

1st INTERNATIONAL MEDITERRANEAN YACHT CHAMPIONSHIP

1st -5th MAY SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

RACE COMMITTEE

Date :1st MAY 2024 Time: 1600 hrs (local)

ORGANISING AUTHORITY

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Official Notice Board

Notice: This electronic notice board is the Official Notice Board (ONB) for this regatta.

Regatta officials are using a web-based program to assist with the management of this regatta. It provides electronic forms for such actions as scoring inquiries, protests, equipment substitutions, etc. And it provides for electronic communication with competitors if competitors have provided an email address. Competitors will be notified electronically of protest time limits, confirmation of a protest filing, scheduled hearing times, etc. This electronic system allows competitors to move freely about the event and remain in contact with relevant officials. And all competitors have electronic access to the scoring inquiries, jury decisions, etc.

<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/8347/event>

- *[NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests or redress by a boat. This changes RRS*

60.1(a) and RRS 62.1(a).

1. RULES

- 1.1. The "Rules" as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing [RRS] (2021 - 2024).
- 1.2. The World Sailing Regulation 20 (Advertising Code).
- 1.3. The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2024 (OSR)
- 1.4. IRC Rules 2024, Parts A, B, C.
- 1.5. No national authority prescriptions shall apply.
- 1.6. Only for T.C. Citizens, TYF Sporcu Lisans, Tescil, Vize ve Transfer Talimatı, Disiplin Suçları ve Cezaları Talimatı. These prescriptions shall not apply to foreign competitors.
- 1.7. The official language of the event shall be English. If there is a conflict between texts, the English text shall take precedence.
- 1.8. If there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions and their amendments shall take precedence. (This changes RRS 63.7).
- 1.9. The organizing authority or the race committee may reject or cancel the entry of a boat or exclude a competitor, provided it does so before the start of the first race and states the reason for doing so (RRS 76.1).
- 1.10. Decisions of the international jury shall be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

2. [NP] RACE CATEGORY

- 2.1. Race category will be OSR App. B

3. [NP] NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 3.1. All notices will be displayed on the official electronic notice board.
- 3.2. Notices will also be sent via email in the address that is indicated on the registration form. Failure or delay to email the notice will not be ground for request for redress by a boat. (This changes RRS 62.1(a)).
- 3.3. It is the competitors' own responsibility to check and access the official Notice Board regularly.

4. VHF RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 4.1. It is mandatory to have a VHF marine radio and to keep it on during the races.
- 4.2. All boats should listen to:
- 4.2.(a). And VHF Channel 16 and Channel 71 for all boats.
- 4.3. [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and data transfers.

5. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official Notice Board at least two hours before the first scheduled warning signal on the day it will take the effect.
- 5.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2100 (local) hrs. on the day before it will take effect.
- 5.3. [NP] Verbal changes may be given only on the water. The race committee will make the necessary changes before the warning signals and will announce these changes by VHF Ch.71 (RRS 90.2c).

6. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagpole located in front of the MIYC.
- 6.2. If flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal for the first division(s) will not be made less than thirty (30) minutes after the AP is removed. (This changes Race Signal AP).

7. [NP] SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1. The schedules of races are shown in the Attachment #1.
- 7.2. On the last day of the regatta, (5th May 2024), no warning signal for the first division(s) will be made after 1430 (local) hrs. except after a general recall of a division of which first warning signal had been given before 1430 (local) hrs. If the warning signal of the first division(s) has been made before 1430 (local) hrs. the warning signal(s) of the other division(s) may be made after 1430 (local) hrs.

