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# **PRESIDENTIAL INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACE**

**PRESIDENTIAL 4th INTERNATIONAL**

**YACHT RACE TROPHY**

**THE RACING RULES OF SAILING 2023**

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# **THE RACING RULES OF SAILING**

## **1 RULES**

- 1.1 World Sailing Racing Rules (RRS) 2021–2024;
- 1.2 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2022-2023;
- 1.3 World Sailing Regulation 20 (Advertising Code);
- 1.4 IRC Rules 2023 Sections A, B, C;
- 1.5 Turkish Sailing Federation (TYF) 2023 Rules;
- 1.6 International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (to replace RRS Section 2 Rules during the period between sunset and sunrise);
- 1.7 Turkish Sailing Federation (TYF) General Yacht Racing Rules, Principle Decisions, Announcement Regarding the Start of 2023 Yacht Races, Yacht Race Organization Rules, Athlete License Registration, Visa and Transfer Instructions, Disciplinary Offenses and Penalties Instructions, Sail Number Allocation Rules, Advertising Acquisition and Carrying Rules, Sailing Jury Instructions;
- 1.8 Race Notice, Sailing Instructions, and if applicable, Additional Sailing Instructions;
- 1.9 In case of any conflicts between instructions, the Race Notice and, if applicable, the most recent Additional Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.10 In case of a conflict between languages, the Turkish text will be considered valid.
- 1.11 The nationality of the competing boat will be determined based on the country of the team captain. The boat captain must be the boat owner or person responsible for registering the boat for the race.
- 1.12 In case of a breach of rules marked with [DP], the Protest Committee may impose a penalty less than DSQ (Disqualification). (Change to RRS 60.1)
- 1.13 In case of a breach of rules marked with [NP], boats cannot protest or request redress. (Change to RRS 60.1)

## **2 [NP][DP] ADVERTISING**

- 2.1 Boats may carry advertisements according to World Sailing Regulation 20 and TYF Advertising Instructions.
- 2.2 Boats with a valid advertising certificate approved by the national authority must submit a copy of the certificate to the Race Office along with the registration forms.
- 2.3 Sponsor flags/banners should be hoisted on shrouds or spreaders. Sponsor advertising/hull number adhesive stickers should be affixed in a visible location on both sides of the hull. Sponsor flags/banners may be stowed during the race but must be displayed before and after the race. Boats that fail to display sponsor flags/banners or affix adhesive stickers may be penalized by the Protest Committee.

## **3 RACE CLASSES, ELIGIBILITY, AND REGISTRATION**

### **3.1 Halikarnas 100th Anniversary Cup Offshore Races:**

- i. Full lengths (LH/LOA) of 8 meters or larger,
- ii. Equipped with an inboard diesel engine.
- iii. Boats with valid 2023 IRC Measurement Certificate

### **3.2 General participation rules for all races:**

Open to all sailing vessels, complying with cruising class specifications, without a 2023 IRC certificate, and willing to compete in the CRUISING class, provided they have appropriate equipment in accordance with safety regulations and comply with the current regulations and instructions, both domestic and foreign competitors.

## **4 CLASSES AND HANDICAP SYSTEMS**

- 4.1 The participating boats will compete in two main groups: IRC and Cruising Classes.
- 4.2 As part of the trophy, two legs are planned for the teams competing in each class: Halikarnas 100th Anniversary Cup Yacht Race in Muğla and Cumhuriyet 100th Anniversary Cup Yacht Race in Istanbul.
- 4.3 The Time on Time (TOT) system will be applied, which adjusts the elapsed time of each boat based on its handicap factor.

- i. For IRC classes: Corrected Time (CT) = Elapsed Time (ET) x Time Correction Factor (TCF).
- ii. For Cruising classes: Corrected Time (CT) = Elapsed Time (ET) x Time Correction Factor (TCF).
- iii. For Cruising classes, TCF is calculated using the following formula:  $TCF = (0.2424 \times \sqrt{R}) / (1 + 0.0567 \times \sqrt{R})$ , where R (Rating) is the rating value obtained by multiplying LOA (m) by 2.65 and applying the age discount.
- iv. For Cruising classes, the spinnaker (symmetrical and/or asymmetrical) penalty is 10% of the rating value with the age discount applied.
- v. For Cruising class boats with folding propellers, the corrected rating value is increased by 5%.
- vi. For Cruising class boats with a lifting keel, the corrected rating value is increased by 5%.
- vii. The boat with the lowest corrected time (CT) will be declared the winner.
- viii. The decimal part of the corrected time (CT) calculations will be rounded to the nearest second (rounded up if 50 seconds or more).
- ix. Since the results calculation and evaluation are based on the TOT system, the distances specified in the courses are for informational purposes only and are not used in the calculations. Deviations from the declared distances, whether shorter or longer, will not be considered as a basis for Correction Request.

