



ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB

St PATRICK REGATTA 2018 NOTICE OF RACE

1 GENERAL

- 1.1 The Spring Regatta is being organised by the Royal Malta Yacht Club.
- 1.2 The Races will be held between Saturday 17th March and Monday 19th March 2018.

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. 5).
 - 2.1.4 The RMYC Racing Classes Rules 2018.
 - 2.1.5 Any Class rules for which a class has been entered.
 - 2.1.6 This Notice of Race.
 - 2.1.7 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

- 3.1 The skipper of each participating boat must be a member of the RMYC or any yacht club affiliated with its MNA.
- 3.2 Boats eligible to race 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.

4 CLASSES

- 4.1 Boats may enter in any one of the following classes, as defined in the RMYC classes 2018:
IRC Racer Division,
IRC Cruiser Division
RMYC Cruiser Class
Sport Boat Class
Any One design Class subject to a minimum of three entries in that class.
Classes are formed subject to a minimum of 3 entries.
- 4.2 Participating boats may be further split or grouped into classes by the Race Committee by TCC and depending on entries.
- 4.3 The list of boats in each class will be placed on the official notice board at the RMYC by Friday 16th March 2018 by not later than 12:00 hrs.

5 REGISTRATION

- 5.1 Entry forms duly completed and signed, and accompanied by the appropriate entry fee must reach the Club Secretary by end of registration on Wednesday 14th March at 19.00 hrs. Early intent of participation may be sent to the Race Committee by email to info@rmyc.org or online at www.rmyc.org. 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. The Entry fee for the whole event is €40.00, reduced to €30.00 for RMYC full members.
- 5.2 Late entries may be accepted at the discretion of the Race Committee but shall not qualify for the members discount.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENT

Registration	Open until 19.00hrs on Wednesday 14 th March, 2018
Briefing	Wednesday 14 th March at 19:00 at RMYC

Sport Boat Classes

A maximum of 9 races are planned:

Race 1-3	Saturday 17 th March	– 1st warning signal at 10:30 hrs.
Race 4-6	Sunday 18 th March	– 1st warning signal at 10:30 hrs.
Race 7-9	Monday 19 th March	- 1st warning signal at 10:30 hrs.

Other Classes

A maximum of 5 races are planned:

Race 1 -3	Sunday 18 th March	– FWS at 10:40 hrs.
Race 4-5	Monday 19 th March	FWS at 10.40hrs.

Social

Party at the RMYC on Saturday 17th March 2018

Prize giving at the RMYC on Monday 19th March 2018, after racing.

7 SCORING SYSTEM

- 7.1 Races will be scored using the Low Point scoring system of World Sailing RRS Appendix A.
- 7.2 One race needs to be sailed to constitute the Regatta.
- 7.3 When four or more races are sailed the worst score shall be discarded.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

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

9 BRIEFING

- 9.1 The briefing will be held on Wednesday 14th March at RMYC at 19.00hrs.
9.2 Further information may be given by VHF approximately 20 minutes before each race.

10 COURSES

- 10.1 Courses shall be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

11 PRIZEGIVING

- 11.1 Prizes for the Regatta will be awarded according to the RMYC classes 2018.
11.2 Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd placed boats in classes with at least 5 entries; prizes will be awarded to the 1st and 2nd placed boats in classes with 4 entries; and a prize will be awarded only to the 1st placed boat in classes with 3 entries.

12 RESPONSIBILITY

- 12.1 Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of the person in charge 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) 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 All boats participating in the event shall hold adequate third party liability insurance valid while racing.

For further information and details please contact the RMYC on Tel: 21333109 or info@rmyc.org.