32nd BLUE CUP

Program - Regulations – Race Details



28/10 - 4/11/2023

About the Blue Cup

The **Blue Cup** is a passage race, that takes place annually in the Argo-Saronic Gulf and visits Epidavros, Methana, Poros, Hydra, Ermioni, Spetses & Porto Heli. It starts always the last weekend of October and ends on the first weekend of November. The duration is 7 days and includes 4 racing days and 3 days of free sailing. Every evening, a skippers meeting takes place and the prizes of the day are awarded.

Approximately **fifty** yachts from the **Dream Yacht** fleet, participate every year in the **Blue Cup** regatta. They have the support of a 24 persons staff, including: Race Committee, Protesting Committee, Technical support team (engineer, electrician, sail maker) who assist participants during the mooring and solve any issues that might appear.

Our History



Part of the Dream Yacht Group, we were founded by Loic Bonnet in 2000. We set out right from the start to revolutionize the industry by making sailing accessible to all. We began in the Seychelles with just six boats, and have now grown to 900+ yachts in more than 50 exciting destinations worldwide including the Caribbean, Bahamas, Indian Ocean, Pacific Ocean, Asia, Americas and Europe.

By 2010, the company had entered the Caribbean, Asia, Pacific and Mediterranean. In the next three years, Dream Yacht Charter launched in the Bahamas, Annapolis, Antigua and expanded in the Grenadines. Since then, Bali, Mexico, Puerto Rico, Spain, Italy, Sweden and Montenegro have joined our list of exciting destinations.

We pioneered by the cabin charters with guaranteed departures and we now offer +25 routes across +15 destinations. We strive for constant innovation, breaking new sailing grounds to market, such as New Caledonia and Cuba. We've also introduced six ownership programs for potential yacht owners who want flexible options that suit their objectives. We offer the lowest entry price on the market.

Today Dream Yacht Charter has grown to become the world's largest charter company with +1,000 yachts in +50 destinations

In 2019, NextStage made a long-term investment in Dream Yacht Charter alongside cruise catamarans manufacturer Fountaine Pajot.

In 2023 **PPF**, the principle private financial group in Central Europe, and **Groupe Bénéteau**, world leader in yachting, who take control of Dream Yacht Group with an 87% ownership stake

This investment provides the company with a secure platform for sustainable growth.



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PROGRAM

Saturday 28/10 Embarkation and check-in. Sunday 29/10 Free sailing to Palea Epidavros: 30,00 NM 19:00: Skippers' meeting at Verdelis Inn. 20:00: Welcome dinner at Verdelis Inn (Free, including 1 bottle of wine per 4 persons) Monday 30/10 1st Leg: Palea Epidavros - Poros (VRSIS NEDA): 19,00 NM 10:00: Start of the race at Palaia Epidavros 20:30: Skippers' meeting and day's prizes will be awarded at Syngros Building Tuesday 31/10 2nd Leg: Poros – Ormos Mandraki (Hydra): 11,30 NM 09:00: Start of the race 3rd Leg: Poros – Hydra – Ermioni: 22,10 NM 20:30: Skippers meeting and prizes of the day at Ermioni's port main square. 21:00: Buffet at Ganossis Taverna (Free - drinks not included) Wednesday 1/11 4th Leg: Ermioni – Hydra 12,7 NM 10:00: Start of the race 5th Leg: Ermioni – Hydra – Soupia – Hydra 20.0 NM 20:00: Skippers' meeting and day's prizes at Melina Merkouri Hall. Thursday 2/11 6th Leg: Ermioni - Ak. Mouzaki - Ag. Emilianos : 09,00 NM 10:00: Start of the race 7th Leg: Hydra - Ak. Mouzaki - Ag. Emilianos - Porto Heli: 18,60 NM 20:00: "Team Fancy Dress" contest and day's prizes at Epavlis Resort, followed by Grand Prize Giving and farewell dinner (Free, including 1 Bottle of wine per 4 persons & soft drinks) Transportation by coaches to and from Epavlis Resort will be provided. Friday 3/11 – Saturday 4/11

Free sailing & Check-out in Alimos Marina







REGULATIONS

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY – VENUE

Dream Yacht Charter and the Sailing Club of Aghios Nikolaos "AEOLOS" are organizing the 32nd Blue Cup, which will be held from October 28th till November 4th, 2023, in the Saronic Gulf.

