

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

In all sections the following abbreviations apply:

RC Race Committee

PC Protest Committee

[NP] – Rules that are not grounds for protest by a boat.

[DP] – Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the PC

PART 1 - GENERAL

1. ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The **BRICUL MIRCEA REGATTA** is organized by Black Sea Sailing Associations under the authority of the Romanian Sailing Federation.

2. RULES

- 2.1. Automatic, mechanical and wind vane devices for steering shall be prohibited.
- 2.2 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, the **ORANGE** starting line flag will be displayed with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 2.3 In case of a **triple-number** scoring method, before the warning signal of each race the RC may be displayed one of the following flags and/or may display on a board {L, M, H} to indicate the provisional scoring method:

Wind	Flag	Notice on board
Light	Numeral one	L
Medium	Numeral two	М
High	Numeral three	Н

If there is a substantial change in wind speed during the race, the RC may decide to use a different time correction. This will be indicated by displaying the appropriate board on the finishing vessel. Any decision by the RC in connection with the application of the Triple Number System will be no ground for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a)

- 2.4 If **Flag F** is displayed (no sounds) at any mark, that mark shall be left on the required side and boats shall then proceed directly to the FINISH, leaving out any further marks of the course.
- 2.5 Length of the course, directions of leg and wind will be decided by RC and will not be grounds for seeking redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

3. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at Marina Eforie.

4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted before 09.00 on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of the races will be posted by 22.00 on the day before it will take effect.

5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 5.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed at Marina Eforie at the official flag pole.
- 5.2 When Flag AP **I** is displayed ashore, '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than 45 min.' in the race signal AP.
- 5.3 When **Flag Y** ²² is displayed ashore, rule 40 applies at all times while afloat. This changes the Part 4 preamble.

6. SCHEDULE

6.1 Times of the first possible warning signals are defined as follows:

17.08.2019	10.55	First possible warning signal - Costal race. Start in front of Marina Eforie.
18.08.2019	10.25	First possible warning signal - 3 inshore races in front of Marina Eforie

6.2 Four (4) races are scheduled including one (1) costal/offshore race and three (3) inshore races.

6.3 The Organizing Authority and/or the RC reserve the right to modify the above program according to weather conditions and/or other unforeseen reasons.

7. CLASS FLAGS

The class flag:

ORC-A&B	Flag W	IRC 1	Flag R	
ORC-C	Flag T	IRC 2	Flag O	

8. THE START

- 8.1 Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 8.2 [DP] When a starting sequence is in progress, boats whose warning signal has not been made shall avoid the starting area. The starting area is defined as a rectangle 100 meters from the starting line and marks in all directions.
- 8.3 The start of 2 (two) or more classes can be combined. In case of combining classes, the class flags will be hoisted together.
- 8.4 A boat starting later than 10 minutes after her Start signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.1.
- 8.5 After signaling an individual recall, the Race Committee will attempt to broadcast the sail numbers, bow numbers or names of boats identified as OCS on the radio, but not earlier than 1 minute from the start. Delay in the transmission of these calls, the order in which they are made, or any omission or failure in the transmission or reception of these, will not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

9. PENALTY SYSTEM

- 9.1 The penalty for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2 will be One-Turn penalty. This changes RRS 44.1.
- 9.2 [DP] The maximum discretionary penalty for minor breaches of the Offshore Special Regulations or RRS 55 will be a scoring penalty of 10% calculated in accordance with RRS 44.3(c).

10. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 10.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protest shall be delivered there within the time limit which shall be:
- 10.1.1 for inshore race(s): 1 (one) hour after the last boat has finished the last race of day. The same time limit applies to protests by the RC and PC about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 10.1.2 for offshore/costal race(s): 2 (two) hours after protestor's finish.
- 10.2 Request for rescoring should be address directly to the RC no later than 30 minutes after the results were posted.
- 10.3 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing or request for redress due to a PC decision shall be lodged:
- 10.3.1 within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day
- 10.3.2 No later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

11. SCORING [NP]

- 11.1 Boats still racing but not finishing within the time limit and not subsequently retiring, penalized or given redress will be scored **TLE** (**Time Limit Expired**) and receive a score of one place more than the last boat to finish in her class. This changes RRS 35 and A4, A5 and A11.
- 11.2 A boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.

12. SAFETY REGULATIONS [DP] [NP]

- 12.1 **VHF radios are mandatory for all races**. A marine VHF transceiver shall be carried, function properly and be readily accessible all times.
- 12.2 Boats retired for any reason in any race shall report to the RC as soon as possible, trying to contact it on VHF.
- 12.3 Any use of the engine for propulsion purposes for rescuing people, giving help or any other reason shall be reported after arrival in written form to the RC stating reasons for such procedure. If a boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race, the PC may impose a discretional penalty.