<b>The Age Discounts applicable for the Cruising Classes are as follows:</b>		
For the year 2023 : 0,00%	For the year 2017 : 2,40%	For the year 2011 : 6,80%
For the year 2022 : 0,40%	For the year 2016 : 2,80%	For the year 2010 : 7,60%
For the year 2021 : 0,80%	For the year 2015 : 3,60%	For the year 2009 : 8,40%
For the year 2020 : 1,20%	For the year 2014 : 4,40%	For the year 2008 : 9,20%
For the year 2019 : 1,60%	For the year 2013 : 5,20%	For boats older than 2007: 10%
For the year 2018 : 2,00%	For the year 2012 : 6,00%	

## **5 INPI CLASS BAND RANGES AND CLASS / WARNING FLAGS FOR THE PRESIDENTIAL 4TH INTERNATIONAL YACHT RACE:**

### **5.1 Trophy Class Band Ranges:**

The boats participating in the overall **trophies of the Presidential 4th International Yacht Race** will be evaluated within the following class band ranges:

<b>IRC 0</b>	TCC value of 1.140 and above.	Pink
<b>IRC 1</b>	TCC value between 1.050 and 1.139.	Yellow
<b>IRC 2</b>	TCC value between 1.020 and 1.049.	Green
<b>IRC 3</b>	TCC value between 0.980 and 1.019.	Blue
<b>IRC 4</b>	TCC value of 0.979 and below.	Orange
<b>Cruising A</b>	TCF value of 1.000 and above.	White - Pink
<b>Cruising B</b>	TCF value between 0.935 and 0.999.	White - Green
<b>Cruising C</b>	TCF value of 0.934 and below.	White - Orange

### **5.2 Band ranges for races within the scope of the Trophy:**

Prior to each race, the organizing committee will announce the specific band ranges for that race. These band ranges will be specific to the announced race and will be used for the overall scoring of the trophy, following the general race rules outlined in Section 4 of the 2023 regulations.

- 5.3** The Race Organizing Committee may merge classes/divisions with one lower or higher group based on the number of registered boats.
- 5.4** All boats with IRC certificates are eligible to participate in the races. Participating boats can compete in their respective divisions based on their IRC classes and TCC values.
- 5.5** For the GEZGİN class, boats must provide a declaration regarding the "year of manufacture, overall length (LOA) in meters, use of spinnaker (asymmetric/symmetric), and the presence of a movable rig and folding



propeller" in order to be allowed to participate in this race.

**5.6** If all classes start together, the class (warning) signal will be indicated by a white flag hoisted by the committee.

**5.7 Crew Number and Crew Weight:**

- i. For IRC classes, IRC Rule 22.4.2 has been removed and replaced with the following: "While racing, the maximum crew number in IRC-0, IRC-1, and IRC-2 classes shall be two more than the crew number stated in the current IRC 2023 Endorsed certificate; in IRC-3 and IRC-4 classes, it shall be one more than the crew number stated in the current IRC 2023 Endorsed certificate. There is no weight limit."
- ii. Media personnel present on the boat with the knowledge of the Race Organizing Committee are not included in the crew number.
- iii. For the CRUISING class, there will be no maximum crew number or crew weight restrictions.
- iv. The minimum crew number for all CRUISE class is three persons. All safety equipment shall be provided in sufficient quantity and specifications based on the crew number. For the IRC classes, there will be no minimum crew number or crew weight restrictions.

**5.8** Tekneler, yarış esnasında loçada demir/çapa taşımayacaklar ancak uygun miktarda zincir ve halat ile donatılmış bir demir teknenin içerisinde güvenli bir yerde taşınacaktır.

**6 ROUTES**

**6.1** A boat shall be entirely on the pre-start side of the starting line before starting, and shall only cross the starting line after its own starting signal, following the specified course to the finish.