SECRETARIAT

The address of the secretariat and the Race Committee Office is at the Dream Yacht Charter main office at 6, Eleftherias Ave, Alimos, Tel: +30 210 9850129, e-mail: <u>charter@dychellas.gr</u>.

RULES

The event will be governed by the following rules valid in 2023:

- The W.S. Racing Rules of Sailing (R.R.S.) for 2021-2024.
- The W.S. Special Regulations Governing Offshore Racing.
- The Event is classified in Category 4 with life raft.
- VHF channels 16, 68 and 69 are mandatory.
- The International Regulations for Preventing of Collisions at Sea.
- The present Sailing Instructions and any amendments added to it.
- All boats will race under the ORC club rating rules.

In case of contact / collision between two or more boats the boat in claim is disqualified from the rest of the race. Additionally, the Protest Committee will be strict to apply rule 14 even to the right of way boat/s.

SPONSORING

The display of any advertisement of products on the participating yachts will be allowed only with the permission of the Organizing Committee.

ENTRIES

Entries are announced at the official web site of Blue Cup Regatta. The organizers reserve the right for last minute entries.

MERGING OF CLASSES

There will be **3** classes and the classification of boats participating will be distributed at the Check in of the boats.

The Race Committee reserves the right to merge the classes in accordance with the relative rules.

TIME CORRECTION SYSTEM, SCORING AND TIES

The boats will be rated under ORC Club Measurement System and "Time on Distance" scoring will be applied.

The R.R.S. Low Point System will apply according to WS Appendix A. When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores. When 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score. In case of a tie this will be solved according to the R.R.S. A8.

CHARTS AND PUBLICATIONS

The following charts are recommended: British Admiralty charts: 2682, 1657, 1038, Imray tera charts: G3, G14, G141, and G32.

The following publications are recommended: Greek Waters Pilot by Rod Heikell / Imray Laurie Norie & Wilson Ltd.

PENALTY SYSTEM

A two turns penalty will be applied to those who break a rule of Part 2 of RRS, or a rule of the International Regulations for Preventing of Collisions at Sea and one turn penalty to those who break a rule of 31 of RRS.

Decisions of the Protest Committee (penalty or disqualification) about incidents that happen at the start or during the course of Leg 2 or Leg 4 or Leg 6 are applying also to legs 3 or 5 or 7 accordingly. This rule will not apply when an alternative course sailed instead.

SIGNALS



All signals will be given from the RC boat. Visual signals govern over sound signals and those given through the VHF.

There shall be three separate starts for the three classes racing in the event. Classes will start the race according to their warning signals.

Class flags: Class flags will be:

- Class A Numeral pennant "1"
- Class B Numeral pennant "2"
- Class C Numeral pennant "3"

Warning signal: 5 minutes before each start the class flag will be displayed together with one sound signal.

Preparatory signal: 4 minutes before the start the code flag P will be displayed together with one sound signal.

One minute before the start, the code flag P is lowered together with one long sound signal.

Start: The start will be signaled by lowering the class flag, together with one sound signal. Boats starting later than 10 minutes after the starting signal shall be considered DNS.

SIGNAL	FLAG & SOUND	Minutes Before Starting Signal
Warning	Class Flag↑ (Numeral pennant: "1" or "2" or "3") One sound	-5
Preparatory	Flag "P" ↑ One sound	-4
One Minute	Flag "P"↓ One long sound	-1
Start	Class Flag↓ One sound	-0

Individual recalls: If at the starting signal any part of a yacht's hull is on the course side of the starting line (OCS), the code flag X will be displayed on the RC boat together with one long sound signal. The Race Committee will try to announce on the VHF the prematurely started boats. If the above is not feasible this does not consist ground for seeking redress. Such yacht(s) shall return to the prestart side of the starting line and start properly.