13. REPLACEMENT OF CREW OR EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 13.1 The RC may approve crew changes (adding new crew members, replacing or disembarking crew members) by written skipper's request made no later than 2 hour before the scheduled time of the start of the first race of the day. The substituted crew member shall not be aboard on any other competing boat throughout the remainder of the series.
- 13.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be not allowed unless approved by the RC. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

14. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

At any time throughout the series even whilst yachts are racing, sails and yachts shall be subject to scrutiny and to checks for compliance with the rules at the discretion of the RC.

15. OFFICIAL BOATS

- 15.1 RC boats will display a white flag with the text RC **I**. PC boat will display a red flag with the text JURY **F**ailure of any official boat to display her flag will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 15.2 Vessels used by press, photographers, VIPs etc. are not under the jurisdiction of the RC. Any action by these boats shall not be ground for seeking redress by boats. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

16. SUPPORT BOATS [DP]

All support boats shall keep well clear of the starting area and, after the preparatory signal, are not to approach within 100 meters of any competing boat. A breach of this SI may results with a scoring penalty, after a hearing against the boat connected and/or withdrawal of permission to be in the racing area for one or more days.

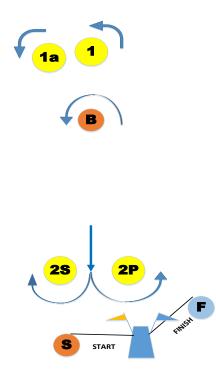
17. COMMUNICATIONS [DP]

Radio communication with RC during the regatta will be on **VHF channel 10**. The RC may give verbal confirmation of any race signal over VHF. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).

PART 2 – INSHORE COURSE

I1. THE COURSE

11.1 The racing area will be at the Romanian Coast of the Black Sea with the starting line positioned close to Eforie Harbor. This drawing is a schematic. The distances and mark positions are not to scale.



Marks 2S and 2P constitute the gate. If one mark is missing the other one shall be left to port; this change RRS 34. Before the warning signal of each race, RC will announce on VHF and/or may display on a board one of the following possible courses:

Course ID	Course to be sailed	
A2	Start- 1-2S/2P-1 -Finish	
A1	Start- 1 -Finish	
A2a	Start-1-1a-2S/2P-1-1a-Finish	
A1a	Start– 1–1a -Finish	
B2	Start-B-2S/2P-1-Finish	
B1	Start- B -Finish	
B2a	Start- B-2S/2P-1-1a -Finish	
C2	Start- B-2S/2P-B -Finish	

I1.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat may display, on a board the approximate compass bearing of the first leg. Failure by the RC to display the compass bearing shall not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1b.

I2. MARKS

- I2.1 Marks will be inflatable yellow, red and blue buoys.
- I2.2 New mark as provided in instruction I3.1 will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- I2.3 A RC boat signaling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in in SI I3.2

I3. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- I3.1 To change the next leg of the course, the RC will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable. When in a subsequent change a new mark is replaced, it will be replaced by an original mark. A new windward mark will be placed without the offset mark.
- I3.2 Except at a gate, boats shall pass between the RC boat signaling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the RC boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1

I4. STARTING LINE

The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the starting vessel at the starboard end and the port end starting mark. The RC boat may hold position by using engine.

I5. FINISHING LINE

Finishing line will be between a pole displaying a blue flag on the RC finishing boat at the starboard end and a finishing mark at the port end. The RC boat may hold position by using engine.

I6. TIME LIMITS AND TARGET TIMES

The target time is 70 minutes and the time limit is 120 minutes after their starting signal.

Part 3 – COSTAL COURSE

C1. THE COURSE

The course will be posted on the official notice board.

C2. MARKS

Marks will be inflatable yellow and red buoys.

C3. WINDWARD MARK

RC may set a windward mark to obtain a start to windward, if necessary. If the windward mark is set, it will be fixed less than 2 NM from the starting area and the RC will, before the warning signal, display a **RED flag** which indicates the

mark shall be left to port, or a **GREEN flag** indicating the mark shall be left to starboard. If no red or green flag is displayed, there is no "windward mark" and the start will go directly to the first mark as defined in the course diagram.

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C5. FINISHING LINE

Finishing line will be between a pole displaying an orange flag on the RC finishing boat at the starboard end and a finishing mark at the port end. The RC boat may hold position by using engine.

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