



## Türkiye Offshore Racing Sports Club & Datça Yacht Sports Club

### “The Masters’ Race”

### Knidos Cup Yacht Races

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Official Notice Board

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#### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- The notation [DP] in a rule in the SI means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may at the discretion of the Protest Committee be less than disqualification.
- The notation [NP] in a rule in the SI means that, this rule shall not be open for a protest by a boat.
- Official Online Notice Board <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/events/7067>

#### **1. RULES**

- 1.1. The “Rules” as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the World Sailing 2021-2024
- 1.2. The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2023. (MONOHULL CATEGORY-4)
- 1.3. The World Sailing Regulation 20 (Advertising Code).
- 1.4. IRC Rules 2023, Parts A, B, C.
- 1.5. The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) will prevail over the RRS from sunset to sunrise. The sunrise time (local) hrs. and sunset time is 1826 (local) hrs. for the race days.
- 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. All competitors who are Turkish citizens shall have a TSF license valid for 2023.
- 1.8. For foreign competitors, the status of the boat, shall be determined by the country the boat is registered in.
- 1.9. Arvento “Yacht Tracking System” shall be used in the races.
- 1.10. The official language of the event will be Turkish. If there is a conflict between texts, the official language text shall take precedence.
- 1.11. If there is a conflict between the rules above, the Notice of Race, the Sailing Instructions and its amendments will be valid according to their date. **This changes RRS 63.7.**

#### **2. (NP) NOTICES TO COMPETITORS**

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Online Notice Board located.
- 2.2. The Race Office will be indicated in each location with an “RC” Flag.
- 2.3. All these notices will be an official announcement to competitors.
- 2.4. It is the competitors’ own responsibility to check the official Online Notice Board regularly.
- 2.5. Failure of displaying the code flag “L” shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

#### **3. VHF RADIO COMMUNICATION**

- 3.1. It is mandatory to have a VHF marine radio and to keep it on during the races.
- 3.2. All boats should listen to VHF (ch) 72 and (ch) 16 during the races,
- 3.3. [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.

#### **4. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 4.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions will be posted on the official Notice Board at least two (2) hours before the first scheduled warning signal of the day and will not be delivered to each boat individually (RRS 25.1 modified).
- 4.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 (local) hrs. on the day before it will take effect.
- 4.3. 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.72 (RRS 90.2c).
- 4.4. [NP]Failure to receive these changes shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

**5. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE**

5.1. Signals ashore will be displayed on the Race Committee Vessel while she is in the Marina, otherwise there will be no signals made ashore.

**6. [NP] SCHEDULE OF RACES**

6.1. As describes in the NoR

6.2. The OA and/or the RC reserve the right to modify the above program according to weather conditions and/or other unforeseen circumstances.

**7. [NP] [DP] DIVISIONS AND DIVISION PENNANTS / WARNING SIGNAL FLAGS**

7.1. [NP] IRC CLASS DIVISION TCC RANGES Boats with valid 2023 IRC certificates shall race in the below divisions.

- IRC0 : TCC value 1.125 and above **PINK Pennant**
- IRC1 : TCC value between 1.050 and 1.124 **YELLOW Pennant**
- IRC2 : TCC value between 1.000 and 1.049 **GREEN Pennant**
- IRC3 : TCC value between 0.965 and 0.999 **BLUE Pennant**
- IRC4 : TCC value 0.964 and below **ORANGE Pennant**

7.2. 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.

7.3. All competing boats will be identified by the colour of their division pennant / warning signal flags,

7.4. 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.

7.5. All competing boats shall display on both side of the hull the allocated numbers throughout the event.

7.6. The Sponsor flags shall be hoisted to spreaders or shrouds and stickers shall be placed on both sides of the hull.

7.7. [DP] The Race Committee may protest boats that don't carry their numbers, pennants, stickers, and sponsor flags.

7.8. [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.

7.9. [DP] All boats shall remove their division pennant and must display the Turkish National Flag after retiring or finishing the races of the day. (Boats infringing this rule may be penalized by the Turkish Coast Guard Authorities.)

**8. [NP] COURSES**

8.1. Will be as described in Race Course diagrams as attachment#1

8.2. No later than the warning signal the RC will display the appropriate course code flag on the RC Vessel.

8.3. The diagrams in "Race Courses" show the courses, including the mark's approximate gps locations, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left and approximate course length.

8.4. The RC may set a **Windward Mark** to obtain a start to windward, if necessary.

8.5. If the windward mark is set, it will be no more than one (1) nautical mile from the starting line. Before the warning signal, the RC will display a **Green** flag indicating the mark shall be left to starboard or a **Red** flag which indicates the mark shall be left to port

8.6. All participating boats shall sail clear of obstructions and shallow water areas.

8.7. **Turkish Chart and appropriate Admiralty Charts are recommended.**

8.8. The change of the courses, starting or finishing lines is at the discretion of the Race Committee. This shall not be ground for a request for redress.