General recall: If at the starting signal there are a great number of/or unidentified prematurely started boats (OCS), the First Substitute of the International Code will be displayed on the RC boat, together with two sound signals and all yachts must return for a new start. A short time after the general recall, the First Substitute will be lowered together with one sound signal. Exactly one minute later the warning signal will be displayed for a new start procedure as described above.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CHANGES TO THE SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

CODE FLAG "L", Ashore. If it is necessary to make an announcement or any changes to these sailing instructions, the International Code Flag "L" will be hoisted on the Race Committee boat. Such alterations will be announced on VHF Channel 68. Notices and results will be posted on the notice board located at the Race Committee boat.

CODE FLAG "L", Afloat. If the Race Committee judge that the wind is not sufficient enough, in order to save the race of the day, the International Code Flag "L" will be hoisted as the "Follow me" signal and all the boats shall follow the R.C. boat to a new place of start, for a shortened course. Instructions will be given through VHF.

POSTPONEMENT FLAG (Answering pennant) Ashore. If the postponement flag is hoisted ashore along with two sound signals, there will be a postponement of the start for at least one hour. Announcement shall be given through VHF as well.

ABANDONMENT OF A RACE

In case of lack of wind or heavy winds the Race Committee may decide to abandon a race that has already been started. In this case code flag "N" will be hoisted, along with three sound signals, on the Race Committee boat and an according announcement shall be given through VHF.

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SHORTEN COURSES

The Race Committee reserve the right to shorten the day's course in any gate mentioned. In this case code flag "S" will be hoisted, along with two sound signals. The time limits for the shortened courses are the same as the complete courses. Additionally, the Race Committee reserves the right to start a new race from that gate to the rest of the announced course. In this case the time limits for the new course will be changed accordingly.

RECORDIND TIMES AT GATES

The Race Committee will record the times for each boat passing through a gate, that is not a finishing line or a shorten course was given. These times will be used as finished times of the Race, in case of no boat finished the complete race, or the race is abandoned before the first boat passing the finishing line of complete course, or as finished time of each boat not finished the complete course (in this case the boat shall be scored for the places of the last boat scored for the complete race plus two up to DNF. This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A4

RACE COMMITTEE POSITION DURING START & FINISH

According to prevailing weather conditions it may be necessary to place the "RC" flag and the blue flag from the RC boat on land. The buoys will remain as described. The drawings of this booklet showing the start / Finishing Lines are indicative. The position of the RC boat and the buoy might be otherwise.

COMMUNICATION

All yachts are instructed to switch to VHF channel 68, which will be used by the Race Committee for starting and finishing procedures. The RC will listen on VHF channel 68. Communication on channels 16 and 6 will only be allowed for emergency reasons. Information will only be given by the visual signals or written notice or orally on the water using VHF channel 68. In case of traffic on channel 68, channel 69 will be used alternatively after an announcement through VHF.

Code Flag "V"

When the race committee displays flag V with one sound, all boats and official and support vessels shall, if possible, monitor the race committee communication channel (68) for search and rescue instructions.

ENGINES

Engines shall be turned off before the Preparatory Signal (-4 minutes). Any use of the boat's engine (battery charging, refrigerator cooling, propulsion to avoid collision, etc.) shall be noted to the Race Committee during the race or right after the boat crosses the Finish Line.

RETIREMENT

When a yacht retiring from a race for any reason, the skipper of the boat shall inform the Race Committee as soon as possible through the VHF channel 68 or through mobile phone numbers

DRONES

Flying devices should not be used by the competitors during racing (RRS 41 "Outside Help"). The Protest Committee will apply a penalty or disqualify the boat that uses it.

Tracking System

All participating yachts will be equipped with a tracking device. The Protest committee will apply a penalty or disqualify the yacht that disconnects it.

ENTRY DISCLAIMER - RESPONSIBILITY

All boats participating in the 32nd Blue Cup 2023 do so under their own risk and responsibility. All skippers shall complete and sign the Official Statement requested by the Coast Guard

Dream Yacht Charter, the Organizing Committee, The Protest Committee, the Race Committee and any other person or body involved in the organization of the event expressly reject any responsibility for material or personal damages that may occur as a consequence of the participation in the races covered by this Notice of Race and Sailing Instructions.

