



ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB

GEWISS MARZAMEMI WEEKEND REGATTA 2010



NOTICE OF RACE

GENERAL

- 1.1 The Marzamemi Weekend Regatta 2010 is being organised by the Royal Malta Yacht Club with the assistance of the marinas of Marzamemi and sponsored by GEWISS. The Races will be held between the 30th April and the 2nd May 2010.

2 RULES

- 2.1 The races will be governed by the following rules and regulations:
 - 2.1.1 The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2009-2012.
 - 2.1.2 IRC Rules and Regulations 2010.
 - 2.1.3 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations 2010-2011 (Cat.3) + Life Raft.
 - 2.1.4 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the right of way rules of the International Rules for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) shall prevail.
 - 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 10. 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 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 Thursday 29th April, by not later than 12:00 hrs.

5 REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Entry forms duly completed and accompanied by a Euro 50.00 entry fee must reach the Club Secretary by end of registration on Tuesday 27th 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

6.1	Registration & Briefing	Tuesday	27 th April	19:00 hrs. at RMYC
	Race 1	Friday	30 th April	08:25 hrs. 1 st warning signal
	Dinner	Saturday	1 st May	7:00 hrs. Marzamemi Piazza
	Race 2	Sunday	2 nd May	08:25 hrs. 1 st warning signal
	Prizegiving	Friday	7 th May	20:00 hrs at RMYC

7 SCORING SYSTEM

- 7.1 Races will be scored on corrected time using the IRC handicap rule.
- 7.2 The two races will be scored separately.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

9 BRIEFING

- 9.1 The briefing will be held on Tuesday 27th April at RMYC at 20:00hrs. after registration. Further information may be given by VHF on channel 72, 20 minutes before the race.

10 COURSES

- 10.1 Race 1 will be a passage race from Malta to Marzamemi.
- 10.2 Race 2 will be a passage race from Marzamemi to Malta.
- 10.3 Further details regarding the course to be sailed will be given at the briefing and on VHF Ch.72, 20 minutes before the start of the race.
- 10.4 Races 1 and 2 shall both count for the RMYC Offshore Challenge Trophy.

11 PRIZEGIVING

- 11.1 Prizes will be awarded according to the current RMYC Racing Classes in each class for Races 1 and 2 separately at a prizegiving evening at RMYC to be held on Friday 7th May at 20:00 hrs.
- 11.2 Further details will be given during the briefing.

12 BERTHING

- 12.1 Berthing will be made available for participating boats at Marzamemi Marina. Berthing for the two night is provided at a reduced rate of 45 euros including the use of water and electricity, to be paid on registration. Boats will be guided to a berth in either of the two marinas in Marzamemi. Further details will be given during the briefing.

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 ISSAF Offshore special regulations 2010-2011 Category 3 + liferaft. 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 TRAVEL FACILITIES AND HOTEL ACCOMMODATION

- 14.1 Members and guests wishing to join the racing teams in Marzamemi who require information on travel and accommodation arrangements should contact the Club Secretary.

15 SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- 15.1 On Saturday 1st May a dinner is being organized in Marzamemi Piazza at 19:00 hrs. The cost of this dinner which consists of seafood antipasti, pasta, dessert and water or wine is Euro35 per person. Bookings, with payment are to be made on registration.

- 15.2 Further details for this trip will be given at the briefing.

16 RESPONSIBILITY

- 16.1 Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of owners and skippers is drawn to 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...”
- 16.2 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.
- 16.3 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.
- 16.4 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.
- 16.5 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 in the entry form.
- 16.6 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”

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