**6.2** The courses to be followed will be specified on course cards and/or in the Race Notice/Amendments.

**6.3** [NP] If multiple courses have been announced, the Race Committee will hoist the code flag/numeral pennant/pennant corresponding to the route, along with a preparatory signal or a sound signal before the preparatory signal, and announce it on the race's VHF channel. The numeral pennant '2' will be used for an alternative course. No protests or requests for redress can be made. This amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a).

**6.4** [NP] Whenever possible, the Race Committee will announce the compass bearing of the first rounding mark from the starting boat on the race's VHF channel before the preparatory signal, and, if feasible, display it in writing from the committee boat. No protests or requests for redress can be made. This amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a).

**6.5** The Race Committee is not obliged to provide the coordinates of the rounding mark(s).

**6.6** When there are gate marks on the race course, boats shall pass through the gate marks in the direction of the race course. If one of the gate marks is missing for any reason, the existing mark on the starboard side shall be left in place, and boats shall round it.

**6.7** [NP] The distances provided for the courses are for informational purposes only and are not binding. Deviations from the announced distances, whether shorter or longer, will not be used for calculations. No protests or requests for redress can be made. This amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a).

**6.8** [NP] The Race Committee has the authority to change the starting and/or finishing line of the courses. No protests or requests for redress can be made. This amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a).

**7 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

**7.1** The races will be held on the day(s) and at the time specified in the Race Notice.

**7.2** The maximum number of races to be held within a day shall be three (3).

**7.3** The scheduled time for the warning signal and the time when no warning signal will be given for the first race of the day will be specified in the Race Notice.

**7.4** The races included in the program of the CUMHURBAŞKANLIĞI 4. ULUSLARARASI YAT YARIŞI are as follows:

- i. July 25 - 30, 2023 - Halikarnas 100th Anniversary Cup 2x1.5 + 2x1
- ii. October 27 - 29, 2023 - Cumhuriyet 100th Anniversary Cup Buoy race 3x1 / Geographical race 2x1.5

**8 REGISTRATION**

**8.1** The registration process for the trophy race should be done through the Race Registration System on our

website <https://sailturkey.racing>. The online registration form should be filled out completely by the boat owner or the authorized person designated in writing. The Boat Insurance Policy, in case the boat carries advertising, the advertising permit, and the authorization letter given by the boat owner to the boat responsible should also be sent separately to [sekreterlik@iayk.org](mailto:sekreterlik@iayk.org).

- 8.2** In the Online Race Registration Form, all the names of the athletes in the team should be written as stated in their identity cards. Otherwise, the registration will be invalid. Except for foreign athletes on the boats, all competitors must have valid 2023 athlete licenses. Written parental consent is required for athletes under the age of 18. The boat owner/responsible person who registers is responsible for this. Temporary licenses will not be issued. Athletes without a license are not allowed to participate in the race.
- 8.3** **THERE IS NO REGISTRATION FEE.**
- 8.4** For the overall trophy, one registration per boat is sufficient, but a race participation declaration must be made through the race registration form that will be opened before each race.
- 8.5** When there is a change in the team list specified in the registration forms, this should be notified to the race office in writing via email to [sekreterlik@iayk.org](mailto:sekreterlik@iayk.org) or through the messaging application within the race application, until 1 (one) hour before the warning signal time announced for each day. Oral changes will not be considered. The identification of a competitor who does not have a name in the team list or who, despite having a name on the list, is not present on the boat may be grounds for disqualification by the Protest Committee.
- 8.6** The boat owner/responsible person who registers the boat for the race must be present on the boat during the races.
- 8.7** The races are open to all regions and foreign yachts and sailors, provided that they comply with the applicable regulations and instructions. No license requirement will be imposed on foreign athletes.
- 8.8** The race committee is free to evaluate the general safety and sea-worthiness characteristics of the yachts wishing to participate in the race and decide whether to accept their registrations or not.
- 8.9** Those who register for the race are deemed to have accepted the responsibility for this Race Notice and all the rules referenced in this Race Notice.

