



ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB



Transport Malta

GATTOPARDO OFFSHORE RACE 2010

NOTICE OF RACE

1 GENERAL

- 1.1 The Gattopardo Offshore Race 2010 is being organised by the Royal Malta Yacht Club and sponsored by Transport Malta. The Race will start on 6th June 2010.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The race will be governed by the following rules and regulations:
 - 2.1.1 The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012.
 - 2.1.2 ISAF Special Offshore Regulations (2010-2011)
 - 2.1.3 IRC Rules and Regulations parts 2010.
 - 2.1.4 International Rules for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) shall apply between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
 - 2.1.5 This Notice of Race.
 - 2.1.6 The Sailing instructions issued by the RMYC and any amendments thereto.
- 2.2 In the event of a conflict the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 2.3 The sailing instructions may invoke rule changes as allowed for in ISAF RRS Rule 86.
- 2.4 Boats may display advertising as allowed by their classes according to ISAF Regulation 20. Boats may be required to display event advertising provided by the Organising Authority as provided for by ISAF Regulation 20.4.1.1.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The skipper of each participating boats must be a member of the RMYC.
- 3.2 Boats eligible to race must hold a current and valid IRC Rating Certificate and have a SSS rating of not less than 20. No alteration to a boat's TCC will be permitted within one week of the start of a race or series of races except as a result of a rating protest, to correct an error in a certificate or at the discretion of the racing committee, to include a genuine amendment which does not seek to gain unfair advantage contrary to the spirit of the IRC rule.

4 CLASSES

- 4.1 Boats may enter in the IRC Racer Division or the IRC Cruiser Division as defined in the current RMYC Racing Classes. Participating boats will be further split into classes by the Race Committee by TCC depending on entries. The list of boats in each class will be placed on the official notice board at the RMYC by Friday 4th June, by not later than 12:00 hrs.

5 REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Entry forms duly completed and accompanied by a Euro30.00 entry fee must reach the Club Secretary by end of registration on Wednesday 2nd June at 20:00 hrs.. Early intent of participation may be faxed to the Race Committee on Fax. No. 21 331131. Any boat which was not rated through the club, or has not already submitted a copy of their current IRC measurement certificate must submit a copy of their certificate with their entry.
- 5.2 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENT

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| 6.1 | Registration and Briefing | Wednesday | 2 nd June | 19:00 hrs. At RMYC |
| | Race | Sunday | 6 th June | 08:55 hrs. 1 st warning signal 1 st start |
| | Prize giving | | To be announced | |

7 SCORING SYSTEM

- 7.1 The Race will be scored using the IRC handicap rule and the Low Point scoring system of ISAF RRS Appendix A, will apply.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 8.1 Sailing Instructions issued by the RMYC will be made available to registered entries on registration.

9 BRIEFING

- 9.1 The briefing will be held on Wednesday 2nd at RMYC at 20:00 after registration.
- 9.2 Further information may be given by VHF on channel 72, 20 minutes before the start of the race.

10 COURSE

- 10.1 From the start in Marsamxett Harbour to Fairway leaving it to Starboard, then to Munxar Cardinal Buoy, and Filfla leaving them to Starboard, on to the South Comino Channel leaving Malta to Starboard and Comino to Port, around Gozo leaving it to Port, on to Filfla, Munxar Cardinal Buoy and Fairway Buoy leaving them to Port, then to the finish in Marsamxett Harbour.
- 10.2 Further details may be given on VHF Ch:72, 20 minutes before the start of the race.

11 PRIZEGIVING

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded according to the current RMYC Racing Classes in each class at a prizegiving evening at RMYC on a date still to be advised.

12 OFFSHORE CHALLENGE TROPHY

- 12.1 The Gattopardo Race counts for the RMYC Offshore Challenge Trophy.

13 SAFETY / SCRUTINEERING

- 13.1 Yacht owners are to ensure that their yacht complies with required safety standards for the race and in particular with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (2008-2009) for Category 3. Yacht Owners in need of advice from the Club Scrutineers should contact the Club Secretary. The Race Committee may request any boat to be scrutineered before and / or after any race.

14 RESPONSIBILITY

- 14.1 Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of owners and skippers is drawn to ISAF RRS Fundamental Rule 4 :”A yacht is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing” and Special Regulation 1.02(a) (in this Programme) which begins “The safety

of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner, or owner's representative..."

- 14.2 The sponsor and/or the RMYC accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to members or others or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property.
- 14.3 The owner and crew will be held jointly responsible for the conduct of the yacht's crew before, during and after a race. Misconduct may result in both owner and crew being excluded from future races renders a yacht liable to disqualification.
- 14.4 The Race Committee will make starting signals unless in their opinion it is manifestly unsafe for any of the yachts entered to remain in the vicinity of the starting line. Each yacht shall exercise her responsibility under RRS Fundamental Rule 4 and decide whether or not to start or to continue to race.
- 14.5 No yacht will be accepted as an entry unless its owner or his/her representative has before the start of the race signed the declaration included in the entry form.
- 14.6 Crew members' attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 life-saving equipment...."Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions"

15 INSURANCE

- 15.1 All participating boats shall hold adequate third party liability insurance valid while racing.

For further information and details please contact the RMYC on Tel : 21 333109