



# NOTICE OF RACE

## GAMES OF THE SMALL STATES OF EUROPE 2023

### SAILING

*29<sup>th</sup> May – 3<sup>rd</sup> June 2023*  
**St. Paul's Bay, MALTA**

**Organizing Authority: Malta Sailing Federation & Maltese Olympic Committee**

#### 1. RULES

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- 1.1 The event will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in the Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2 ILCA class rule 7(a) is changed as follows: "Only one person (the registered competitor) shall be on board while racing."
- 1.3 RRS Appendix P, Special Procedures for Rule 42 will apply with changes to include allowing jury-initiated redress, a points penalty for a first penalty given after finishing and to prohibit a boat that has retired or been disqualified for a second or subsequent RRS 42 Infringement from sailing in the race if that race is restarted or re-sailed.
- 1.4 RRS Appendix T "Arbitration" will apply.
- 1.5 In all rules governing this event.
  - (a) [DP] denotes a rule for which the penalty is at the discretion of the International Jury; and
  - (b) [NP] denotes a rule that shall not be grounds for protests by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).
- 1.6 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

#### 2. [DP] [NP] ADVERTISING

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Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority.

#### 3. ENTRY REGULATIONS

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- 3.1 Crew substitution of the registered competitor is not permitted.
- 3.2 In the case of minors, each competitor shall bring at registration a completed parent/guardian consent form. For the duration of the championship, each sailor shall be supervised by the responsible adult named on the parent/guardian consent form.
- 3.3 The responsible adult (if applicable) and competitors shall register together on site at the race office during registration.

#### 4. CHARTER BOATS

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- 4.1 Charter boats shall be provided by the Organizing Authority in terms of Technical Document provided.
- 4.2 See Annex 1 of this notice of race for more information about charter boats.

#### 5. [NP] [DP] BOATS AND EQUIPMENT.

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- 5.1 In the event of damage, boats and equipment may only be substituted with the written permission of the technical committee in accordance with the sailing instructions.
- 5.2 For the purposes of RRS G1.1, sails shall display the national letters of the World Sailing member national authority under which the entry was accepted. This changes RRS G1.1.
- 5.3 When ashore boats shall be kept in their assigned places at the venue.

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- 5.4 Boats may be required to display identification numbers and fleet identification colors supplied by the organizing authority.
- 5.5 Boats may be required to carry cameras, sound equipment or positioning equipment as specified by the organizing authority.
- 5.6 Access to the boat park may be restricted during certain hours including the hours of darkness.

## 6. RACING FORMAT

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- 6.1 Optimist and ILCA fleets will sail a Single Series.

## 7. SCHEDULE

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29 May	Registration 0900-1200, Equipment inspection and Opening Ceremony
30 May	Racing Day
31 May	Racing Day
1 June	Rest Day (If applicable)
2 June	Racing Day
3 June	Racing Day and Closing Ceremony
- 7.2 The time of the first warning signal on the racing days will be communicated by the PRO by not later than 2000hrs on the preceding day on the Official Notice Board.
- 7.3 A maximum of 12 races are scheduled for the event and a maximum of 4 races per day may be sailed.
- 7.4 It is the intention of the Organizing Authority to have a rest day. The date of the rest day is only indicative and the Organizing Authority shall have absolute discretion to change such day as necessary or exclude it all together, taking into consideration forecasted wind and sea conditions during the event.
- 7.5 Each day succeeding races will be started as soon as practicable after the finish of the previous race.
- 7.6 On the last day of the championship, no warning signal will be made after 1500.

## 8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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- 8.1 The sailing instructions will be available within 3 days before commencement which will be available to access/download from the Official Noticeboard.

## 9. RACE OFFICE

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- 9.1 The race office is located at St. Paul's Bay. See Annex 2.
- 9.2 The race office is open during registration and on each race day from 0900 until 30 minutes after the protest time limit unless extended at the discretion of the race committee.

## 11. [NP] [DP] EQUIPMENT INSPECTION

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- 11.1 Information on equipment inspection will be posted on the official notice board. Boats shall be presented with all equipment that shall be used in the event.
- 11.2 Equipment inspection will take place at the boat park during registration.
- 11.3 Wet clothing and equipment inspections may be made throughout the event at the discretion of the class representative, technical committee, or the jury.

## 12. [NP] [DP] COACH REGISTRATION & TEAM/COACH/SUPPORT VESSELS

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- 12.1 For Reservation and Payment of Coach/Support vessels, see annex 1.
- 12.2 Coach/support vessel shall be shared by at least two coaches at all times, unless instructed otherwise by the Organizing Authority.
- 12.3 Coach/support vessel drivers shall confirm registration of their vessels and submit the names and sails numbers of the competitors they are supporting at the race office before the end of registration.
- 12.4 Coach/support vessels shall clearly display an identification number supplied at registration. No other individual support vessels shall be used.



- 12.5 Coach/support vessels shall carry a VHF radio capable of transmitting and receiving all international ship-to-ship channels.
- 12.6 When a coach/support vessel engine is running, the driver shall be connected to a device that will stop the engine if the driver falls out the vessel or is otherwise not in control of the vessel.
- 12.7 The movements of coach/support vessels will be restricted as defined in the sailing instructions.
- 12.8 There will be a coach meeting 2 hours before the first scheduled warning signal of the first race each day. The objectives of these meetings are to receive feedback from the coaches on the event organization, exchange points of view and inform the coaches about changes in the sailing instructions and event organization in general.