Attention is drawn to Fundamental Rule **3**, "Decision to Race", RRS Part 1, which establishes: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue *racing* is hers alone.".

CREW LIST

The skippers of the participating boats must submit a crew list with the full names of all persons aboard, until **October 15**, 2023, at 16:00 hours at the secretariat of the D.Y.C.

Changes in the crew composition are permitted, provided that the Race Committee is advised in writing,

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not later than one hour before the start of every race. For safety and responsibility reasons concerning the person in charge of a boat and the Race Committee, the identification of a wrong or inadequate crew may disqualify the boat in the particular race.

INSURANCE

All participating boats in the 32nd Blue Cup shall have third party insurance cover.

ALL YACHTS MUST DISPLAY

- The Blue Cup pennant from the port spreader.
- Their race number on bow rails. Both will be provided at the check-in or at the Skippers' meeting.

RESTRICTIONS-SAFETY PRECAUTION

All yachts must race with their standard charter sails provided by the Dream Yacht Charter sail inventory. Spinnakers, spinnaker and whisker (a spar attached to the mast and connected to a headsail clew) poles **are not** allowed on the Blue Cup, according to RRS 55.3 "No sail shall be sheeted over or through any device that exerts outward pressure on a sheet or clew of a sail at a point from which, with the boat upright, a vertical line would fall outside the hull or deck,

Attention is drawn also to RRS 42 and specially RRS42.2 "Prohibited Actions" and RRS 49.2 "Crew Position, Lifelines."

During the race all boats must have their anchors stored in their anchor lockers. Failing to comply with this instruction may result in disqualification of the boat.

PROTEST REQUIREMENTS

Display the Red Flag at the time of incident until no longer racing, inform the protestee at the first reasonable opportunity (may use the VHF Channel 68), inform the Race Committee at the Finishing Line, complete and deliver the protest (in writing) at the Race Committee Boat within two hours after the last boat in the race finishes.

SAILS

Please take care of your sails. If the wind is strong, please remember to reef early, in accordance with good seamanship in the prevailing conditions. Although we are able to repair minor sail damage, such as re-stitching split seams, we have no facilities during the event to repair more serious damage than this. Sails damaged beyond repair during the event will not be replaced, so please bear this in mind and race within the capabilities of your yacht's rig. Please do not carry full sail in strong winds!

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any changes to the sailing instructions will be given by written notice to the competitors. Oral changes may be given only on the water through the VHF (channel 68)

Concerning the racing legs, the written description is precise, whereas the diagrams and pictures are indicative.