## **9 YARISLARIBASLATMA VE YARIS PROGRAMI**

- 9.1** These races will be started as follows, in accordance with RRS 26:  
**Warning Signal:** Class flag and 1 sound signal (5 minutes to start).  
**Preparatory Signal:** Code flag P/I/U and black flag, and 1 sound signal (4 minutes to start).  
**One-Minute Signal:** Preparatory signal and 1 long sound signal (1 minute to start).  
**Start Signal:** Class (Warning) flag and 1 sound signal (start).
- 9.2** The starting window for all classes is 15 minutes. This time also applies to boats that are OCS (On Course Side).
- 9.3** [DP] Boats that have not received the warning signal should stay clear of the starting line and the boats that have started or will start before them, without giving way. Any boats acting otherwise may be subject to action by the Protest Committee upon request from the Race Committee.
- 9.4** All boats must have their engines stopped before the preparatory signal.
- 9.5** [DP] Each boat, before the start, should approach the committee boat/start area, hail the Race Committee, or make a broadcast on the race's VHF channel to identify themselves.
- 9.6** The Race Program may be modified by the Race Organizing Committee through Supplementary Sailing Instructions.

## **10 RECALL**

Boats that receive the Individual Recall signal must identify themselves and return to the starting area to restart in accordance with the rules. The Race Committee will notify such boats by announcing their sail number/boat name through voice or making a general broadcast on the race's VHF channel. The given recall will not be considered as outside assistance, and failure to hear it will not be grounds for redress.

## **11 TIME LIMIT**

- 11.1** The time limits for the races are specified in the relevant race notice/course cards.
- 11.2** [NP] If the Race Committee determines that no boat in a particular class can finish the race within its

designated time limit, the Race Committee has the authority to extend the race duration by making a broadcast on the race's VHF channel before the class's time limit expires. For any class to have a time limit extension, no boat in that class should have finished. No protests or requests for redress can be filed. This amends RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a).

11.3 The race duration for buoy races is 120 minutes.

## 12 **PENALTY SYSTEM**

During the race, a boat that violates one or more rules of RRS Part 2 shall perform 2 (two) Turns Penalties, while a boat that violates RRS 31 shall perform 1 (one) Turn Penalty.

## 13 **INSURANCE AND SAFETY**

13.1 The boat owner or responsible person participating in the race must obtain liability insurance that covers the boat, the competitors, and third parties, including the racing clause. It is the participants' responsibility to check if their existing policies provide such coverage and, if necessary, add the relevant appendices to their insurance. The Organizing Committee, Race Committee, Protest Committee, and Technical Committee are not obligated to check the insurance of participating boats or personnel and shall not assume any responsibility in this regard.

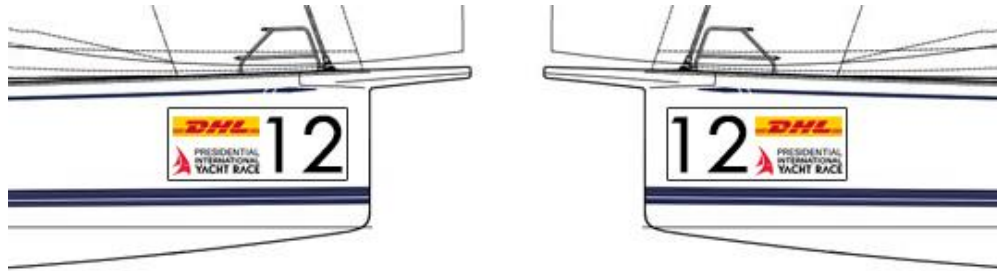
13.2 The use of life jackets is recommended for safety purposes. The responsibility lies with the boat captain.

13.3 The World Sailing Special Regulations for Offshore Racing (OSR) 2022-2023, Appendix B (Special Regulations for Coastal Racing), shall be applied. All required equipment must be operational, checked, and maintained throughout the races, with expiration dates not exceeded. Violation of safety regulations, hindering inspections in any way, and identified deficiencies and non-compliance may result in disqualification.

13.4 By registering, boats acknowledge that they comply with the safety equipment and material specifications stated in the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations Category. The boat owner or responsible person bears the responsibility in this regard.

## 14 **BOAT NUMBERS / USE OF STICKERS**

[NP][DP] All boats must affix the assigned numbers to both sides of the hull's bow area, with the numbers being prominently displayed, throughout the races. Boats without affixed boat numbers will have 5% additional time added to their corrected finish times. The additional time will be added by the Race Committee without a hearing.



