



## ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB



# PV IES DOUBLE HANDED RMYC SHORT HANDED SERIES 2018 NOTICE OF RACE

## 1. GENERAL

- 1.1. The PV IES Double Handed Round Malta Race is organised by the Royal Malta Yacht Club and is sponsored by PV-IES. The race forms part of the RMYC Short Handed Series.

## 2. RULES

- 2.1 The races will be governed by the following rules and regulations:
  - 2.1.1 The World Sailing (WS) Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020.
  - 2.1.2 IRC Rules and Regulations 2018.
  - 2.1.3 WS Offshore Special Regulations 2018-2019 (Cat. 4).
  - 2.1.4 The RMYC Racing Classes Rules 2018.
  - 2.1.6 The RMYC Short Handed Series Rule 2018
  - 2.1.7 This Notice of Race.
  - 2.1.8 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 WS RRS Rule 86.
- 2.4 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 20.4.1.1.
- 2.5 Between the hours of sunset and sunrise, the right of way rules of the International Rules for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) shall substitute the Racing Rules

## 3. ELIGIBILITY AND CLASSES TO RACE

- 3.1. This race is open to boats sailed by only two people on board.
- 3.2. The skipper of each participating boats must be a full member of the RMYC or a member of a yacht club affiliated with its MNA.
- 3.3. Boats eligible to race in IRC Divisions must hold a current and valid IRC Rating Certificate and have a base SSS value 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.
- 3.4. Boats eligible to race in non-IRC divisions must comply with their respective class rules. Boats in the club Cruising Class shall be given a Time Correction Factor by the RMYC Rating Officer as detailed in RMYC Racing Classes Rule.
- 3.5. In this race the use of autopilots and power winches is allowed. This changes WS RRS 52.

- 3.6. Boats may enter in the IRC Racer Division or the IRC Cruiser Division as defined in RMYC Racing Classes. Participating boats will be further split into classes by TCC as set out in RMYC Racing Classes. A minimum number of 3 entries will constitute a Class.
- 3.7. Boats may enter the Club Cruiser Class for boats as defined in RMYC Classes subject to a minimum number of 3 entries.
- 3.8. The list of boats in each class will be placed on the official notice board at the RMYC by Friday 13<sup>th</sup> April, by not later than 12:00 hrs.
- 3.9. All keelboats must be equipped with a functioning marine VHF transceiver capable of operating on channel 72.

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

- 4.1. A competitor shall enter by submitting a completed Entry Form to the Club Secretary by Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April at 19:00 hrs. The RMYC may accept an entry by email or over the telephone. 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).
- 4.2. The race briefing will take place on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April at 19:30 hrs at the RMYC and is compulsory for at least one representative from each entrant.
- 4.3. The race entry fee is €35 for full members of the RMYC and €45 for non-members. It will be collected at the RMYC Office during normal office hours and after the briefing between 20:00 and 20:30 hrs.
- 4.4. 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.
- 4.5. Any boat that has not already submitted a copy of their insurance certificate, must submit a copy of their insurance certificate with their entry.
- 4.6. Entries after 19:00 hrs on Wednesday, 11<sup>th</sup> April, may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee and will be subject to an additional late entry fee of €20.
- 4.7. 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.

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

- 5.1. PV IES Double Handed Round Malta Race

Briefing	Wednesday 11 <sup>th</sup> April	19:00 hrs. at RMYC.
First W.S.	Saturday 14 <sup>th</sup> April	08:25 hrs
Prize-giving	Sunday 15 <sup>th</sup> April	18:00 hrs

#### **6. COURSES**

- 6.1. The race will follow a course will be around the Island of Malta.
- 6.2. Further details regarding the course to be sailed will be given in the sailing instructions, at the briefing and on VHF Ch:72, 15 minutes before the start of the race.

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

- 9.1. Prizes will be awarded to each class according to RMYC Classes 20.8.1

## **10. SAFTETY AND SCRUTENEERING**

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

For further information and details please contact the RMYC on Tel: 21333109 or [info@rmyc.org](mailto:info@rmyc.org)