



ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB

Yacht Club
Marzamemi

GEWISS MARZAMEMI WEEKEND REGATTA 2010



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Marzamemi Weekend Regatta 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 The ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2010-2012.
 - 1.1.2 IRC Rules and Regulations 2010.
 - 1.1.3 ISAF Offshore Special Regulations 2010-2011 (Cat.3) + Life Raft.
 - 1.1.4 International Rules for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) shall prevail between the hours of sunset and sunrise.
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.3 The sailing instructions may invoke rule changes as allowed for in ISAF RRS Rule 86.
- 1.4 Boats may display advertising as allowed by their classes according to ISAF Regulation 20. Boats shall display event advertising provided by the Organising Authority as provided for by ISAF Regulation 20.4.1.1. Bow stickers and backstay pennants will be provided by the Organising Authority and must be displayed by all participants during the event.

2 ELIGIBILITY

- 2.1 The skipper of each participating boat must be a member of the RMYC or Yacht Club Marzamemi.
- 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 Thursday 29th April, 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 or at the office of the Marina in Marzamemi.

5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted or otherwise communicated before 07:30 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 or on the breakwater at Marzamemi.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

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| 7.1 | Briefing | Tuesday | 27 th April | 19:00 hrs. at RMYC |
| | Race 1 | Friday | 30 th April | 08:25 hrs. 1 st warning signal IRC Cruiser Div.
08:35 hrs. 1 st warning signal IRC Racer Div. |
| | Race 2 | Sunday | 2 nd May | 08:25 hrs. 1 st warning signal IRC Cruiser Div.
08:35 hrs. 1 st warning signal IRC Racer Div. |

8 CLASS FLAGS

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

9 RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area will be the Malta-Sicily Channel and the waters off Marzamemi

10 THE 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 as well as details of start and finish lines will be given on VHF Ch:72, 20 minutes before the start of the race.

11 MARKS

- 11.1 Any marks will be as detailed in the briefing prior to the races.

12 THE START

- 12.1 Races will be started using ISAF RRS 26, with the first warning signal given 5 minutes prior to the starting signal.
- 12.2 The start line for Race 1 will be a line set on the water off Sliema.
- 12.3 The start line for Race 2 will be a line laid off the breakwater at Marzamemi to a buoy laid at sea.

13 THE FINISH

- 13.1 The finish line for Race 1 will be a line laid from land at the Conchiglietta Hotel in Marzamemi to an outer distance mark laid at sea. This outer distance mark will be an inflatable buoy carrying a flashing blue light laid at approximate position **36° 44' 36" N and 015° 07' 20" E**. An inner distance mark will be laid and boats are to finish between this and the outer distance mark. Competitors should be careful not to sail too close to shore when approaching the finish line due to shallow water.
- 13.2 The finishing line for Race 2 will be a line taken from a mast set up at RMYC to the corner of the Valletta bastions opposite the RMYC.

14 TIME LIMITS

- 1.1 The time limit for both races shall be 23:30hrs. If one boat finishes within the time limit, then the time limit shall be extended to 02:00hrs. This changes ISAF RRS 35. This changes ISAF RRS 35.

15 SCORING

- 15.1 Races will be scored on corrected time using the IRC TCC. Each race will be scored as a separate race.
- 15.2 A redress score consisting of average points will be given as stated in ISAF RRS A10(a).

16 PENALTIES

- 16.1 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.

17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1 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.
- 17.2 The protest time will end 60 minutes after the last boat has finished each race. The same time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee or Jury and to Requests for Redress. This changes ISAF RRS 61.3 & 62.2.
- 17.3 A request for re-opening a hearing shall be lodged not later than 20 minutes after the party requesting re-opening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes ISAF RRS 66.

18 COMMUNICATIONS

- 18.1 Boats are to contact the bridge when 2 hours away from Marzamemi by calling or sending a text message on +356 9925 4713 giving name and position of boat and again by calling Spinnaker Marzamemi on VHF Ch. 72 as they approach 1 nautical mile from the finish line for Race 1.
- 18.2 Boats are to contact the bridge when 2 hours away from Malta by calling or sending a text message on +356 7946 6873 giving name and position of boat and again by calling Spinnaker on VHF Ch. 72 as they approach 1 nautical mile from Marsamxett to finish in Race 2.

19 HAZARDS TO NAVIGATION

- 19.1 Boats are to be wary of extensive fish farms laid to the North of the Isola di Capo Passero.

20 BERTHING

- 20.1 After finishing boats are to proceed towards Marzamemi Harbour and contact the marina by calling 'Yacht Club Marzamemi' on VHF channel 9. Boats should wait at the harbour entrance to be guided to a berth by the berthing assistants.

21 DISCLAIMER

- 21.1 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.

MARZAMEMI FINISH LINE

