



ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB



**GAUCI BORDA
TRIPLE HANDED
ROUND GOZO RACE
2018**

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1 RULES

- 1.1 The Gauci Borda Triple Handed Race 2018 is organised by the Royal Malta Yacht Club and counts towards the RMYC Short handed series trophy. It will be governed by the Notice of Race, and by these sailing instructions, and except as may be changed by these sailing instructions, by the following rules:
 - 1.1.1. The World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2017-2020.
 - 1.1.2. IRC rules and Regulations 2018.
 - 1.1.3. World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2018-2019 (Cat.4).
 - 1.1.4. RMYC Racing Classes Rule 2018 and RMYC Short handed series rule.
 - 1.1.5. The rules and regulations of appropriate One-Design and/or Class rules.
 - 1.1.6. Between the hours of sunset and sunrise International Rules for Prevention of Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) shall prevail.
- 1.2 In the event of any conflict, the Sailing Instructions, and any amendments thereto shall prevail.
- 1.3 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 ENTRIES

- 2.1 Eligible boats shall be entered by completing registration with the RMYC as detailed in the Notice of Race.
- 2.2 Boats shall be sailed by a maximum of three people on board.
- 1.2. The skipper of each participating boat must be a full member of the RMYC or a member of a yacht club affiliated with its MNA. Boats and skippers who are 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.
- 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.
- 2.4 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.

- 2.5 In this race the use of autopilots and power winches is allowed. This changes RRS 52.
- 2.6 All keelboats must be equipped with a functioning marine VHF transceiver capable of operating on channel 72, and a mobile telephone capable of sending SMS and making calls

3 CLASSES & CLASS FLAGS

- 3.1 Boats may enter in the IRC Racer Division or the IRC Cruiser Division as defined in RMYC Racing Classes 2018. Participating boats will be further split into classes by the Race Committee by TCC depending on entries. Boats may also enter the RMYC Cruiser class as defined in RMYC Classes 2018.
- 3.2 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.
- 3.3 The list of boats in each class will be placed on the official notice board at the RMYC by Wednesday 6th June, by not later than 17:00 hrs.
- 3.4 The 1st warning signal for the IRC Racer Class will be International Code Flag Whiskey (W). The 1st warning signal for the IRC Cruiser Class and RMYC Cruiser Class will be International Code Flag Romeo (R).

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 on the official noticeboard of the RMYC 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

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on a mast on the terrace of the RMYC clubhouse.

7 SCHEDULE OF RACES

3 Handed Day Race Thursday 7th June 08:25 hrs. 1st warning signal for the first starting group

The race committee will divide the fleet into different starting groups depending on entries. Further details will be communicated via VHF Ch.72 in a briefing 20 minutes before the first start

8 RACING AREA

- 8.1 The racing area will be the waters around the islands of Malta, and Gozo.

9 THE COURSES

- 9.1 **Course 1** - From the start at the mouth of Marsamxett Harbour, sail around Fairway Buoy leaving it to PORT, and proceed to the island of Gozo, leaving both the islands of Gozo and Comino to PORT, to the finish line in Marsamxett Harbour;

- 9.2 **Course 2** - From the start at the mouth of Marsamxett Harbour, sail around Fairway Buoy leaving it to PORT, and proceed to the island of Comino, leaving it (including the Comino Cardinal buoy), to PORT, to the finish line in Marsamxett Harbour.
- 9.3 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 the start.

10 MARKS

Boats are to sail around Fairway buoy after the start, and outside of the Comino cardinal buoy.

11 THE START

- 11.1 Races will be started using RRS 26, with the first warning signal given 5 minutes prior to the starting signal.
- 11.2 The start line for the Race will be taken from a mast set up under Fort St Elmo to the Eastern edge of the staircase on Tigne point .

12 THE FINISH

- 12.1 The finish line will be a line taken from the Gunpost on the corner of the Valletta bastions and the flagpole on the fort on Tigne Point.

13 TIME LIMITS

- 13.1 The time limit for all boats shall be midnight - 00.00hrs on Friday 8th June 2018. This changes RRS 35.

14 SCORING

- 14.1 Races will be scored on corrected time using the IRC TCC handicap rule, and the Low Point scoring system of RRS Appendix A, will apply.
- 14.2 Prizes will be awarded during a Prizegiving Ceremony to be held on Friday 8th June 2018 at 19.30hrs.
- 14.3 Race results will be used to award points towards the RMYC Short Handed Series Trophy.

15 PENALTIES

- 15.1 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.

16 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 16.1 Boats intending to Protest are to advise the Race Committee immediately after finishing. Protests and Requests for Redress shall be lodged before the Protest Time Limit.
- 16.2 The Protest Time Limit will be two hours after the last boat has finished the 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 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 17.1 A boat and its equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the relevant rules and sailing instructions.

18 COMMUNICATIONS

- 18.1 ALL boats are requested to contact spinnaker on 99254713, or send a message to the RMYC Whatsapp group when they are outside Qawra on the way back from the south Comino channel to the finish line, indicating their boat speed and their estimated time of arrival at Tigne Point at the time. Boats who do not contact spinnaker to advise this may be given a 10% time penalty on their corrected time.
- 18.2 Boats are to alert Spinnaker on VHF Channel 72 prior to entering Marsamxett Harbour to finish.

19 INSURANCE

- 19.1 By participating, each boat acknowledges and implies that it has adequate third-party liability insurance, valid while racing.

20 RESPONSIBILITY

- 20.1 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 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..."
- 20.2 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.
- 20.3 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 renders a yacht liable to disqualification.
- 20.4 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.
- 20.5 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 included in the entry form.
- 20.6 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"
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

21 DISCLAIMER

- 21.1 All competitors participate in the race entirely at their own risk. Attention is drawn to ISAF RRS 4, Decision to Race. The Organising Authority will not accept any liability for any loss, personal or material damage, injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during or after the race. The safety of a boat and her entire management, including adequate insurance cover shall be the sole responsibility of the owner and or the person in charge who must ensure that the boat and crew are adequate to face the conditions that may arise in the duration of the race. Neither these sailing instructions nor any inspection of the boat limits or reduces the absolute responsibility of the owner/person in charge for the crew, the boat and her management.