



# ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB

## COASTAL SERIES 2019 NOTICE OF RACE

### 1. GENERAL

- 1.1. The RMYC Coastal Series 2019 is being organised by the Royal Malta Yacht Club and will consist of a series of 6 short afternoon fun club races.

### 2. RULES

- 2.1. The races will be governed by the following rules and regulations:
  - 2.1.1. The WS Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020.
  - 2.1.2. IRC Rules and Regulations 2019.
  - 2.1.3. WS Offshore Special Regulations 2018-2019 (Cat.4).
  - 2.1.4. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise the International Rules for Prevention of Collisions at Sea shall prevail over the RRS.
  - 2.1.5. RMYC Classes Rule 2019.1
  - 2.1.6. This Notice of Race.
  - 2.1.7. The Sailing instructions issued by the RMYC and any amendments thereto.
- 2.2. In the event of any 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 boat must be a member of a yacht club affiliated with its MNA. Boats with skippers who are 'new to the sailing scene' and have not entered any RMYC event before are invited to take part in this event for which they will be considered temporary members.
- 3.2. Boats may race in one or more races of the series.
- 3.3. Boats eligible to race must hold a valid IRC Rating Certificate. Boats must have requested their 2019 revalidation rating at least by the day prior to the first series race they participate in, after which alterations to a boat's TCC will not be permitted within one week of the start of a race, 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.
- 3.4. Boats who are new to the RMYC Sailing Scene who would like to try out racing may request to be given a Time Correction Factor by the RMYC Rating Officer applicable for this series, which will be used to calculate an estimated corrected time, however such boats will not be scored.

- 3.5. Boats entered in the IRC Division may be split into an IRC Racer class and an IRC Cruiser class as defined in the RMYC Racing Classes Rule 2019. A minimum number of 3 entries will constitute a Class. Boats that are not in a Class will be eligible to compete in the Division overall standings.
- 3.6. Boats may enter in the RMYC Sportsboat Class as defined in RMYC Classes subject to a minimum number of 3 entries.
- 3.7. Any boat which was not rated through the RMYC, or has not already submitted a copy of their current IRC measurement certificate must submit a copy of their certificate with their entry.
- 3.8. Any boat that has not already submitted a copy of their insurance certificate, must submit a copy of their insurance certificate prior to their first race.
- 3.9. All boats must be equipped with a functioning marine VHF transceiver capable of operating on channel 72.
- 3.10. All boats will be expected to have a mobile phone on board, capable of making calls and/or sending SMSs .
- 3.11. In this series, the use of autopilots and power winches is allowed. This changes ISAF RRS 52.

#### **4. REGISTRATION AND BRIEFING**

- 4.1. Competitors shall enter by advising the Club Secretary of their participation by 17:00hrs the day before each series race in the case of Races 1-5; and by Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May for Race 6.
- 4.2. There is no entry fee for participation of boats who join the series in Races 1-5. Boats whose first race of the series is Race 6 will be required to pay an entry fee of €20.
- 4.3. A race briefing will be given on the VHF 20 minutes prior to the start of each race.
- 4.4. In the interest of courtesy, any competitor who may be unable to participate are requested to advise the club of their intentions as soon as they are known.

#### **5. SCHEDULE OF EVENT**

Race 1	Saturday 26 <sup>th</sup> January	13:00 hrs.
Race 2	Saturday 16 <sup>th</sup> February	13:00 hrs.
Race 3	Saturday 9 <sup>th</sup> March	13:30 hrs.
Race 4	Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> March	13:30 hrs.
Race 5	Saturday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	13:30 hrs.
Race 6	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	10:30 hrs.
Prizegiving	Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup> June	After race 6

#### **6. COURSES**

- 6.1. All races will start and finish outside the RMYC club house.
- 6.2. The course for races 1-5 will be communicated by VHF in the briefing given 20 minutes prior to each race.
- 6.3. The course for race 6 will be a Round Comino Race.

#### **7. SCORING SYSTEM**

- 7.1. Races will be scored using the Low point scoring system.
- 7.2. Series race results will be calculated with all races counted. In the event that 4 or more of the series races are held, the series race results will exclude a boats worst score. Boats not participating in a race will be scored as DNF, ie number of boats starting that race +1.

## **8. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 8.1. Sailing Instructions issued by the RMYC will be made available on the RMYC website.

## **9. PRIZEGIVING AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES**

- 9.1. Boats placing first in each race will be presented with a 'drinks' prize at the RMYC clubhouse, not earlier than 40 minutes after the last boat has finished that race.
- 9.2. An overall prizegiving will be held after the last race of the series, not earlier than 60 minutes after the last boat has finished the race. Prizes will be awarded to the 1<sup>st</sup> 2<sup>nd</sup> & 3<sup>rd</sup> in each class if there are at least five entries, only to 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> if there are four entries and only to 1<sup>st</sup> if there are three entries.

## **10. SAFETY AND SCRUTENEERING**

- 10.1. Yacht owners are to ensure that their yacht complies with required safety standards for the race and in particular with World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations for Category 4. 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.

## **11. RESPONSIBILITY**

- 11.1. 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 ISAF Offshore Special Regulation 1.02 which begins "The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the owner, or owner's representative..."
- 11.2. 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.
- 11.3. 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 renders a yacht liable to disqualification.
- 11.4. 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.
- 11.5. 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.
- 11.6. 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"  
A Lifejacket and Harness should be worn when on deck:
  - Between the hours of sunset and sunrise
  - When alone on deck
  - When reefed
  - When the true wind speed is 25 knots or above
  - When the visibility is less than 1 nautical mile

## **12. INSURANCE**

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