**9. MARKS**

9.1. Inflatable yellow and/or orange buoys and/or government buoys will be used.

9.2. The marks will be illuminated with white or red flashing lights after the sunset.

9.3. The windward mark will be a yellow inflatable buoy.

9.4. Presence or absence of numbers and shapes&colours of the marks shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

**10. [NP] TIME LIMITS**

10.1. As shown at the Race Course Diagrams (attachment#1)

10.2. Boats, which have not finished within time limit (indicated in race course diagrams) will be scored Did Not Finish (DNF). This changes RRS 35, A4 and A5.

10.3. 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 their expiration times; All competing boats will be informed by the Race Committee via VHF Ch.72. This shall not be ground for a request for redress.

**11. [NP] THE START**

11.1. Races shall be started by using RRS 26.

11.2. FOR ALL RACES the warning signal made **FIVE (5 – 4 – 1 - Start)** minutes before the starting signal.

11.3. Division pennants will be used for the Warning/Start Signal.

11.3.(a). TAYK's official flag may be used for all divisions' warning/start flag.

11.4. The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of a starting mark as shown on the course diagram.

- 11.5. **Alternative Starting line** The Starting line will be between two yellow inflatable buoys. The Race Committee's signal vessel may be at either end of the starting line.
- 11.6. [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.
- 11.7. [DP]Except when complying with SI 12.6, all boats shall keep at least one hundred (100) meters clear from the starting line until their warning signal. Violation may be to protest by the Race Committee.
- 11.8. 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 changes RRS A4 and A5.1
- 11.9. Race Committee may move the starting line to a new position, due to: lack of wind, bad weather conditions or unexpected sea traffic, displaying the "L" flag with one sound on the RC Signal Boat.
- 11.10. In the case of unfavorable conditions the Race Committee boat on the starting line may maintain their position by using the engine.
- 12. [NP]RECALLS**
- 12.1. Under World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01, change the definition *Start* as follows:  
*Start* A boat *starts* when her hull, having been entirely on the pre- start side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either;  
 (a) At or after her starting signal, or  
 (b) During the last minute before her starting signal.  
 When a boat *starts* in accordance with item (b) of the definition *Start*, she may return to the pre-start side of the line to comply with item (a) of the definition of *Start*, but, if she does not, the starting penalty shall be %5 of her elapsed time added to it or at least two (+2) place whichever is the greatest. This changes RRS 29.1, 30, A5.1.
- 12.2. Individual Recalls: 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.72. Delay in the radio broadcast of these calls, or the order in which there are made, or any omission or failure in the emission or reception of these, shall not be grounds for a request for redress by the boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 12.3. General Recalls will also be announced on VHF Ch.72.
- 12.4. Receiving or not the Race Committee announcements via radio shall not be grounds for a request for redress.
- 13. [NP]SHORTENING THE COURSE OR ABANDONING THE RACE AFTER THE START**
- 13.1. After the starting signal, the race committee may shorten the course by displaying code flag "S" with two sounds together with division flag identifying the division. In case of shortening the course for all divisions, division flags will not be displayed (RRS 32).
- 13.2. Shortening the course or abandoning the race shall not be grounds for a request for redress.
- 14. [NP][THE FINISH]**
- 14.1. The finishing line will be between the staff displaying an blue flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of a finishing mark.
- 14.2. Position of the finishing mark and committee vessel will be shown on the course charts.
- 14.3. If the race committee signals to shorten the course, the finishing line will be at a mark, between the mark and a staff displaying code flag "S" on a race committee vessel.
- 14.4. [DP] After finishing, the boats shall keep clear from the finishing line.
- 14.5. [DP] When crossing the finishing line after the sunset, or in poor visibility conditions, every boat shall highlight her sail number or bow number with a powerful torch and shall identify herself to the race committee by radio VHF ch72.
- 15. PENALTY SYSTEM**
- 15.1. A boat may take a One-Turn penalty when she may have broken one or more rules of Part 2 or rule 31 in an incident whilst racing. (This changes RRS 44.1)
- 15.2. The PC reserves the right to either disqualify a boat or impose a discretionary penalty on placement in case of a breach of a rule. The RC may disqualify a boat after a hearing even if she has taken a penalty.
- 15.3. [DP]For minor breaches of the Offshore Special Regulations, RRS 55, the IRC rule, the PC may impose any penalty different from Disqualification, or not impose a penalty, at its discretion.
- 16. [NP] SAFETY REGULATIONS**
- 16.1. [DP] Boats retiring for any reason in any race shall report to the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 16.2. [DP] Before the moment in which the preparatory signal is given, the boats must have their engines stopped.
- 16.3. Any use of the engine for propulsion purposes, for rescuing people, giving help or any other reason shall be reported after arrival ashore in writing to the Race Committee stating reasons for such procedure and the times of starting and stopping the engine. If the boat has not gained a significant advantage in the race, the IJ may impose a penalty different from DSQ or may not impose a penalty at its discretion.
- 16.4. 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.

16.5. 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.

