SURF SKI RACE

The Investec Mauritius Ocean Classic Insider is a premier event of 13.5km (distance is subject to the weather and surf conditions likely to prevail on race day). Race Registration takes place at JPH Boathouse, Tamassa, Bel Ombre.

Investec Mauritius Ocean Classic Insider (hereafter "MOCi") is a single surf ski event though double ski, SUP's and OC 1's and 2's are welcome,

Starts: Where ever possible the starts will be wet starts (i.e. in the water on your craft) and paddlers will be lined up with the top paddlers (as seeded by the Organizing Team) in the front row, and then the balance of the craft.

Race Route: The route will be determined by the Organizing Team and will be clarified at the race briefing which will take place at 18h00 on the eve of the race. The preferred route will be from Tamassa Resort to Le Morne staying within the coral reef (13.5km). The race will not be shorter than 10 km or longer than 16 km. The paddlers must not deviate from the route, as determined at the race briefing. Any deviation from this could result in the paddler not been eligible for any of the prizes.

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Race Date: The race is set on the same date of the Wildsider race.

The following Paragraphs above also apply to the MOCi:

- **Craft & Branding**
- **Rules of Participation**
- **Dispute Resolution Procedure**

Race prizes, awards and categories: No cash prizes will be awarded. Overall winners and Age categories will also be recognized: 40 to 49 (Vets); 50 to 59 (Masters) and 60 plus (Grand Masters). All paddlers who complete the event will receive a finisher's medal.