

# EMC AND RESCUE SOUTH AFRICA TRANS AGULHAS CHALLENGE 2021



**T**aking the form of a staged race, taking place over 4 days and covering over 750km along the Southern Coast of Africa the race has definitely proved to be an exciting feature for the country and its attendees from all over the globe. The Nelson Mandela University Faculty of Health Sciences EMC Department, in partnership with the NGO Rescue South Africa, was contacted by Infanta Inflatables and Club Agulhas to assist with the safety of the event hosted in December 2021. Two staff members and three final year students travelled to support and assist at the event over the Christmas and New Year holiday season of 2021. The departments main responsibility focused on assisting participating teams if any ran into trouble whilst out on the ocean. The race kicked off in Plettenberg Bay on the morning of the 28th December, where the 30

teams had to race 188km via Natures valley and ending Day 1 of the race in Mossel Bay. Stilbaai and Struisbaai were the following overnight points whilst on the last day of the year, race participants covered 215km to end the grueling race in the beautiful Gordons Bay. Luckily for the EMC team, and the participating teams, no major emergencies were experienced, and the race ended successfully. It was a valuable experience for everyone involved, particularly considering the challenges that this specific section of ocean can pose to any person! The EMC Department would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to Infanta Inflatables and Club Agulhas for the opportunity to be part of the toughest inflatable boat race in the world and The Faculty extends its gratitude to the EMC department and Rescue South Africa for their efforts in supporting the success of the event.



**Dating back since 1988,  
the Trans Agulhas Challenge  
is still known to be the toughest  
inflatable boat race in the World.**

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