## 15 **[NP][DP] ELECTRONIC EQUIPMENT**

15.1 During the Halikarnas 100th Year Cup, which is part of the Presidency 4th International Yacht Race Trophy, boats must install and keep in operational condition the "Boat Tracking Device" assigned to them, unless otherwise specified. The boat owner/responsible person is responsible for keeping the device open and visible throughout the race (Art. 17.6).

15.2 The organization has the right to receive information from these devices only during the races and can provide this information to anyone they choose, during or after the race, as long as it does not affect the race results. The participating boat owner accepts this condition.

15.3 The organization is responsible for providing the "Boat Tracking Device" free of charge during the race period to registered boats that do not have this device, including its installation and removal.

15.4 The boat owner/responsible person must perform a check of the boat tracking system before the race,



ensure that it is in working condition, and if it is not functioning, notify the relevant authorities with sufficient time in advance.

**15.5** When the Race/Protest Committee is convinced that the system is functioning properly, the data obtained from these devices can be used as evidence in Protest Hearings. If during a hearing it becomes necessary to refer to the boat tracking system and no response is received from the system, this may be a reason for imposing an alternative penalty on the boat for which no response was obtained (Art. 17.6).

**15.6** If the "Mobile Tracking Device" is not open and visible on the boat during the race, a penalty of 20% (minimum 3 positions) will be applied to the boat. If no response is received from the boat tracking system during a hearing, after imposing a penalty of 20% (minimum 3 positions) on the boat for which no response was obtained, the hearing will proceed. Even if the boat is justified during the hearing, it cannot be exempted from the 20% (minimum 3 positions) penalty.

## **16 DECLARATIONS, PROTEST AND CORRECTION REQUESTS**

**16.1** In all races, the protest time limit is 90 (ninety) minutes from the finish time of the last finishing boat in the IRC 0, IRC 1, and IRC 2 classes; 90 (ninety) minutes from the finish time of the last finishing boat in the IRC 3, IRC 4 classes; and the GEZGİN class is determined as 90 (ninety) minutes from the finish time of the last finishing boat in that class.

**16.2** [DP] From the moment the preparatory signal is made, boats must stop their engines. Boats that receive external assistance endangering life or property, start their engine to avoid an obstruction or dangerous situation, or start the engine without the shaft and propeller turning to charge the battery must notify the Race Committee through the VHF channel of the race and in writing to the Race Office before the protest time limit. The situation of boats that make declarations will be evaluated by the Protest Committee, and an appropriate time penalty will be given.

**16.3** [DP] If a boat fails to stop its engine or starts its engine after its preparatory signal has been made, even if the conditions mentioned above are not met, it may receive a penalty that can escalate up to a DSQ (Disqualification) upon protest to the Protest Committee, despite any declaration made.

**16.4** [DP] The owner or responsible person of a boat that has withdrawn or retired from the race shall notify the Race Office in writing through the VHF channel of the race and before the protest time limit.

**16.5** The person responsible for a boat that has taken a One-Turn Penalty or a Two-Turns Penalty shall report this information to the Race Committee through the VHF channel of the race and in writing to the Race Office before the protest time limit. Those who fail to make the declaration will be considered as not having completed the required penalty turns.

**16.6** [NP] In special circumstances, if the Protest Committee has received an announcement through VHF, the declaration may be deemed sufficient.

**16.7** Protest hearings can be conducted via video conferencing or in an isolated area (preferably outdoors) while adhering to social distancing rules, as per the Protest Committee's discretion. Protest forms can be submitted digitally or physically to the race office, again at the discretion of the Protest Committee.

**16.8** Protest hearing deposit of 500 (five hundred) TL in cash is to be paid to the race office before the protest time limit. If lost or rejected, it will be forfeited. For protests, in accordance with GCR Rule 17.10, the day and time announced after the protest time limit will be considered.

### **16.9 Finish Penalty Declarations:**

i. A boat that finishes the race by adhering to all the rules will be considered finished when its hull crosses the finish line in its normal position as defined by the course. After finishing, the boat shall submit the written finish declaration to the race office. The written finish declaration can be sent through the official WhatsApp channel provided.

ii. If a boat that has finished crosses the finish line but subsequently retires from the race for any reason, the captain of the finishing boat shall promptly notify the Race Committee via the race's VHF channel and provide written notice to the Race Office before the protest time limit.

iii. Boats that have performed penalty turns shall promptly notify the Race Committee via the race's VHF channel and provide written notice to the Race Office before the protest time limit. Those who fail to do so will be deemed to have not performed the penalty turn.