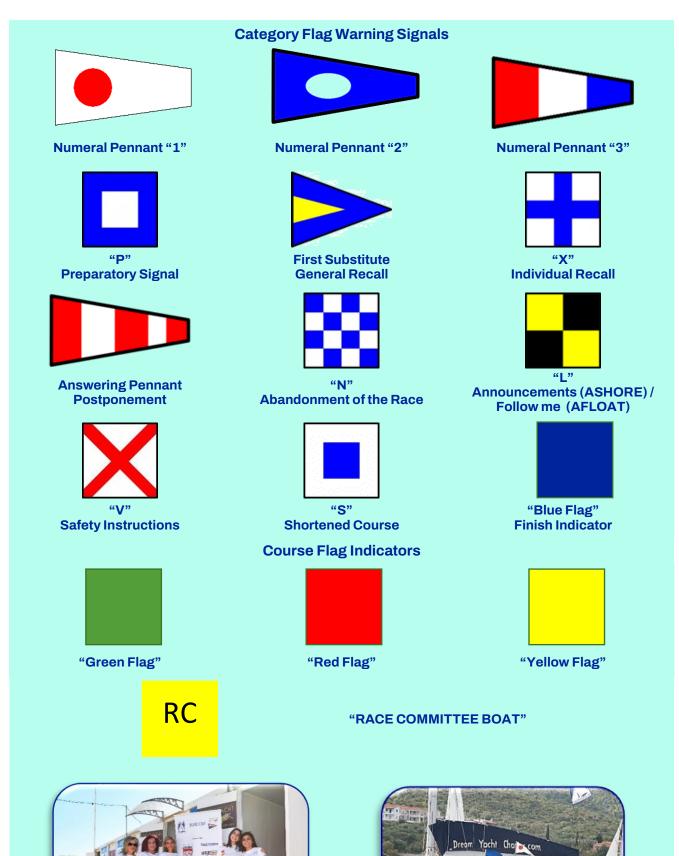
TROPHIES AND PRIZES

- The prize for the 1st overall winner is one-week free charter on a 4-cabin monohull yacht at any base of Dream Yacht Charter (depending on the availability and excluding the high season period.).
- Cups will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd winner of each class,
- Cups will be awarded to the first winner of each class for every individual race.
- A diploma will be awarded to all crewmembers of the participating boats.
- Award will be given for the winners of the" Fancy Dress Contest"

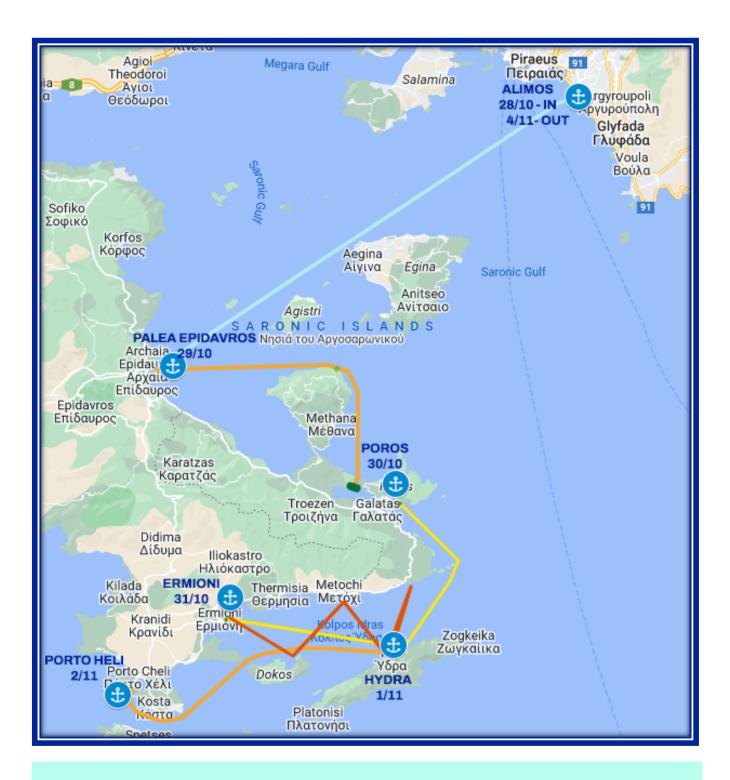




FLAGS USED BY THE RACING COMMITTEE



THE ROUTE





Palea Epidavros

Hydra

Poros

Monday 30/10/2023 1st Leg: Palea Epidavros – Poros (VRSIS NEDA)

Starting signal: 10:00 Distance: 19,00 NM Time Limit: 7 hours

Starting line: Between the "RC" flag on the Race Committee boat marking the starboard side and a buoy marking the port side.

Course: Palea Epidavros, through a gate at Akra (cape) Aghios Georgios (between a buoy and the "RC" either on the race committee boat or on land), finish at Akra Neda.

Finishing line: Between the Blue Flag on the RC boat located north of the cove opposite of Akra Neda and the light of Akra Neda.

Shortened course: In case of lack of wind during the race, the course will be shortened at the "gate" in Aghios Georgios. The Finishing Line will be between the RC boat hoisting a blue flag together with the "S" flag and a buoy. The time limits remain unchanged.







Start Palea Epidavros

Gate Aghios Georgios

Finish Poros



Monday 30/10/2023 1st Alternative Leg: Ag. Georgios - Moni – Ag. Georgios - Poros

Distance: 14,00 NM Time Limit: 5 hours

Starting line: Between the "RC" flag on the Race Committee boat on the port side and a buoy marking the starboard side of the starting line. The R C Boat will display a **Red flag** at the warning signal.

