

CROATIAN OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS - MOTH CLASS
May 12-14, 2023 , SPLIT, CROATIA

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. RULES

- 1.1. The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in NoR;
- 1.2. RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42, will apply;
- 1.3. No National Authority Prescriptions will apply.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the online official notice board at this link:
<https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/6252/event?name=moth-nationals>
- 2.2. WhatsApp Group for participants - The OA, the RC and the Jury will use it to communicate unofficially during the event, please note that this group will not replace the official notice board, and it should be considered like an augmented PA system. Link to join this group will be posted on online ONB.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not less than two hours before the scheduled warning signal on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the timing of races, will be posted within the protest time limit the day before it shall take effect.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

Signals made ashore will be displayed at the official flagpole located at the Sailing Club.

5. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

- 5.1. Friday 12.05.2023. - Warning signal not before 13h
- 5.2. Saturday 24.09.2022. - Warning signal not before 12h (may be changed)
- 5.3. Sunday 25.09.2022. - Warning signal not before 12h (may be changed)
- 5.4. Prize giving ceremony Sunday ASAP after last race.

6. CLASS FLAGS

The Class flag will be a SAILING CLUB SPLIT flag.

7. THE COURSE

Attachment shows the course to be sailed, the order in which the marks are to be passed.

8. MARKS

- 8.1. Mark 1, Mark 2p & 2s (gate) will be inflatable red cylindrical buoys.
- 8.2. Starting mark will be inflatable yellow cylindrical buoy.
- 8.3. The starting line will be between mast displaying an orange flags on the Race Committee Signal boat and the starting mark.
- 8.4. A boat starting later than four minutes after her starting signal shall be scored Did Not Start. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 8.5. To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the orange starting line flag will be displayed with ONE sound signal not less than TWO minutes before the warning signal is displayed.

9. CHANGE OF COURSE

There will be no changes of course

10. THE FINISH

- 10.1. The finishing line will be between the mast displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee signal boat and Mark 2p which must be taken to port when finishing.
- 10.2. When the leading boat completes the course and finishes, all boats that cross the finishing line within the finishing window time after the leading boat has finished shall be deemed to have finished irrespective of the number of laps completed. Their position in the race will be taken from their finishing order and the number of laps completed with those having the most laps finishing ahead of those with fewer laps. This changes RRS 28.1 and A4

11. TIME LIMITS

- 11.1. Time limit for the first boat in each race will be 60 minutes with a target time of 30 minutes.
- 11.2. The finishing time window is 15 minutes from the time the first boat finishes.
- 11.3. Boats failing to finish one lap within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes shall be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5

12. PENALTY SYSTEM

Rule 44.1 and Appendix P2.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by a 270- degree penalty, consisting of one gybe when on an upwind leg, or one tack when on a downwind.

13. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 13.1. Protest forms are available on the official notice board. Protests and requests for redress or reopening shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 13.2. The protest time limit shall be posted on the jury notice board located at the Race Office. The protest time limit will be 60 minutes after the last boat of each fleet has finished the last race of the day or the race committee signals no more racing today, whichever is later. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and jury about incidents they observe in the racing area. This time limit also applies to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 13.3. Notices will be posted within 15 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearing's location will be advised when hearing details are posted. Hearings may start before the scheduled time with the agreement of all parties.
- 13.4. The race committee or jury intending to protest a boat under RRS 60.2 or 60.3 will comply with RRS 61.1(b) by informing her by posting a notice before the end of the protest time limit.

14. SCORING

Scoring will be as per NoR 10.

15. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [DP] [NP]

- 15.1. All boats may be inspected for class rules compliance prior to racing.
- 15.2. A boat shall not change its rudder or dagger board or the T-foils on them whilst afloat. The change may only be made in the launching area. A boat wishing to change foils shall sail to the launching area and back without help. In case of breakage, assistance to get to and from the launching area is allowed. It is also allowed to get replacement equipment brought from the boat park or launching area;

15.3. It is only allowed to use 2 sets of the following equipment during the regatta: Sail, mast, boom, rudder with foil, daggerboard with foil. In case of breakage, it is allowed to replace broken equipment;

15.4. Attention is drawn to International Moth Class Rule 3.6 that states: "It is the competitor's responsibility to ensure that their boat, spars, sails and equipment comply with the rules when racing. Alterations and replacement shall be measured, when relevant, by a measurer recognized by the National Authority or its delegated representative (National Association), who will, if necessary, endorse the measurement certificate accordingly, and shall notify the National Authority or its delegated representative where this would apply".

16. RUBBISH DISPOSAL [DP][NP]

As sailors, we seek to protect and restore our oceans and coastal waters. Boats shall not intentionally put trash in the water. Trash may be placed aboard support and race committee boats. The penalty for breaking RRS 55 is at the discretion of the Jury and may be less than disqualification.

17. RADIO COMMUNICATION [DP] [NP]

As per NoR 11.

18. PRIZES

Prizes will be as per NoR 26.

19. RISK STATEMENT

Rule 3 of the Racing Rules of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore inherently involves an element of risk. By taking part in the event, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that: They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves, their crew and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their crew, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omission. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats and other officials and volunteers by the event organizer does not relieve them of their own responsibilities. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

It is their responsibility to familiarize themselves with any risks specific to this venue or this event drawn to their attention in any rules and information produced for the event and to attend any safety briefing held for this event.

20. INSURANCE

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party liability insurance.

ATTACHMENT – COURSE

START – 1 – 2S/2P – 1 – 2P – FINISH

