



ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB



GAUCI BORDA TRIPLE HANDED ROUND GOZO RACE 2018

1. GENERAL

- 1.1. The Triple Handed Round Gozo Race 2018 is being organised by the Royal Malta Yacht Club and sponsored by Gauci Borda Ltd. The Race will be held on Thursday 7th June 2018. The Triple Handed Race counts towards the RMYC Short handed series trophy.

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 2018.
 - 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 2018.1
 - 2.1.6. RMYC Short Handed Series Trophy 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 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. This race is open to boats sailed by a maximum of three 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. Boats with skippers who are 'new to the sailing scene' and have not entered any RMYC event before are invited to take part in the event and will be given a temporary membership as part of their entry fee.
- 3.3. Boats eligible to race in IRC Divisions must hold a current and valid IRC Rating Certificate. 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 RMYC Cruising Class shall be given a Time Correction Factor by the RMYC Rating Officer as detailed in RMYC Racing Classes Rule. Boats that are a one-design class shall conform to class rules.
- 3.5. In this race the use of autopilots and power winches is allowed. This changes ISAF RRS 52.

4. CLASSES ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. 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. Boats that are not in a Class will be eligible to compete in the Division overall standings.
- 4.2. Boats may enter in the RMYC Sportsboat Class as defined in RMYC Classes subject to a minimum number of 3 entries.
- 4.3. Boats may enter the RMYC Cruiser Class for boats as defined in RMYC Classes subject to a minimum number of 3 entries.
- 4.4. Boats that are of a One-design class may enter as a class subject to a minimum number of 3 entries.
- 4.5. The list of boats in each class will be placed on the official notice board at the RMYC by Tuesday 5th June, by not later than 17:00 hrs.
- 4.6. All boats must be equipped with a functioning marine VHF transceiver capable of operating on channel 72.
- 4.7. All boats will be expected to have a mobile phone on board, capable of making calls and/or sending SMSs .

5. REGISTRATION AND BRIEFING

- 5.1. A competitor shall enter by submitting a completed Entry Form to the Club Secretary by Monday 4th June at 18:30hrs. 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.
- 5.2. A race briefing will take place on Monday 4th June at 19:00 hrs at the RMYC and is compulsory for at least one representative from each entrant.
- 5.3. 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 before the briefing between 18:30 and 18:45 hrs.
- 5.4. 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.
- 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 19:00 hrs on Monday 4th June at 19:00 may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee and will be subject to a late entry fee of €45.
- 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

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| 6.1. | Registration closes on | Monday 4 th June 2018 at | 18:45 hrs. | |
| 6.2. | Briefing | Monday 4 th June 2018 at | 19:00 hrs | at RMYC |
| 6.3. | Race
(Marsamxett) | Thursday 7 th June at | 08:25 hrs. | 1 st warning signal |
| 6.4. | Prize giving | Friday 8 th June at | 19:30 hrs | at RMYC |

7. COURSES

- 7.1. Course 1: From the start, in Marsamxett Harbour boats are to sail to fairway buoy leaving it to port and proceed towards the island of Gozo, leaving both Comino and Gozo to port, through the south Comino channel to the finish in Marsamxett Harbour;
- 7.2. Course 2: From the start, in Marsamxett Harbour boats are to sail to fairway buoy leaving it to port and proceed towards the island of Comino, it to port, through the south Comino channel to the finish in Marsamxett Harbour;
- 7.3. 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.

8. SCORING SYSTEM

- 8.1. Races will be scored using the Low point scoring system.
- 8.2. Race results will be used to award points towards the RMYC Short Handed Series Trophy.

9. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

10. PRIZEGIVING AND SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

- 10.1. Prizes will be awarded at a prizegiving Friday 8th June at 19.30 hrs. at RMYC
- 10.2. Prizes will be awarded to the 1st 2nd & 3rd in each class if there are at least five entries, only to 1st and 2nd if there are four entries and only to 1st if there are three entries.

11. SAFTETY AND SCRUTENEERING

- 11.1. 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.

12. RESPONSIBILITY

- 12.1. 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...”

- 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"
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

13. INSURANCE

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