



ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB



Transport Malta

**MALTA MARITIME AUTHORITY
GATTOPARDO RACE
2010**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Malta Maritime Authority Gattopardo Race 2010 is organised by the Royal Malta Yacht Club and will be governed by the Notice of Race, by these sailing instructions and except as may be changed by these sailing instructions, by the following rules:
- 1.1.1 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 2008-2012,
 - 1.1.2 IRC Rules and Regulations 2010.
 - 1.1.3 ISAF Special Offshore Regulations (2010-2011) for Category 3.
 - 1.1.4 International Rules for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) shall apply between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
- 1.2 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.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The skipper of each participating boat must be a member of the RMYC.
- 2.2 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.

3 CLASSES TO RACE

- 3.1 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.

4 NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Royal Malta Yacht Club.

5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted or otherwise communicated before 8:00 hours on the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted or otherwise communicated by 21:00 hours on the day before it will take effect.

6 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a mast at the RMYC in Malta.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

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| 7.1 | Briefing | Wednesday | 2 nd June | 19:30 hrs. At RMYC |
| | Race | Sunday | 6 th June | 08:55 hrs. 1 st warning signal IRC Cruiser Div.
09:05 hrs. 1 st warning signal IRC Racer Div. |

8 CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 1st warning signal will be International Code Flag Whiskey (W) for the IRC Division and Code Flag Foxtrot for the Cruiser Division.

9 RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be the waters around the islands of Malta and Gozo.

10 THE COURSE

- 10.1 From the start, in Marsamxett Harbour sail to the Valletta Harbour Fairway buoy, Outer Munxar East Cardinal Buoy, Benghajsa East 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, Outer Munxar East Cardinal Buoy, Benghajsa East Cardinal Buoy and Valletta Harbour Fairway Buoy leaving them to Port, then to the finish in Marsamxett Harbour between a mast at RMYC and a point on the Valletta bastions.

- 10.2 Further details may be given on VHF Ch:72, 20 minutes before the start of the race.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using ISAF RRS 26, with the first warning signal given 5 minutes prior to the starting signal.
- 11.2 The start line for the Race will be from a mast set up on the inner side of Tigne point to the corner of the Valletta Bastion opposite.

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line for the Race will be a line taken from a mast set up at RMYC to the corner of the Valletta bastion directly opposite.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 There shall be a time limit to finish the race of 12:00hrs. on Monday 7th June for the first boat. If the first boat finishes then the time limit shall be extended to 16:00hrs. This changes ISAF RRS35.

14 SCORING

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

15 PENALTIES

- 15.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under ISAF RRS 31.2 or under ISAF RRS 44.1 for breaking a Rule of Part 2 shall inform the Race Committee before the end of protest time.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Boats intending to Protest are to advise the Race Committee immediately after finishing. Protest forms will be made available. Those in need of Protest Forms should contact the Race Committee. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be lodged before the Protest Time Limit.

16.2 The time limit for the submission of all protests shall be 12:00am on Tuesday 8th June. This time limit applies also to all protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee and to Requests for Redress. This changes ISAF RRS 61.3.

17 COMMUNICATIONS

17.1 When returning to Malta to finish boats are to first advise Spinnaker on mobile phone 9925 4713 when approximately 5 miles from Tigne Point and then to call Spinnaker on VHF Ch. 72 when entering Marsamxett Harbour to finish.

17.2 A boat that has retired from the race shall report to Spinnaker on VHF Ch.72 or on mobile phone 9925 4713, giving its position at the point of retirement and its intentions thereafter. A boat that retires and is unable to communicate with land bases shall attempt to relay its message through other competitors.

18 DISCLAIMER

18.1 All competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to ISAF RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for any loss, personal or material damage, injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race. The safety of a boat and her entire management, including adequate insurance cover shall be the sole responsibility of the owner and or the person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the duration of the race. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management.

The Course