Course: Aghios Georgios leaving the mark (which is close to Moni) to Starboard, passing through the gate at Aghios Georgios, finish at Akra Neda, at the entrance of Poros. **Finishing Line:** Between the Blue Flag on the RC boat located north of the cove opposite of Akra Neda and the light of Akra Neda.



Aghios Georgios (Methana) - Poros

Start Gate Aghios Georgios



Start line Aghios Georgios





Sailing to Poros

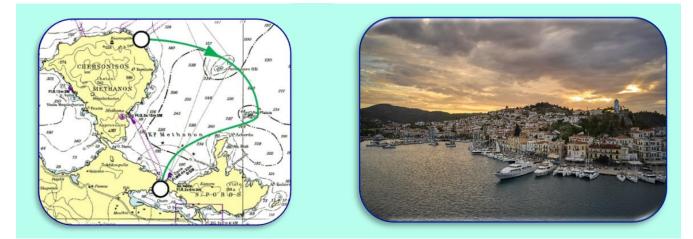
Monday 30/10/2023 2nd Alternative Leg: Aghios Georgios (Methana) – N. Plateia - Poros

Distance 11,50 NM Time Limit: 5 hours

Starting line: Between the "RC" flag on the Race Committee boat on the starboard side and a buoy marking the port side of the starting line. The R C Boat will display a **Green flag** at the warning signal

Course: Aghios Georgios, leaving a mark (which is close to Ns Plateia) to Starboard, finish at Akra Neda.

Finishing line: Between the Blue Flag on the RC boat located north of the cove opposite of Akra Neda and the light of Akra Neda.



Alternative Leg Inshore triangular races at Poros:

Distance: 9,00 NM Time limit: 4 hours

Starting Line: Between the "RC" flag on the RC boat lying at the North East side of Ormos Porou (port side of the starting line) and a buoy (starboard side) The R C Boat will display a **Yellow** flag

Course: Ormos Porou, leaving Modhi island and the rocks North of it to starboard, a buoy at Ak. Kryoneri to starboard, sailing back to the starting line at Ormos Porou **Finishing Line:** Between the "RC" flag on the RC boat (starboard side) and a buoy (port side) lying at the North East side of Ormos Porou.



Start / Finish Poros



Triangular race at Poros

Tuesday 31/10/2023 2nd Leg: Poros – Mandraki (Hydra)

Starting signal: 09:00 Distance: 11,30 NM Time Limit: 5 hours

Starting Line: Between the "RC" flag on the RC boat located at the North East side of Ormos Porou (port side of the starting line) and a buoy (starboard side).

Course: Start at Ormos Porou, leaving both Tselevinia rocks to starboard, Finish at Ormos Mandraki.

Finishing Line: Between the "**Blue**" flag on Fort of Mandraki and a buoy approximately 150 m north of it (starboard side).





Start Poros



Poros – Mandraki (Hydra)



Sailing to Ermioni



Mandraki Gate / Finish / Start



Finish Ermioni

Tuesday 31/10/2023 3rd Leg: Poros - Hydra - Ermioni

Starting signal: 09:00 Distance: 22,10 NM Time Limit: 8,5 hours

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Starting Line: Between the "RC" flag on the RC boat located at the North East side of Ormos Porou (port side of the starting line) and a buoy (starboard side).

Course: Start at Ormos Porou, leaving both Tselevinia rocks to starboard, through the Gate at Mandraki - Hydra (Finish of the 2nd Leg), straight to Ermioni

Finishing Line: In the approach to Ermioni port close to Cape Kastri between the blue flag on the RC boat (port side) anchored close to the mainland and a buoy (starboard side) due north of the RC boat.

