



ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB



**INTERNATIONAL YACHT PAINT  
DOUBLE HANDED  
ROUND MALTA RACE  
2010**

**NOTICE OF RACE**

**1 GENERAL**

The International Paint Double Handed Round Malta Race 2010 is being organised by the Royal Malta Yacht Club and sponsored by International Yacht Paint. The Race will be held on the Saturday 17<sup>th</sup> April 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) 2009-20012.
  - 2.1.2 ISAF Special Offshore Regulations (2010-2011) for Category 4.
  - 2.1.3 IRC Rules and Regulations 2010.
  - 2.1.4 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the International Rules for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) shall prevail over the ISAF RRS.
  - 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 This race is open to boats sailed by only two people on board.
- 3.2 The skipper of each participating boats must be a member of the RMYC.
- 3.3 Boats eligible to race must hold a current and valid IRC Rating Certificate and have a SSS rating of not less than 10. No alteration to a boat's TCC will be permitted within one week of the start of the race 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. Boats holding an additional shorthanded certificate shall race using this certificate.

- 3.4 In this race the use of autopilots and power winches is allowed. This changes ISAF RRS 52.

#### **4 CLASSES TO RACE**

- 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 16<sup>th</sup> April, 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 Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 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 | 14 <sup>th</sup> April | 19:30 hrs. at RMYC                        |
|     | Race                      | Saturday  | 17 <sup>th</sup> April | 08:55 hrs. 1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal |
|     | Prize giving              | Wednesday | 21 <sup>st</sup> April | 20:00 hrs. at RMYC                        |

#### **7 SCORING SYSTEM**

- 7.1 The Race will be scored on corrected time using the IRC handicap rule.

#### **8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

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

#### **9 BRIEFING**

- 9.1 A briefing will be held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> April at RMYC at 20:00 after end of registration.
- 9.2 Further information may be given by VHF on channel 72, 20 minutes before the start of the race.

#### **10 COURSES**

- 10.1 From the start, in Marsamxett Harbour sail on to round the island of Malta to the finish in Marsamxett Harbour.
- 10.2 Further details regarding the course to be sailed will be given in the sailing instructions, at the briefing and on VHF Ch:72, 20 minutes before the start of the race.

#### **11 PRIZEGIVING**

- 11.1 The prizegiving will be held at RMYC on Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> April at 20:00hrs at RMYC.

11.2 Prizes will be awarded for each class according to the current RMYC Racing Classes depending on entries.

## **12 SAFETY / SCRUTINEERING**

12.1 Yacht owners are to ensure that their yacht complies with required safety standards for the race and in particular with ISAF Offshore Special Regulations (2010-2011) for Category 4. 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.

## **13 RESPONSIBILITY**

13.1 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...”

13.2 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.

13.3 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.

13.4 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.

13.5 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.

13.6 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”

## **14 INSURANCE**

14.1 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