### 13. COURSES

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- 13.1 **For Optimist:** IODA Course
- 13.2 **For ILCA:** Either [a] Inner loop of a Trapezoid course, or [2] Separate Windward – Leeward, with an offset mark and gate.

### 14. INTERNATIONAL JURY

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An international jury will be appointed in accordance with RRS 91(b).

### 15. [DP] RADIO COMMUNICATION

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Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio communication while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones.

### 16. [DP] SAFETY

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Each competitor shall always wear a personal flotation device when afloat except briefly while changing or adjusting clothing or personal equipment. Wet suits and dry suits are not personal flotation devices.

### 17. SCORING

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- 17.1 Four races are required to be completed to constitute a championship.
- 17.2 When fewer than four races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores.
- 17.3 When four or more races have been completed, a boat's score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.

### 18. TITLES & PRIZES

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- 18.1 Optimist Senior Male 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 18.2 Optimist Senior Female 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 18.3 ILCA4 Male 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 18.4 ILCA4 Female 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 18.5 ILCA6 Male 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 18.6 ILCA6 Female 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- 18.7 ILCA7 Male 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### 19. PHOTOGRAPHY CONSENT

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By entering the event competitors automatically grant to the organizing authority the right in perpetuity to make, use, and show from time to time at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped, or filmed television and other reproduction of them, taken during the period of the event without compensation and without the competitor's approval of such images or any use thereof.

### 20. LIABILITY AND INDEMNIFICATION

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- 20.1 The Organizing Authority and all their officers, members and volunteers do not accept liability for loss of life or property, or personal injury or damage caused by or arising out of the event. Competitors take part in the event at their own risk.
- 20.2 The establishment of the notice of race and the sailing instructions in no way limits or reduces the complete and unlimited responsibilities of competitors being solely and entirely responsible for the management of their boats before, during and after the championship.
- 20.3 Competitors shall maintain charter boats in a safe and seaworthy condition.
- 20.4 A competitor shall be of good health and a competent sailor capable of racing in open water in all conditions, including strong winds.
- 20.5 At-fault occurrences to other boats are the responsibility of the competitor. Competitors are not covered by any liability insurance provided by the organizing authority and shall provide their own coverage for personal goods and liability protection.
- 20.6 Competitors shall be covered by a third-party liability insurance with a minimum cover of €1.500,000 (one million five hundred thousand Euro) or equivalent thereof in any other currency. The Organizing Authority maintains the right to check that competitors are in possession of such insurance upon registration.
- 20.7 To the fullest extent permitted by law, each competitor agrees to indemnify and hold the Organizing Authority, owners, affiliates, officers, employees, agents, members, volunteers, committee persons and race officials, acting in their official capacities, harmless from any claim arising from a competitor's acts or omissions.

## 21. LOCAL CONTACT

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Event website: <https://gssemalta2023.mt/>

Local contact: Technical Director - Mr. Peter Dimech - +356 7946 6873

## 22. CHANGES TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

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This notice of race may be subject to amendments which will be identified on the event website.

## NOTICE OF RACE ENDS

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## Annex 1

# Charter Boats

## 1. RESERVATIONS AND PAYMENTS

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- 1.1 Charter boats are being provided on an *ex gratia* basis subject to a refundable damage deposit of €200 per charter boat.
- 1.2 Coach/Support vessels are provided at a cost to be determined upon booking which shall be paid upon registration. Fuel will be available for purchase from the Race Office. Countries shall submit their intent to charter a coach/support vessel via email to [Secretary@maltasailingfederation.org](mailto:Secretary@maltasailingfederation.org) by not later than Monday **8<sup>th</sup> May 2023**.
- 1.3 Early Arrivals (before 28<sup>th</sup> May 2023) may make use of Coach/Support subject to availability.

## 2. TERMS & CONDITIONS

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- 2.1 Charter boats shall be allocated by lot:
  - For Optimist: Each competitor shall be allocated a charter boat which shall be used throughout the duration of the event.
  - For ILCA4/6: One hull every two sailors from the same country shall be allocated.
  - For ILCA7: One hull per sailor.
- 2.2 Charter boats will be made available to competitors by Friday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2023.
- 2.3 Sailors using charter equipment will be bound by the "Charter Terms and Conditions" provided by the Charterer.
- 2.4 At the regatta venue, the sailor and any applicable guardian must sign the "Charter Terms and Conditions" before receiving charter equipment from the charter provider.
- 2.5 Organising authority will provide all identical charterboats. For Optimist, charter boats shall include hull, launching trolley, spars and foils. For Optimist only, competitors may bring own spars which may be subject to measurement. For ILCA, charter boats shall include hull, launching trolley, spars and foils. Sails will not be provided. An International class measurer will be appointed to check equipment as deemed necessary.
- 2.6 Personal class legal equipment approved by measurer may be substituted.

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Annex 2

## Racing Area & Venue Map