Abandon 3rd Race at Mandraki: When flag "S" hoisted at Mandraki Gate the 3rd race is abandoned. Boats shall wait at the area for a new signal from the Race Committee Boat **Start a new race 3rd**:

The Race committee may start a new race from Mandraki, with the following course: Sailing straight to Finishing Line at Ermioni

In this case the Starting Line will be between the "RC" flag on the RC boat and a buoy. The time limit for the new race will be 3,5 hours



Poros – Marndraki - Ermioni



Wednesday 1/11/2023 4th Leg: Ermioni – Hydra

Starting signal: 10:00 Distance: 12,70 NM Time Limit: 5 hours

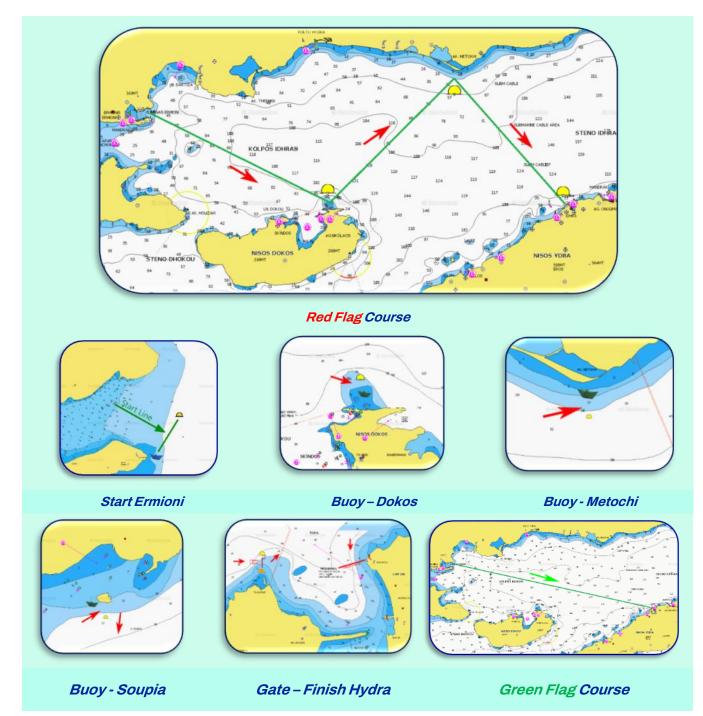
Starting Line: Between a buoy and the RC flag on the RC boat located outside Ermioni Bay. **Course:** Red flag: Start, leaving a buoy at Dokos Island to port, through a gate (between a buoy and RC boat) at Metochi, straight to finishing line at Hydra main Port. The RC may shorten the course at the Gate of Metochi.

Green flag: Ermioni straight to finishing line at Hydra.

Finishing Line: Between a buoy and the blue flag on the island at the west entrance of the port of Hydra. An orange buoy close to the coast will arrange the width of the finishing line due to shallow waters.

Alternative Course:.

The committee might decide to replace the 4th and 5th Legs with an inshore triangular race(s) at Ermioni (see page 16)



Wednesday 1/11/2023 5th Leg: Ermioni - Hydra – Soupia - Hydra

Starting signal: 10:00 Distance: 20,00 NM Time Limit: 7 hours

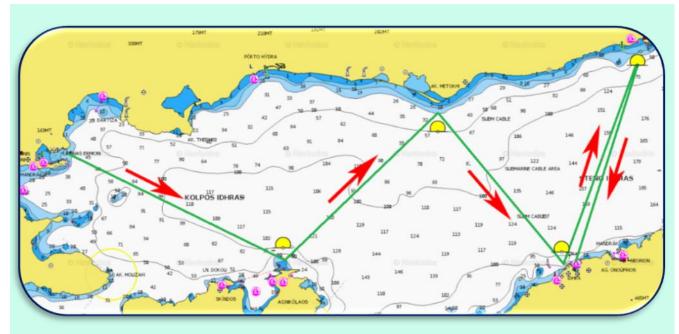
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Starting Line: Between a buoy and the RC flag on the RC boat located outside Ermioni Bay. **Course: Red Flag:** Start, leaving a buoy at Dokos Island to port, through the gate (between a buoy and RC boat) at Metochi, straight to the gate at Hydra main Port (Finishing line of 4th Leg) leaving Soupia buoy on starboard, straight to finishing line at Hydra port.