**16.10** [NP] The language of protest hearings shall be Turkish. It is the responsibility of both parties to provide interpreters for themselves and their witnesses. The absence of an interpreter does not change the hearing time.



## 17 **[NPI] BUOYS**

Buoys are colored orange, yellow, and white. Any text, logo, number, or symbols on the buoys are not considered as marks for correction.

## 18 **SCORING**

- 18.1 The Low Point System of RRS Appendix A will be applied.
- 18.2 IRC results will be calculated using TCC (Time Correction Coefficient) and Time on Time method.
- 18.3 In the CRUISING class, the results will be calculated based on Time on Time system, where Corrected Time (CT) = Elapsed Time (ET) x TCF (Time Correction Factor) formula will be used.
- 18.4 Evaluation will be done based on the races that can be completed in the planned total of 9 races. The final scores will be obtained by multiplying the points of each race by the trophy coefficients and adding them together. There will be no race discard. In case of a tie in points, RRS A8 will be applied to break the tie.
- 18.5 Trophy race coefficients:
- RACE 1 - Halikarnas 100th Year Cup Yacht Race (25 - 30 July 2023) will have a coefficient of 1 (one) for each buoy race and 1.5 (one and a half) for geographical races.
  - RACE 2 – Cumhuriyet 100th Year Cup Yacht Race (27 - 29 October 2023) will have a coefficient of 1 (one) for each buoy race and 1.5 (one and a half) for geographical races.
- 18.6 If 3 races with a coefficient of 1.5 are completed in the trophy series, one discard race with a coefficient of 1.5 will be allowed. If 4 races with a coefficient of 1 are completed, one discard race with a coefficient of 1 will be allowed.
- 18.7 The score of a boat that does not participate in a race within the trophy series will be calculated by adding 2 (two) points to the starter count of the missed leg and multiplying it by the trophy coefficient.

## 19 **BEACHING RESTRICTIONS, DIVER EQUIPMENT, AND PLASTIC POOLS**

Boats shall not be beached, have any diver equipment or any other equipment used for any purpose in or around the boat, or float in the water without prior written permission from the Race Committee or Protest Committee from the preparatory signal on 25 July 2023 until the protest time limit of the final race on 30 July 2023, and from the preparatory signal on 27 October 2023 until the protest time limit of the final race on 29 October 2023.

## 20 **[NPI] [DPI] VHF (RADIO) COMMUNICATION**

- 20.1 Boats must carry and keep operational a VHF marine radio during the races. Unless otherwise specified for the participating boats, it is mandatory to listen to the VHF channel designated for the race and, if available, Channel 16. Listening to these channels is important for receiving timely race-related information.
- 20.2 Boats may not make personal transmissions on the radio except in emergencies. It is prohibited to give directions, seek or provide assistance (directly or indirectly) by using radio and/or mobile phones with third parties during the races.
- 20.3 Boats may not make any verbal communication to direct, instruct, advise, or criticize the Race Committee. The Race Committee is not obliged to respond to any radio messages.

## 21 **WHATSAPP COMMUNICATION GROUP**

The WhatsApp group created by the race committee will be used for announcements by the race and jury committees. All captains are required to follow this group during the race. The phone numbers provided during registration will be added to the group by the race committee. If you would like to add additional phone numbers to the group, you can inform the race committee via phone number +905326832045 or the email address [sekreterlik@iayk.org](mailto:sekreterlik@iayk.org).

## 22 **[NPI] CUPS AND AWARDS**

They will be implemented in accordance with the TYF 2023 Policy Decisions. The organization may award special prizes to the first, second, and third places for classes that do not comply with TYF 2023 Policy Decisions Article 5.2.

- 22.1 Evaluation will be based on the races conducted. At the end of the series, boats with the lowest total points will win the cup.
- 22.2 **Halikarnas 100th Year Cup Yacht Race:** It will be announced in the race notice.



