



ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB



**SURFSIDE SPRING
GOZO REGATTA
2010**

NOTICE OF RACE

1 GENERAL

- 1.1 The Spring Gozo Regatta 2010 is being organised by the Royal Malta Yacht Club and sponsored by Surfside. The Races will be held between the 26th March and the 28th March 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, parts 1, 2 & 3.
 - 2.1.3 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the International Rules for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) shall prevail over the ISAF RRS.
 - 2.1.4 This Notice of Race.
 - 2.1.5 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 The Boats racing in the IRC Racer Division may display advertising as allowed by ISAF Regulation 20 Category C and IRC regulation 18. Part 4 of the IRC rule does not apply. Boats racing in the IRC Cruiser Division may not display advertising other than that allowed by ISAF Regulation 20 Category A and Part 4 of the IRC Rule applies.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The skipper of each participating boats must be a full 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 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 26th March, by not later than 12:00 hrs.
- 4.1.1 All keelboats must be equipped with a functioning marine VHF transceiver capable of operating on channel 72.

5 REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Entry forms duly completed and accompanied by entry fee of €45 must reach the Club Secretary by Wednesday 24th March at 20:30 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 its 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 and shall be required to pay an additional late entry fee of €15.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENT

- 6.1 Registration+Briefing Wednesday 24th March 19:00 hrs. at RMYC
- 6.2 Races:
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| Cruiser Division: | | | |
| Race 1 | Friday | 26 th March | 13:55 hrs. 1 st warning signal |
| Race 2 | Saturday | 27 th March | 09:55 hrs. 1 st warning signal |
| Race 3 | Sunday | 28 th March | 09:55 hrs. 1 st warning signal |
| Racer Division: | | | |
| Race 1 | Friday | 26 th March | 14:05 hrs. 1 st warning signal |
| Race 2, 3, 4 | Saturday | 27 th March | 10:05 hrs. 1 st warning signal |
| Race 5 | Sunday | 28 th March | 10:05 hrs. 1 st warning signal |
- 6.3 Other Activities:
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| Drinks + snacks | Friday | 26 th March | 18:30 hrs. on Pontoons |
| Dinner | Saturday | 27 th March | 20:00 hrs. venue to be announced |
| Prize giving | Tuesday | 30 th March | 20:00 hrs. at Surfside |

7 SCORING SYSTEM

- 7.1 Races will be scored on corrected time using the IRC handicap rule.
- 7.2 The races in the regatta shall together form a series and the Low Point scoring system of ISAF RRS Appendix A, will apply, modified as follows. In the Cruiser Division no score shall be excluded. In the Racer Division the worst score shall be excluded except that if less than four races are sailed no score shall be excluded. In both Divisions the regatta shall remain valid if at least one race is sailed.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

9 BRIEFING

- 9.1 The briefing will be held on Wednesday 24th March at RMYC at 19:30 after registration. Further information may be given by VHF on channel 72, 20 minutes before the race.

10 COURSES

10.1 Cruiser Division

Race 1 will be a passage race starting from Sliema and finishing in Mgarr.

Race 2 will be a coastal race starting off Mgarr and finishing off Mgarr.

Race 3 will be a passage race starting off Mgarr and finishing in Marsamxett.

10.2 Racer Division

Race 1 will be a passage race starting from Sliema and finishing off Mgarr.

Races 2, 3 and 4 will be round the cans races.

Race 5 will be a passage race starting off Mgarr and finishing in Marsamxett.

10.3 Further details regarding the courses to be sailed will be given in the Sailing Instructions and on VHF Ch:72, 20 minutes before the start of the race.

11 PRIZEGIVING

11.1 Prizes will be awarded in each class according to the current RMYC Racing Classes appropriate to the number of entries at a prizegiving on the Tuesday 31st March at Surfside.

12 RESPONSIBILITY

12.1 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..."

12.2 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.

12.3 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 and may render a yacht liable to disqualification.

12.4 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.

12.5 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.

12.6 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"

13 INSURANCE

13.1 All boats participating in the event shall hold adequate third party liability insurance valid while racing.

14 BERTHING

14.1 Berthing is being provided for competing boats on Friday and Saturday nights in Mgarr Harbour courtesy of the Malta Maritime Authority. Boats should go to either Pontoon H or G as directed by the race committee on finishing.

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