



ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB



**PV IES DOUBLE HANDED  
RMYC SHORT HANDED SERIES  
2018**

**SAILING  
INSTRUCTIONS**

**1 RULES**

- 1.1 The PV IES Double Handed Round Malta Race 2018 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 The WS Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020.
  - 1.1.2 IRC Rules and Regulations 2018.
  - 1.1.3 WS Offshore Special Regulations 2018-2019 (Cat.4).
  - 1.1.4 RMYC Classes Rule 2018.1
  - 1.1.5 The Notice of Race.
  - 1.1.6 The Sailing instructions issued by the RMYC and any amendments thereto.
- 1.2 In the event of any conflict the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 1.3 The sailing instructions may invoke rule changes as allowed for in 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 20.4.1.1.
- 1.5 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.

**2 ELIGIBILITY**

- 2.1 This race is open to boats sailed by only two people on board.
- 2.2 The skipper of each participating boat must be a member of the RMYC or a member of a Club affiliated with its MNA. Spaces are limited so entries will be accepted on a first come, first served basis giving preference to members of the RMYC.
- 2.3 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.
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- 1.2 Boats eligible to race in non-IRC divisions must comply with their respective class rules. Boats in the RMYC Cruising Class shall be given a Time Correction Factor by the RMYC Rating Officer as detailed in RMYC Racing Classes Rule.
- 1.3 In this race the use of autopilots and power winches is allowed. This changes WS RRS 52.

### **3 CLASSES**

- 3.1 Boats may enter in the IRC Racer Division or the IRC Cruiser Division as defined in RMYC Racing Classes 2018.1. Participating boats will be further split into classes by TCC depending on entries. as set out in RMYC Racing Classes 2018.1.
- 3.2 Boats may enter the Club Cruiser Class for boats as defined in RMYC Classes 2018.1 subject to a minimum number of 3 entries.
- 3.3 The list of boats in each class will be placed on the official notice board at the RMYC by Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> April, by not later than 17:00 hrs.
- 3.4 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.

### **5 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS**

- 5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted or otherwise communicated before 07:30 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**

Signals made ashore will be displayed on a mast at the RMYC.

### **7 SCHEDULE OF RACES**

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| 7.1 | Briefing | Wednesday | 11 <sup>th</sup> April | 19:30 hrs. at RMYC after registration   |
|     | Race     | Saturday  | 14 <sup>th</sup> April | 08:25 hrs. 1 <sup>st</sup> warning signal for the 1 <sup>st</sup> starting group; |
- The race committee will divide the fleet into different starting groups depending on entries.

### **8 CLASS FLAGS**

- 8.1 Code Flag Whiskey (W) for the IRC Racer Divisions.
- 8.2 Code Flag Romeo (R) for IRC Cruiser Divisions.
- 8.3 Code Flag Foxtrot (F) for Club Cruiser Class

### **9 RACING AREA**

- 9.1 The racing area will be the Malta-Sicily Channel and the waters off Marzamemi

### **10 THE COURSES**

- 10.1 **Course 1** - From the start in Marsamxett Harbour, sail around the Island of Malta leaving Malta to PORT to the finish in Marsamxett Harbour.

10.2 **Course 2** - From the start in Marsamxett Harbour, sail around the Island of Malta leaving Malta to STARBOARD to the finish in Marsamxett Harbour.

10.3 The course to be sailed (1 or 2) will be indicated by a numeral pennant and communicated together with other details on VHF Ch.72 in a briefing 20 minutes before each start.

## **11 MARKS**

11.1 Any marks will be as detailed in the briefing prior to the races.

## **12 THE START**

12.1 Races will be started using RRS 26, with the first warning signal given 5 minutes prior to the starting signal.

12.2 The start line for Race 1 will be a line taken from a mast flying an orange flag set up at Valletta to the corner of the staircase at Tigne Point.

## **13 THE FINISH**

13.1 The finish line for will be a line laid between the Gunpost on the corner of the Valletta bastions and the flagpole on the fort on Tigne Point.

13.2 The finishing line for Race 2 will be a line between the Tigne fort flag pole and a street light pole on the bastions of Valetta close to the lower entrance of fort St. Elmo.

## **14 TIME LIMITS**

14.1 The time limit for both the race shall be 00:00hrs. for all boats. This changes RRS 35.

## **15 SCORING**

15.1 Races will be scored on corrected time using the IRC TCC or other applicable time factor. Each race will be scored as a separate race.

15.2 A redress score consisting of average points will be given as stated in RRS A10(a).

## **16 PENALTIES**

16.1 A boat that has taken a penalty or retired under RRS 31.2 or under RRS 44.1 for breaking a Rule of Part 2 shall inform the Race Committee before the end of protest time.

## **17 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS**

17.1 Boats intending to Protest are to advise the Race Committee immediately after finishing. Those in need of Protest Forms should contact the Race Committee. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be lodged before the Protest Time Limit.

17.2 The protest time will end at 10:00hrs. on the morning after each race. The same time limit applies to all protests by the Race Committee or Jury and to Requests for Redress. This changes RRS 61.3 & 62.2.

17.3 A request for re-opening a hearing shall be lodged not later than 20 minutes after the party requesting re-opening was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.

## **18 COMMUNICATIONS**

18.1 All boats are to call Spinnaker on VHF Ch. 72 or mobile phone 9925 4713 when 1 miles from the finish and again when approaching the finish line.

- 18.2 A boat that has retired from the race shall report to Spinnaker on VHF Ch.72 or mobile phone 9925 4713, giving its position at the point of retirement and its intentions thereafter

## **19 RESPONSIBILITY**

- 19.1 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...”
- 19.2 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.
- 19.3 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.
- 19.4 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.
- 19.5 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.
- 19.6 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”
- 19.7 However, in Offshore Races a Lifejacket and Harness shall 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

## **20 INSURANCE**

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