8. [NP] DIVISIONS AND DIVISION PENNANTS / WARNING SIGNAL FLAGS

- 8.1. IRC class may be divided in division(s), based on each boat's IRC/TCC (No Spinnaker) Rating. The OA's decision about class and divisions separation will be announced and cannot be altered or open to discussion.
- 8.2. [DP] All competing boats will be identified by the colour of their division pennant / warning signal flags, as shown in the attachment #3; division pennant shall be displayed on the backstay. If there is no backstay on the boat, division pennant shall be displayed on the appropriate and best visible place at the backside of the boat.
- 8.3. [DP] All competing boats shall display the allocated numbers and stickers on both side of their hull throughout the event.
- 8.4. [DP] The Sponsor flags shall be displayed to spreaders or shrouds.
- 8.5. The locations of the flags/pennant and hull numbers are shown in the Attachment #3
- 8.6. [DP] With the exception of the division pennant and a protest flag (when necessary), no other flags (including national flag) shall be flown on the backstay during any race.
- 8.7. It is not mandatory to have national letters and numbers on the sails. (This changes RRS 77.)
- 8.8. When a boat is retired from the race, she shall remove the division pennant (no longer racing) and display her national flag.

9. [NP] COURSES

- 9.1. The courses to be applied will be specified on the racecourse cards.
- 9.2. The Race Committee will apply one of the courses specified in the Course Cards depending on the wind conditions.
- 9.3. No later than the warning signal the RC will display the appropriate course code flag on the race committee vessel and announce the approximate compass bearing of mark#1 via VHF Ch.71. Failure to receive the announcement shall not be grounds for a request for redress. (This changes RRS 62.1(a)).
- 9.4. The courses shown and mark locations are approximate and shall not be grounds for a request for redress. (This changes RRS 62.1(a)).
- 9.5. If one of the gate buoys is not in place for any reason, the only available buoy will be left at the port side and returned.
- 9.6. The distances given for the courses are only to give an idea and cannot be used in calculations. The fact that the distances are less or more than the declared ones cannot be a reason for a correction request.

10. MARKS

- 10.1. Inflatable yellow and/or orange buoys will be used for rounding marks as shown at the Course Cards.
- 10.2. RC vessels, inflatable bouys will be used as starting and finishing marks as shown at the course cards.
- 10.3. [NP] Presence or absence of numbers and shapes/colours of the marks shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

11. [NP]THE START

- 11.1. Races will be started according to RRS 26.
- 11.2. The order of the starts for all races will be announced in the attachment.
- 11.3. The starting line shall be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee starting vessel at the starboard end and the course side of a starting mark at the port end.
- 11.4. [DP] Before the first warning signal for the day all boats shall sail close to the race committee vessel for their division number/ hull (sticker) numbers to be recorded.
- 11.5. [DP] All boats shall keep at least one hundred (100) meters clear from the starting line until their warning signal.
- 11.6. A boat that does not start within ten (10) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This time limit includes the OCS boats as well. (This changes RRS 5.1 and 5.2).

12. RECALLS

- 12.1. After signalling an individual recall, the race committee will attempt to broadcast the sail number, bow number or name of boat that has not started and is identified as OCS on VHF Ch.71.
- 12.2. General Recalls will also be announced on VHF Ch.71.
- 12.3. Such a broadcast does not constitute an outside help and the failure or delay to broadcast shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 12.4. Receiving or not receiving the Race Committee announcements via radio shall not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

13. [NP] CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 13.1. To change the next leg of the course, the race committee shall lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 13.2. For course 1, 1E and 5: If mark 1 is replaced by a new mark, mark 1A will not be replaced and will no longer be a mark of the course for boats after rounding the new mark. The new mark will be a red buoy.”

14. [NP] FINISH

- 14.1. The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a blue flag on the race committee finishing vessel and the course side of a finishing mark, on opposite side (inflatable bouy).
- 14.2. Code flag “T (TANGO)” displayed on the RC finishing vessel means another race will be sailed as soon as practicable after that race. RC may also use VHF to communicate this decision.
- 14.3. [DP] After finishing, the boats shall keep clear from the finishing line.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1. [DP] Boats retiring for any reason from any race shall report to the race committee as soon as possible.
- 15.2. [DP] Any use of the engine for rescuing people, giving help or any other reason shall be reported after arrival ashore to the race committee in writing, stating reasons including the times of starting and stopping the engine.
- 15.3. [NP] In condition of a wind of more than twenty-five (25) knots speed or a risk on life and property safety, the race committee may not start the race or may shorten the course or abandon the race. This shall not be ground for a request for redress. (These changes 62.1(a))
- 15.4. [DP] All boats shall carry appropriate anchor and chain/rope during the races. However, the anchors shall not be carried on the stem head but shall be stowed inside the chain locker or in a proper place on board between the first warning signal and the finish.

