



# ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB



## SURFSIDE GOZO REGATTA 2010

### SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

#### 1 RULES

- 1.1 The Surfside Spring Gozo 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 ISAF Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS), 2009-20012,
  - 1.1.2 IRC Rules and Regulations 2010.
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.3 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise the International Rules for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) shall prevail over the RRS.
- 1.4 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.

#### 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 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.

#### 3 CLASSES

- 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 26<sup>th</sup> March, by not later than 12:00 hrs.
- 3.2 All keelboats must be equipped with a functioning marine VHF transceiver capable of operating on channel 72.

## 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 otherwise communicated to all participants while in Gozo.

## 5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted or otherwise communicated before 08:30 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 a mast on the Mgarr breakwater.

## 7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

- 7.1 Cruiser Division:
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|--------|----------|------------------------|---|
| Race 1 | Friday   | 26 <sup>th</sup> March | 13:55 hrs. 1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal |
| Race 2 | Saturday | 27 <sup>th</sup> March | 09:55 hrs. 1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal |
| Race 3 | Sunday   | 28 <sup>th</sup> March | 09:55 hrs. 1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal |
- Racer Division:
- |              |          |                        |   |
|--------------|----------|------------------------|---|
| Race 1       | Friday   | 26 <sup>th</sup> March | 14:05 hrs. 1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal |
| Race 2, 3, 4 | Saturday | 27 <sup>th</sup> March | 10:05 hrs. 1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal |
| Race 5       | Sunday   | 28 <sup>th</sup> March | 10:05 hrs. 1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal |

## 8 CLASS FLAGS

- 8.1 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal for the IRC Cruiser Division will be International Code Flag Romeo (R).
- 8.2 1<sup>st</sup> warning signal for the IRC Racer Division will be International Code Flag Whiskey (W)

## 9 RACING AREA

- 9.1 The racing area for all races will be the waters around Malta and Gozo.

## 10 THE COURSES

### 10.1 Cruiser Division

Race 1 – From the start off Surfside sail to the finish line off Mgarr Harbour leaving Malta and Comino to Port.

Race 2 will be a coastal race starting and finishing off Mgarr. The Course to be sailed will be given on VHF Ch.72, 20 minutes before the start.

Race 3 – From a start off Mgarr Harbour sail to the finish in Marsamxett Harbour leaving Malta and the cardinal marks of Benghisa and Munxar to Port.

### 10.2 Racer Division

Race 1 - From the start off Surfside sail to the finish line off Mgarr Harbour leaving Malta and Comino to Port.

Races 2, 3 and 4 will be round the cans races. The Course to be sailed will be given on VHF Ch.72, 20 minutes before the start.

Race 5 - From a start off Mgarr Harbour sail to the finish in Marsamxett Harbour leaving Malta and the cardinal marks of Benghisa and Munxar to Port.

- 10.3 Further details regarding the courses to be sailed as well as starting and finishing lines will be given on VHF Ch:72, 20 minutes before the start of the race.

- 10.4 Depending on weather conditions the Race Committee may shorten or change the courses to be sailed.

## **11 MARKS**

- 11.1 Any marks will be as detailed in the briefing prior to the races.
- 11.2 The Race Committee may, at its discretion, include a windward mark after the start.

## **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 for both Divisions will be a line taken from the committee boat to a mark or a rib set on the water off Surfside.
- 12.3 The start line for remaining races will be set off Mgarr and will be described on VHFch.72 before the race.

## **13 THE FINISH**

- 13.1 The finishing line for race 1 on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> for both Divisions will be a line between the mast on near the landward end of the Mgarr breakwater and a buoy laid at sea.
- 13.2 The finishing line for races held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> for both Divisions will be described on VHFch.72 before the race.
- 13.3 The finishing line for the last race on Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> for both Divisions will be a line taken from a mast at RMYC Club to a point on the Valletta side.
- 13.4 Skippers are to advise Spinnaker on Channel 72 when approaching the finish line.

## **14 TIME LIMITS**

- 14.1 The time limit for Race 1 for both divisions shall be 18:30 hrs. If the first boat finishes within the time limit, then the time limit shall be extended by 45 minutes. This changes ISAF RRS 35.
- 14.2 The time limit for Race 2 for the Cruiser Division shall be 17:00 hrs. If the first boat finishes within the time limit, then the time limit shall be extended by 70 minutes. This changes ISAF RRS 35.
- 14.3 The time limit for Races 2-4 for the Racer Division shall be 75 minutes. If the first boat finishes within the time limit, then the time limit shall be extended by 15 minutes. This changes ISAF RRS 35.
- 14.4 The time limit for Race 3 shall be 18:30 hrs. If the first boat finishes within the time limit, then the time limit shall be extended by 85 minutes. This changes ISAF RRS 35.

## **15 SCORING**

- 15.1 In the IRC Category races will be scored on corrected time using the IRC TCC.
- 15.2 The three races in the regatta shall together form a series. In all divisions the Low Point scoring system of ISAF RRS Appendix A, will apply, modified so that no race score shall be excluded. This changes ISAF RRS rule 35.
- 15.3 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 COMMUNICATIONS**

- 17.1 All boats are to call Spinnaker on VHF Ch. 72 when 1 mile from the finish line and again when approaching the finish line. Spinnaker may also be contacted on mobile phone 9925 4713 or 9929 9694.
- 17.2 A boat that has retired from the race shall report to Spinnaker on VHF Ch.72 or on mobile phone, giving its position at the point of retirement and its intentions thereafter.

## **18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

- 18.1 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.
- 18.2 The protest time will end 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the last race of the day. 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.
- 18.3 On the last day of the series a request for re-opening a hearing shall be lodged:
- 18.3.1 Within the Protest Time Limit when the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.
- 18.3.2 Not later than 20 minutes after the party requesting re-opening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes ISAF RRS 66.

## **19 PRIZE GIVING**

- 19.1 Prizes will be awarded in each class within each division for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> where there are six or more participants and for 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> where there are five or four participants. Prizes will be awarded at a prizegiving reception at RMYC on Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> March at RMYC at 20:00 hrs.

## **20 DISCLAIMER**

- 20.1 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.

## **21 INSURANCE**

- 21.1 Each participating boat shall be insured with valid and adequate third-party liability insurance valid while racing.