**17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

17.1. Only the owner of the boat or the person in charge can lodge protest. This modifies RRS 61.

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:

17.2.a.1. Hail " PROTEST";

17.2.a.2. Conspicuously display a protest (red) flag on the backstay. If there is no back stay 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, observing also the provision that follows below;

17.2.a.3. After finishing she shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line by VHF Ch.72 about the hull number(s) of the protestee(s) and keep the protest flag hoisted until acknowledged by the Race Committee (RRS 61.1 modified). **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.72 as soon as possible (RRS 61.1(a) modified).

17.4. Protest forms are available at the Race Office.

17.5. Protests and Requests of Redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. The protest time limit is thirty (30) minutes after the Race Committee Vessel has arrived at the Marina. If the last boat finishes after 2100 local hrs. and before 0800 of the next day, the Protest Time will be from 0900 till 1000 on the next day. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

17.6. Notices will be posted within fifteen (15) 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 IJ will be posted within the protest time limit to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).

17.7. A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening latest in sixty (60) minutes after being informed of the decision. On the last day of the racing, the reopening time limit is no later than fifteen (15) minutes after being informed of the decision (RRS 66 modified).

17.8. Measurement protest by a boat shall not be accepted after at 1500 (local)hrs. on 10 May 2022, This changes RRS 60.1(a) and 61.3.

**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. There will be no discard.

18.2. The corrected time (CT) in seconds shall be calculated to two places after the decimal point with 0.50 or above being rounded upwards.

18.3. IRC Ratings and/or TCF will be used to calculate the corrected times using Time-on-Time scoring.

18.4. Each division will have a separate scoring.

18.5. Scoring will be based on the number of accepted entries.

18.6. Prizes: See NOR article 27

**19. 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 fill the Retirement Declaration Form ashore within the protest time limit.

19.2. Boats, which made One-Turn Penalty or Two-Turns Penalty, shall sign an appropriate declaration at the Race Office within the protest time limit. Failure to declare this will mean that the boat did not make the penalty turn(s).

19.3. [DP]Boats which received outside help and/or run engine because of an emergency situation, run engine in order to charge their batteries, shall declare that in writing at the Race Office within the protest time limit stating the circumstances and the times of starting and stopping the engine. During battery charging the shafts and propellers shall not turn.

**20. CREW LIMITATION**

20.1. The **Race Committee** "MAY" approve crew changes (adding new crew members, replacing or disembarking crew members), after a written skipper's request made no later than **two (2)** hours before the scheduled time of the first warning signal of the day. Having a non-registered crewmember on board will be grounds for disqualification (DSQ) by the PC.

20.2. The boat owner or skipper, declared in the Entry form, cannot race on another boat. The penalty for infringing this rule will be grounds for disqualification (DSQ) for both boats (owned and raced with) by the PC.

**21. REPLACEMENT OF or EQUIPMENT**

- 21.1. During a regatta (run on consecutive days) the **sails** on board shall remain the same and be on board for all races.
- 21.2. A spare **main sail** may be on board but shall not be used as a *racing* replacement, either during a race or during a regatta run on consecutive days. Exceptionally, in the case of significant damage or loss, **sails** may be replaced with similar **sails**. This changes the IRC Rules.
- 21.3. In this case, the boat is required to inform the Race committee by VHF Ch.72 and to make a written statement at the first reasonable opportunity (as soon as possible) and show their damaged main sail to the Technical committee. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved by the Technical Committee. Failing to do so may result in a penalty imposed by the Protest Committee.
- 21.4. The boats, which have, furling headsail credit in their rating certificate shall not use any other headsail (except storm and heavy weather jib).
- 21.5. Boats shall not use any pole (spinnaker, whisker or any other kind) if not declared to UNCL/RORC OR Freshman declaration form (for Freshman Classes).

**22. MEASUREMENT & CONTROL**

- 22.1. A team provided by ORGANISING COMMITTEE 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.72 to proceed immediately for inspection.

**23. [NP]RACE COMMITTEE VESSELS**

- 23.1. The Committee Vessel and other official boats will display "RC" flags.
- 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 60.1(b).
- 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.

**24. TRASH DISPOSAL**

- 24.1. [DP]Boats shall not put trash in the water. Breach of SI RRS.47 will result in protest by Race Committee or it's designated representative.

**25. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY**

- 25.1. The 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. The Organizers (TAYK & DYSK) of these races, its representatives, Sponsors, Race, Protest and Technical Committee 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. The race will be governed by the rules listed in SI. By participating in a race conducted under these rules, 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 skippers should warn their team before the start of the race. They should declare that they accept all these responsibilities on their entry form. Each boat will accept above responsibilities upon signing of the entry form.
- 25.6. This race shall be construed in accordance with the law of Türkiye and each party agrees to submit to the exclusive jurisdiction of the courts of Türkiye
- 25.7. By coming onto ORGANISING COMMITTEE property and or participating in ORGANISING COMMITTEE events, you agree to release ORGANISING COMMITTEE and its members, Race, Technical and Protest Committee members from liability arising from your contracting COVID-19 as a result thereof.

**RACE COMMITTEE**

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**Appendix #1 Race Courses**