- 22.3 Cumhuriyet 100th Year Cup Yacht Race:** It will be announced in the race notice.
- 22.4 Presidency 4th International Yacht Race Trophy:** In IRC 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, and CRUISER A, B, C classes, the Presidency International Yacht Race Trophy will be awarded to the first, second, and third place boats based on the overall total points. The trophy band ranges, independent of the races, are as specified in Article 5.1 of the Presidency International Yacht Race General Instructions 2023.
- 22.5 Presidency 4th International Yacht Race Trophy IRC Championship:** The boat that finishes first in IRC 0, 1, 2 classes based on the total points will be awarded the Presidency International Yacht Trophy for a period of one year. The trophy band ranges, independent of the races, are as specified in Article 5.1 of the Presidency International Yacht Race General Instructions 2023.
- 22.6 Presidency 4th International Yacht Race Trophy Special Awards:** Based on the total points they receive within the trophy, special awards will be given to the first, second, and third place female sailing teams in IRC and CRUISER classes. Similarly, based on the total points they receive within the trophy, special awards will be given to the first, second, and third place university sailing teams in IRC and CRUISER classes.
- i.* **Definition of a female sailing team:**  
Teams with more than 74% female participants will be eligible for the special award in the "Female Sailing Team" category. (For example, for an 8-person team, there must be at least 6 female sailors participating.)
- ii.* **Definition of a university sailing team:**  
Teams with more than 74% university students will be eligible for the special award in the "University Sailing Team" category. (For example, for an 8-person team, there must be at least 6 university students participating.) Valid student identification for the year 2023 is mandatory for university students.

## **23 RESPONSIBILITY**

- 23.1** Acceptance of the Rules: By participating in this race governed by the rules stated in this Race Notice, each competitor, boat owner, or responsible person:
- Agrees that the race will be governed by these rules,
  - Acknowledges that they accept the penalties and other actions that may be imposed under the rules, with the right to Appeal and Review, and that any decision on an incident that may arise will be final under the rules. They further declare that they will not resort to any legal authority or court in relation to such a decision.
- 23.2** Racing Decision: The decision to participate in a race or to continue racing, in accordance with RRS Basic Rule 4, is the responsibility of the boat owner or the person in charge on board.
- 23.3** The organizing body, the IAYYK Club Management, Race and Protest Committees, and any race sponsors, shall not be held liable for any loss, damage, injury, or death, direct or indirect, incurred by boats, competitors, boat owners or responsible persons, or other crew members, during the races or in their preparation stages, arising from the Race Notice, Additional Sailing Instructions, Race Course, and decisions made. The boat owner or responsible person who registered for the race, as well as the participating competitors, shall be deemed to have accepted this provision in advance.
- 23.4** The boat owner or the person in charge of the boat is considered to be the boat owner or responsible person of that boat for that race. During the race, the Boat Organization Committee, Race Committee, or Protest Committee will communicate with the boat owner or the person authorized in writing. The boat owner/responsible person is responsible for verbal/written communication or radio communication other than themselves or the person they have authorized.
- 23.5** Those who register for the race are deemed to have accepted that they are responsible for complying with this race notice and all rules referred to in this race notice.

## **24 USE OF VISUAL MATERIALS**

All participants in the races agree in advance to allow the Race Organization Committee and/or Sponsors to make/arrange any kind of visual recordings related to the races, to publish and/or have them published without any time or duration restrictions, and to take photographs and use the photographs for any purpose.

**25 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CONTROL**

The boat owner and boat responsible are jointly responsible for the measurement of the boat, the validity of the declarations made during registration, and compliance with the boat's certificate.

Boats may be subject to inspection upon the request of the Race Committee Chairman or an appointed measurer before or after the race, without the need for any protest.

**26 INPL RACE COMMITTEE BOATS**

Race Committee Boats shall carry the "RC" flag. The absence of this requirement shall not be considered as a Request for Redress.

**27 IDP| DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE INTO THE WATER**

Boats shall not dispose of their garbage into the water. Those who act otherwise may be subject to action by the Protest Committee.

**28 INPL RACE CATEGORY**

orld Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2022-2023 Appendix B shall be applied.

**29 INPL ALTERNATIVE ROUTES**

Alternative routes will be announced through the Supplementary Instructions. The route to be applied in the alternative geographical route implementation will be announced to all participating boats via the race's VHF Channel and communication channels, indicated by a numbered route flag, without being late from the warning signal.





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