16. [NP]TIME LIMITS

- 16.1. Time limits will be shown on the Course Cards.
- 16.2. Finishing Time Range; If a boat has not finished within twenty (20) minutes after the leading boat in her group has completed the course of the race in accordance with the rules, she will be scored as TLE (time limit expired) by the Race Committee without a hearing. A boat scored TLE shall be points equal as DNF. (This changes RRS 35, A5.1, A5.2 and A10.)
- 16.3. When race committee is convinced that no boat will finish within the time limit for their divisions, the race committee reserves the right to extend the time limits before they have expired. All competing boats will be informed by the race committee via VHF Ch.71. This shall not be ground for a request for redress. (This changes RRS 35 and 62.1(a)).

17. HEARING REQUESTS

- 17.1. Only the owner of the boat or the person in charge can lodge a hearing request.
- 17.2. A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat(s) at the first reasonable opportunity (as soon as possible) as follows:
- 17.2.(a). When the protest concerns an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees, she shall:
- Hail "PROTEST".
 - Conspicuously display a protest (red) flag on the backstay. If there is no backstay on the boat, protest flag shall be displayed at the port shrouds under the lowest spreader. She shall display the flag until she is no longer racing, also observing the provision that follows below.
 - After finishing she shall inform the race committee at the finishing line by VHF Ch.71 about the hull number(s) of the protestee(s) and keep the protest flag displayed until acknowledged by the Race Committee finishing vessel.
 - It is not necessary to inform the race committee at the time of the incident of the intention to protest.**
- 17.2.(b). When protesting for any other reason, she shall inform the other boat(s) immediately after coming ashore.
- 17.3. A boat that intends to protest but couldn't continue and finish the race or retires, must inform the race committee finishing vessel by VHF Ch.71 as soon as possible.
- 17.4. Hearing request shall be lodged only online using the official electronic notice board.
- 17.5. The hearing request shall be lodged there within the protest time limit, and the fee shall be paid before the hearing or thirty minutes (30) after the end of the protest time limit whichever is earlier.
- 17.5.(a). The protest time limit shall be thirty (30) minutes after the race committee vessel has arrived at the Marina.
- 17.6. Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes after the end of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witness. Protest hearings will be held in the Race Office. Notices of protests by the race committee, technical committee or international jury will be posted within the protest time limit to inform boats as stated in rule RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.7. On the last day of the racing, the reopening time limit is no later than fifteen (15) minutes after the party to the hearing has been informed of the decision (This changes RRS 66).
- 17.8. The fee for a hearing request is EUR 100. The fee shall be paid in cash before protest time limit (except OA, RC, TC and/or IJ protests), which will be returned if the protest is upheld, or redress is granted or the IJ allows the protest to be withdrawn.
- 17.9. Protests concerning class rules: Both parties (except OA, RC, TC and/or IJ protests) shall deposit at the race office amounts, covering all expenses, related to hauling out of the boat to be measured, marina dry dock expenses and all expenses related to measurement cost, such as measurer fees, lifting and/or renewed certificate fees in advance. The successful party will be reimbursed.
- 17.10. All hearing requests shall be written in English. Parties to hearings who do not speak English shall bring their own interpreters. The responsibility for correctness of translation is their own.

