



# ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB



## MEDCOMMS ROUND MALTA RACE 2017

### NOTICE OF RACE

#### 1 GENERAL

- 1.1 The Medcomms Round Malta Race 2017 is being organised by the Royal Malta Yacht Club and sponsored by Medcomms and will be held on the 13th December 2017.

#### 2 RULES

- 1.1 The race will be governed by the following rules and regulations:
- 1.1.1 The rules as defined in the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020
  - 1.1.2 World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2016-2017 Category 4.
  - 1.1.3 IRC Rules and Regulations 2017.
  - 1.1.4 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise the International Rules for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) shall prevail.
  - 1.1.5 The RMYC Racing Classes Rule.
  - 1.1.6 This Notice of Race.
  - 1.1.7 The Sailing instructions issued by the RMYC and any amendments thereto.
- 1.2 In the event of a conflict the Sailing Instructions shall prevail.
- 1.3 The sailing instructions may invoke rule changes as allowed for in WS RRS Rule 86.
- 1.4 Boats may display advertising as allowed by their classes according to WS Regulation 20. Boats may be required to display event advertising provided by the Organising Authority as provided for by WS Regulation 20.4.1.

#### 3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The skipper of each participating boat must be a member of the RMYC or a yacht club affiliated with its MNA.
- 3.2 Boats eligible to race in IRC divisions must hold a current and valid IRC Rating Certificate and have a minimum SSS base value of 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.
- 3.3 Boats eligible to race in RMYC Cruiser class must comply with their respective class rules and OSR Category 4. Boats in this class shall be given a Time correction factor based on the RYA base NHC number without any performance adjustment. Boats that are a one design class shall conform to class rules.

## **4 CLASSES**

- 4.1 Boats may enter in the IRC Classes as defined in RMYC Racing Classes 2017. Participating boats may be further split into classes by the Race Committee by TCC depending on entries. A minimum number of 4 entries will constitute a class. IRC rated boats that are not in a class will be eligible to compete in the Overall standings.
- 4.2 Boats without an IRC Rating may enter the RMYC Cruiser class as defined in RMYC Classes 2017, subject to a minimum number of 4 entries.
- 4.3 The Race Committee may accept a class with less than 4 starters and will give a prize for first place only at its discretion.
- 4.4 The list of boats in each class will be placed on the official notice board at the RMYC by Tuesday 12th December at 16:00 hrs.
- 4.5 All keelboats must be equipped with a functioning marine VHF transceiver capable of operating on channel 72.

## **5 REGISTRATION AND BRIEFING**

- 5.1 A competitor shall enter by submitting a completed Entry Form to the Club Secretary by Monday 11th December at 19:00 hrs. The RMYC may accept an entry by email or over the telephone. Submission of an entry will not guarantee a place in a race; a signed entry form and all other entry requirements must be completed to the satisfaction of the RMYC before the start. For information contact the Club Secretary on 21333109 or [info@rmyc.org](mailto:info@rmyc.org).
- 5.2 A race briefing will take place on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December at 19:30 hrs at the RMYC and is compulsory for at least one representative from each entrant.
- 5.3 The race entry fee is €30 for full members of the RMYC and €60 for non-members. It will be collected at the RMYC Office during normal office hours, also before the briefing between 18:30 and 19:00 hrs.
- 5.4 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.
- 5.5 Any boat that has not already submitted a copy of their insurance certificate, must submit a copy of their insurance certificate with their entry.
- 5.6 Entries after 19.30hrs on 11<sup>th</sup> December may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee and will be subject to an additional late entry fee of €10.
- 5.7 Cancellations before the race briefing will be eligible for a full refund of the race entry fee. Cancellations after the race briefing and before the start will be eligible for a refund of 50% of the race entry fee. If the RMYC is not informed of cancellation as described above the full fee will be due without refund unless good reason can be shown.

## **6 SCHEDULE OF EVENT**

- 6.1 Briefing                    Monday 11<sup>th</sup> December 19:30 hrs. at RMYC
- 6.2 Race                        Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> December with first warning signal of the day at 08:25 hrs.
- 6.3 Prize giving              Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> December 12:00 hrs. at RMYC Christmas Drinks

## **7 SCORING SYSTEM**

- 7.1 Races will be scored using the applicable class rules.

## 8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

## 9 THE COURSE

- 9.1 The course will be a Round Malta race starting and finishing in the vicinity of Marsamxett Harbour. There shall be no provision to alter or shorten the course.
- 9.2 Further details regarding the course to be sailed will be given in the Sailing Instructions and on VHF Ch:72, 15 minutes before the start of the race.

## 10 PRIZEGIVING

- 10.1 The prize giving will be held on Saturday 23rd December 12:00 hrs. at RMYC
- 10.2 Prizes supplied by Medcomms will be awarded in each class for first, second and third place if there are five or more entries and first and second only if there are four entries.

## 11 SAFETY / SCRUTINEERING

- 11.1 Yacht owners are to ensure that their yacht complies with required safety standards for the race and in particular with WS Offshore special regulations 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 inspected before and / or after the race.

## 12 RESPONSIBILITY

- 12.1 Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of owners and skippers is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 4 :” ***The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or continue racing is hers alone***” 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 renders 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 By Participating, each boat acknowledges and implies that it has adequate third-party liability insurance, valid while racing.