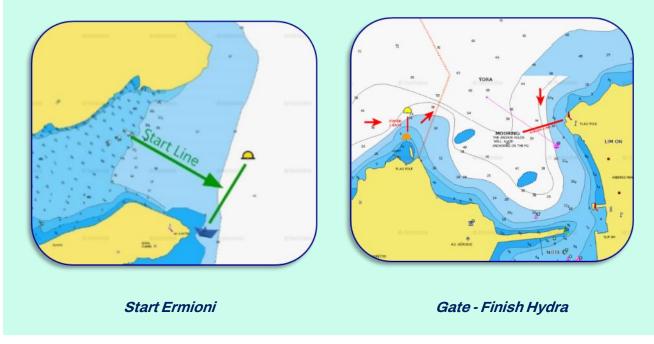
Green Flag: Start, straight to the gate at Hydra main Port (Finishing line of 4th Leg) leaving Soupia buoy on starboard, straight to finishing line at Hydra port.

Finishing Line: Between the red light at the entrance of the bay of Hydra port and the blue flat at flag pole on the west side of the entrance of the bay.

Abandon 5th Race at Hydra gate: When flag "S" hoisted at Hydra Gate at the finishing of 4th Leg, the 5th race is abandoned.



Red Flag Course



Wednesday 1/11/2023 Alternative legs

4th & 5th Leg: Inshore triangular race at Ermioni

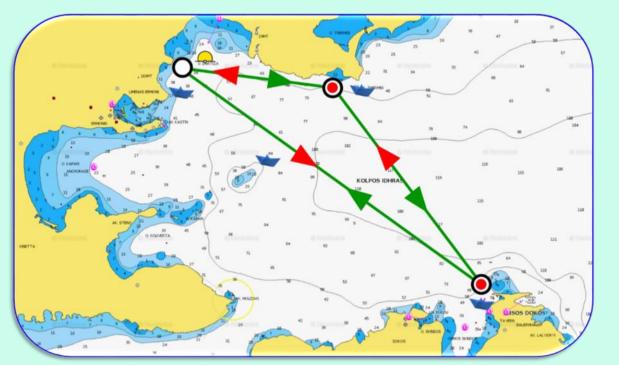
Starting signal: 4th Leg: 10:00 5th Leg: A.S.A.P. after the finish of the 4th Leg Distance: 9,40 NM Time Limit: 4 hours

Starting Line: In Ormos Dartiza (cove) between the "RC" flag on the Race Committee boat at starboard and the orange buoy marking the port side end of the starting line. The "RC" boat will display Yellow Flag together with Red or Green Flag.

Course: 1) RED flag at the start: Due South, leaving the committee boat at Ns. Kapari with red flag to starboard, a buoy in Ormos Skinthos in Dokos Island to port, leaving buoy at Ak Thermisi to port, sailing back to Dartiza cove at the finish.

Course: 2) GREEN flag at the start: Due East, leaving buoy at Ak. Thermisi to starboard, leaving a buoy in Ormos Skinthos in Dokos Island to starboard, leaving the committee boat at Ns Kapari with red flag to port, sailing back to Dartiza cove at the finish

Finishing Line: Between the Blue flag on the Race Committee boat and a buoy located 100 meters of the RC boat.



Triangular Races Ermioni



Committee Boat

Start / Finish Ermioni

Dinghy Race

Thursday 2/11/2023 7th Leg: Hydra – Akra Mouzaki – Ag Aimilianos - Porto Heli.

Starting signal: 10:00 Distance: 18,60 NM Time Limit: 7 hours

Starting Line: Between a buoy and the "RC" flag on the Race Committee boat at the west entrance of Hydra port.

Course: Red Flag: Hydra leaving Dokos Island to Port, through the gate at Akra Mouzaki, through a gate at Ag. Emilianos (between the "RC" flag on the race committee boat and a buoy approx. 150 m from it), straight to finish line at Porto Heli. See page 17

Finishing Line: Between a buoy and the blue flag on the Race Committee boat to the southern entrance to Porto Heli Bay. The width of the finishing line will be approx. 100 m.

ALTERNATIVE COURSE

Starting signal: 10:00 Distance: 17,80 NM Time Limit: 6 hours

Green Flag: Hydra, leaving Dokos Island to starboard, through the gate at Ag. Emilianos (between the "RC" flag on the race committee boat and a buoy approx. 150 m from it), straight to finish line at Porto Heli.



Green Flag course



Gate Ag. Emilianos

Finish Porto Heli

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