



Tre Golfi Sailing Week 2022

Notice to Competitors

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Maxi European Championship Helmsmen Reminder Letter

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NOTICE TO COMPETITORS #1

Dear Maxi European Championship competitors,

Hereby a reminder of the IMA Owner Driver rules and some general information with these.

Maxi EC NoR 2.1 and SI read: The IMA Class Rules.

- a) IMA Rule C.2.1.(a).2 applies to all boats competing in the MEC;
- (b) IMA Rules C2.2 to C2.5 apply to helmsmen competing in the MEC.

Please note that the Helmsmen rules have been “turned off” for the long distance race which is on the same course as the Tre Golfi Offshore Race. The necessary amendments have been posted to the [Online Official Notice Board](#) to clarify this change.

Consequently principally the helmsman shall be the owner. If for proper reason the owner cannot helm his or her boat a Helmsman Application Form shall be filled out for his replacement, whether this is a relative, a Group 1 substitute or the genuine full time Boat Captain. See IMA Rule C.2.2.(e): The Owner Driver may apply to be replaced by a Substitute Helm or the Boat Captain to the Helmsman Approval Panel in case of proper reason for absence or incapacity to helm. This shall happen no later than seven days in advance of the race the request applies too. Only clear emergencies rising within the seven days period will permit a shorter application interval.

For this specific event:

- The OA presumes that the owner is driving the boat in case we do not receive a

Helmsman Application Form.

- For a copy of the Helmsman Application Form please go to:

https://www.internationalmaxiassociation.com/pdf/IMA_Helmsman_form.pdf

- Please note that substitution by the boat captain or a substitute helm results in a penalty on the elapsed time:

In events where C2.1 (a)(2) is applied and in the event that an Owner Helm or Charterer Helm is unwilling or unable to steer in compliance with this Rule and is replaced for any reason by a Substitute Helm or by the Boat Captain the OA and the Class shall be notified in writing and the following penalties on the elapsed time shall apply:

- if helmed by the BOAT CAPTAIN – 1%
- if helmed by a SUBSTITUTE HELM (Group 1 competitor) -2%

Also in IMA Rule C.2.2 you will find when the owner has to be at the helm:

(a) WL races: **Owner Driver or Charterer Helm only from the preparatory signal.** After one hour a 10 minute break per hour or the equivalent is permitted. The Owner Driver or Charterer Helm shall drive the final two miles of the race. The break(s) shall take place between mark roundings and avoid clearly imminent manoeuvres (tack/gybe).

(b) Coastal Races (any non WL race up to 60 miles): **Owner Driver or Charterer Helm only from the preparatory signal.** After one hour a Relief Helm may helm up to a total of 15 minutes per hour and after four hours up to a total of 45 minutes per hour. The Owner Driver or Charterer Helm shall drive the final two miles of the race.

(c) Offshore Races (any race over 60 miles): **Owner Driver or Charterer Helm only from the preparatory signal.** After one hour no further restrictions.

(d) **At any time, so also during the first hour or the final two miles to the finish, the Owner Driver or Charterer Helm may be assisted for safety reasons** (immediate risk of collision or driver incapable to continue helming, for instance because of injury). Also permitted is a crew member holding the helm for the few seconds it takes to cross from side to side during a manoeuvre. Note: A short stop (maximum 5 minutes) for good reason (sanitary, change of clothing, etc) is permitted during the first hour, but not whilst or shortly before or after mark roundings or in the lead up to or whilst manoeuvring (tack/gybe) if such a manoeuvre clearly is imminent.

(e) The Owner Driver may apply to be replaced by a Substitute Helm or the Boat Captain to the Helmsman Approval Panel in case of proper reason for absence or incapacity to helm. This shall happen no later than seven days in advance of the race to which the request applies. Proper reason may also be a request to relax the conditions of C.2.2 a, b and c on the basis of an age limit if set at 70 or 75, whether for an individual case or for a (sub) class. Avoiding having to go in the very detail of incapacity to helm to come to a more general arrangement. Only clear emergencies arising within the seven day period will permit a shorter application interval.

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Maxi European Championship Owner Driver Substitute Declaration & Registration

In case of the owner not being able to drive his or her boat during the Maxi European Championship in full compliance with the above rules, and to keep bureaucracy to a minimum, we kindly ask the owner and his or her substitute to fill out and sign the below Substitute Helm Application.

[DP] Please be aware that non-compliance with the owner driver rules may lead to disqualification of the boat from the event.

Boat name:

Owner's name:

I hereby apply for the following Substitute Helm to replace or assist the owner driver and accept this will incur a 1% penalty on elapsed time in case of the Boat Captain replacing the owner and a 2% penalty on the elapsed time in case of a Group 1 driver not the Boat Captain replacing the owner;

Name:

- Applicant is the yacht's **Boat Captain: yes / no** *(please circle the correct answer)*

- If **not the Boat Captain**, applicants World Sailing Sailor Qualification is: **Group 1 (amateur) / Group 3 (pro)** *(please circle the correct answer)*

- The application is for: **All races of the MEC / the Tre Golfi offshore only / specific inshore race day(s): 1, 2, 3, 4** *(please circle/ give the correct answer)*

PLEASE NOTE: Pro sailors are not permitted as substitute helm. The OA may ask to provide the applicant's World Sailing Group 1 certificate. In case a substitute helm is found to be a WS Group 3 sailor or not the genuine full time Boat Captain this may lead to disqualification of the boat from the event.

Application date:

Signed by owner:

Signed by applicant:

Please return the filled out application to the race office before the close of registration.

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