18. SCORING AND PRIZES

- 18.1. Ranking: In all races, the ranking of a boat will be derived from her corrected time (ascending) after the penalties (if any) are applied.
- 18.2. IRC Ratings will be used to calculate the corrected times using Time-on-Time scoring.
- 18.3. TCC value on IRC certificate will be used. TCC (No Spinnaker) value will not be used.
- 18.4. Each division will have a separate scoring.
- 18.5. Scoring will be based on the number of accepted entries.
- 18.6. Scoring: See NOR article 14
- 18.7. Prizes : See NOR article 21

19. [NP] DECLARATIONS

- 19.1. [DP] Boats retiring for any reason in any race shall report to the race committee via VHF as soon as possible. In addition, the retiring boat shall complete the Retirement Declaration Form ashore within the protest time limit.
- 19.2. Boats, which made One-Turn Penalty or Two-Turns Penalty, shall make an appropriate declaration online using the official electronic notice board, within the protest time limit. Failure to declare this will mean that the boat did not make the penalty turn(s). (This changes RRS 44.2)

20. CREW LIMITATION

- 20.1. The boat skipper, declared in the Entry form, cannot race on another boat. The penalty for infringing this rule shall be disqualification (DSQ) for both boats (owned and raced with) by the International Jury.

21. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 21.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Technical Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity using the official electronic notice board.
- 21.2. [DP] No participating boat is allowed to have more than two main sails only to be substituted in case the first one is damaged during a race. In this case, the boat shall inform the race committee by VHF Ch.71 shall make a written statement as soon as they reach the shore and show their damaged main sail to the technical committee.
- 21.3. Boats with furling headsail credit in their rating certificate shall not use any other headsail (except storm and heavy weather jib).

22. MEASUREMENT & CONTROL

- 22.1. A team provided by MIYC will carry out the measurements if needed.
- 22.2. The Technical Committee may inspect a boat or its equipment at any time for compliance with related rules and Sailing Instructions even without a protest. On the water or after arriving at the marina, a boat may be instructed by the measurer, including by VHF Ch.71, to proceed immediately for inspection.
- 22.3. The owner of the boat and any other person charge is responsible for keeping his/her boat in the condition in which she was measured. Whether protested or not, if during the control of a boat, the TCC value is found to differ from the value in the certificate by more than allowed by the rules, the penalty for infringing this rule may be less than DSQ at the discretion of the International Jury.

23. [NP] RACE COMMITTEE VESSELS

- 23.1. The Race committee vessel and other official boats will display "RC" flags. Absence of RC flags shall not be grounds for a request redress. (This changes RRS 62.1(a)).
- 23.2. Vessels used by press, photographers, film crews, VIPs etc. are not under the jurisdiction of the RC. Any action by these vessels shall not be grounds for request for redress by competitors. (This changes RRS 62.1(a)).
- 23.3. The race committee vessel may use engine to keep its position at the starting and finishing lines because of weather conditions and/or technical reasons. This shall not be ground for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)).

24. [NP] TRASH DISPOSAL

- 24.1. [DP] Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water.

25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 25.1. Sailing races can be dangerous. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk.
- 25.2. RRS 3 Decision to Race states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."
- 25.3. Marmaris International Yacht Club, the organizing authority of these races, its representatives, sponsors, race and technical committee and international jury are not responsible for any loss, damage, death, or personal injury, taking place directly or indirectly as a result of the races. In particular, the owners of the boat and her crew should accept the following responsibilities: The responsibility for the crew (insurance included), the seaworthiness of the boats, the safe navigation. The decisions to start the race and to continue the race belong solely to the person in charge of the boat.
- 25.4. Each competitor and boat owner agrees to be governed by the rules, to accept the penalties imposed and other action taken under the rules, subject to the appeal and review procedures provided in them, as the final determination of any matter arising under the rules and with respect to such determination, not to resort to any court or other tribunal not provided by the rules.
- 25.5. According to this responsibility, owners or persons in charge shall instruct their crews and support persons before the start of the race. Each boat shall accept above responsibilities upon signing of the entry form.

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