

# Mini 650 SAR Newsletter



News For Mini 650 Sailors Competing In The 2006 South Atlantic Race

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## SAR06 MINI ENTRIES

### SCM Celtic Warrior (Conf)

Mike O'Neill, RSA  
www.mikeoneill.co.za

### Running With Scissors (Conf)

Mathew Thomas, RSA  
www.rwsracing.com

### Boston Kids

Jack Boye, USA  
www.teamreachingkids.org

### Crean (Conf)

Richard Smurthwaite, UK  
www.richardsmurthwaite.co.uk

### Fredrico

Rodrigo Cela, ARG

### Hornet

Charlie Hope-Lang, UK

### Software By Numbers

Peter Marshall, UK

### Thunder (Conf)

Piers Dudin, UK



## Latest South Atlantic Race News

One of yachting's greatest challenges, The South Atlantic Race (formerly the Cape-to-Rio) will set sail from Cape Town on 4 January 2006. The course will take sailors from Cape Town, South Africa, 3500 miles across the Atlantic Ocean to Bahia de Salvador, Brazil. For the first time, organizers have

agreed to accept entries from the Mini 650 class and there are currently 9 boats entered.

The Organizers will be sending over a Container to Salvador and will rent out space to those who wish to take over extra boat gear not required for the race. The tentative plan

is for the container to be packed at Royal Cape Yacht Club on 9th & 10th December, to be shipped out to arrive in Salvador in time for the first boats. If you would like to book space (by the cubic metre) please contact Chris Siebert @Tel: 021-5541834 Cell: 0722015130 or e-mail: csiebert@xsinet.co.za



## Prologue SAR06 Announced

In an effort to promote the Mini 650 class in Southern Africa and the skippers taking part in the grueling South Atlantic Race, the unofficial South African Mini 650 Class Association is planning to host a Prologue SAR06 race prior to the start of the main event. It will be run along the lines of the Prologue of the Transat 6.50 as follows:

- ~ Open to all Mini 650s
- ~ The race will be a day

race

- ~ Boats will be required to carry a local developmental sailor as a crewmember
- ~ Race course will take the yachts on a tour of Table Bay including rounding Robin Island
- ~ The winner will receive a trophy, plus a prize of \$500 to be donated to the charity of his choice.

All Mini entries are invited

and encouraged to compete in this fun event.

The race is tentatively scheduled for 28 December 2005.

For more information on this exciting event, please contact Mike at mike448@mac.com



Crean sailing the Mini Fastnet

**CALANDER OF EVENTS**

- 17 Sept – Transat 6.50  
France
- 14 Oct – Double Cape  
Race, RCYC
- 28 Dec – Prologue SAR06  
RCYC
- 4 Jan - South Atlantic  
Race, RCYC

**RATINGS**

Although the Minis were originally entered in the IRC class, it does not make much sense to have these little boats race under IRC due to the nature of the rule, and the excessive costs involved.

Thus far, it looks like the organizers will allow the Minis to race as a one design class, and also under a local RCYC rating in the Rally Class.

A final ruling on this will be available once the total number of Minis competing is finalized.



**New Name & Colors For RSA448**

Originally launched as Warlock, Mike's RSA448 is nearing the completion of a short refit at Action Yachting in Cape Town, and will shortly be re-launched as SCM Celtic Warrior.

Work completed includes a flash new paint job, as well as numerous smaller items such as re-fairing the keel, modifying the steering system and calibrating the Raymarine electronics. A

brand new pair of carbon fiber rudders are also being installed. The rudders were built by Phil's Foils in Canada and shipped to South Africa.

Mike will be sailing his first race aboard Celtic Warrior in October when he takes part in the Double Cape Race. The event starts in Cape Town, with marks in Hout Bay, Simons Town & Gordon's Bay, before finishing back at Cape

Town. Celtic Warrior will be sailed double handed by Mike and, long time friend, Andrew Edwards. Andrew has also been the project manager for the build of the boat, and is the shore manager for Mike's campaign.



**Latest From The Entrants**

**PIERS:** Thunder is progressing well, and Piers hopes to have her in the water and sailing in December. Time is going to be tight but he is very positive. He comments: "I don't see it as a race as such, it's more of an endurance event, where you've got to push yourself as hard as you can for as long as you can, solo sailing is 100% about management. Racing is just a frame of mind."

**MATHEW:** Running With Scissors is in the water and Matt is putting the finishing touches on her. He plans to be sailing in early October and will be taking part in the Double Cape Race on 14/9.

**MIKE:** Mike will also be taking part in the Double Cape Race aboard the newly painted and renamed SCM Celtic Warrior. Mike will be using the event as a testing

ground as well as a qualifier for the SAR proper.

**RICHARD:** Crean is still in the UK but an email from Richard indicates that he is still very busy with his preparations for the SAR.

**CHARLIE:** ???

**RODRIGO:** ???

**JACK:** ???

**PETER:** ???