



# NOTICE OF RACE

**2024 Rolex Middle Sea Race**

19 October 2024







## WHAT ARE THEY?

At SailGP, the competitors are not pilots. Although they know a thing or two about taming gravity using just the power of the wind. They're not scientists, although they're quite familiar with the intricate mathematics of speed, the unforgiving physics of the elements, and the onboard chemistry that is the mark of all outstanding crews. They're not pioneers, although they keep field-testing the finest instruments craftsmanship can provide and continue pushing the limits of an art that has taken 6,000 years to perfect. They're not dreamers, either. Except, maybe, for their profound belief that those who don't fall can fly. Welcome to the SailGP global championship.

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**ROLEX**

## Fellow Competitor,

On behalf of the Royal Malta Yacht Club, it is my pleasure to extend a warm and heartfelt welcome to each and every one of you as we prepare to gather for the 45th edition of the Rolex Middle Sea Race.

The 606 nautical mile offshore race, tracing an anti-clockwise route along the Sicilian coastline, is truly remarkable.

Beginning from Malta's renowned Grand Harbour, the course incorporates a host of breathtaking sights from active volcanoes, where many have witnessed the fiery spectacle of lava, to passages like the Messina Strait and idyllic islands such as Lampedusa.

This demanding course presents a myriad of tactical examinations, courtesy of the ever-changing weather conditions, but also presents competitors – who are ready to test their mettle - with unparalleled visual beauty.

The fleet has seen increased growth. From classic yachts to sleek modern marvels that are ready to challenge the Course Record, it is of immense satisfaction for the Royal Malta Yacht Club to welcome an ever-expanding diversity within the fleet, adding depth and vibrancy to the race.

To uphold the standards which are expected of from such an iconic race, the RMYC, in collaboration with the Royal Ocean Racing Club, has once more assembled a highly dedicated and professional Race Management team. Work is well underway to ensure that the 45th edition will be another memorable event.

The Rolex Middle Sea Race is not merely a competition; it is a celebration of seamanship, camaraderie, and the enduring spirit of adventure that unites sailors from around the world.

We look forward to welcoming you in October.

David Cremona  
Commodore

**Royal Malta Yacht Club**





## ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB

The Rolex Middle Sea Race forms part of the RORC Season's Points Championship, the International Maxi Association (IMA) Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Championship, the IMA Mediterranean Maxi Multihull Challenge and the Swan Maxi Series.



### APPENDIX 1 - ROLEX MIDDLE SEA RACE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Activity	Location	Time
Friday 20 September	Entry Closing Date	-	-
Friday 27 September	Late Entries close (late fee applicable)	-	-
Friday 11 October	Rating Deadline	-	-
Monday 14 October	Registration opens	R. M. Y. C.	12:00
Wednesday 16 October	Yachting Malta Coastal Race	Marsamxett Harbour	10:00
Wednesday 16 October	Owners Reception and YMCR prize giving	The Villa	19:30
Thursday 17 October	Crew Party	Xara Lodge	20:00
Friday 18 October	Registration closes	R.M.Y.C	16:30
Friday 18 October	Weather and Race briefing	Grand Hotel Excelsior	18:00
Saturday 19 October	Race Start	Grand Harbour	11:00
Saturday 26 October	Prize giving	Mediterranean Conference Centre	12:00



The notation ‘[DP]’ in a rule in the Notice of Race (NoR) means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the International Jury, be less than disqualification.

The notation ‘[NP]’ in a rule in the NoR means that a breach of this rule shall not be grounds for protest by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(a).

The notation ‘[SP]’ in a rule in the NoR means that for a breach of this rule a standard penalty may be applied by the Race Committee without a hearing. This changes RRS 63.1, A4 and A5

## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS).
- 1.2. No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.3. Except when changed in the Sailing Instructions (SI), RRS part 2 rules will be replaced with the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS), or government right-of-way rules if applicable; at night\*. A scoring penalty (RRS 44.3) will apply for infringements under the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS. The scoring penalty will be detailed in the SI.

*\*For the purposes of the Rolex Middle Sea Race 2024, “night” is defined as the beginning of nautical twilight fixed at 1900 and the end of nautical twilight fixed at 0615 the next day, to prevent confusion with regional time variations each day.*

- 1.4. [DP] World Sailing’s Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) Category 2 with RORC Prescriptions.
- 1.5. [DP] IRC Rules A, B and C, MOCRA Rules, ORC Rating System Rules and other class rules as appropriate.
- 1.6. [SP] [DP] World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01 applies. The RRS definition of “Start” is changed as follows:

**Start** A boat starts when her hull having been entirely on the prestart side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either

- (a) at or after her starting signal, or
- (b) during the last 60 seconds before her starting signal.

When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition Start, she shall not return to the pre-start side of the line, and the starting penalty shall be

120 minutes added to her elapsed time. RRS 29.1 does not apply. This changes RRS A5.

- 1.7. [SP] [DP] RRS Appendix TS (Traffic Separation Schemes Version 2, Jan 2021), Section A applies to the Messina Strait TSS. The penalty for infringements will be detailed in the SI.
- 1.8. The use of an autopilot and power winches is permitted. This changes RRS 52.

## 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be issued to boats that have met all the entry requirements by Monday 14 October 2024 and made available on the event website.
- 2.2. Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7.

## 3. [DP] [NP] ADVERTISING

- 3.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 3.2. Boats taking part in the event may display advertising as permitted by and in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20 – Advertising Code.







## 4. ELIGIBILITY

### 4.1. Boat Eligibility

- 4.1.1. [NP] The race is open to seaworthy boats which comply with the rules and regulations described in the Notice of Race and the OSR 2024 Category 2 races and which are manned by an adequate number of experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather.
- 4.1.2. Responsibility for compliance rests with the Person in Charge of the boat. However, the RMYC will endeavour to help competitors to understand the OSR 2024 and reserves the right to conduct an OSR inspection on any competitors boat at any time. For this purpose, boats are to be made available for Scrutineering at the boat's assigned berth during the period between Monday 14 October and Saturday 19 October 2024. It is mandatory that the Person in Charge or his authorised representative be present at the time of inspection.
- 4.1.3. The Person in Charge shall, before registration opens, complete an OSR Category 2 Checklist on the Online Entry System.
- 4.1.4. The minimum crew on any boat shall be two.
- 4.1.5. Boats shall have a hull length of not less than 9 metres. A boat's hull length shall be taken as defined by IRC and ORC Rules and stated in its rating certificate.

### 4.2. Construction and Stability Eligibility

- 4.2.1. Boats shall be built to a standard that complies with the requirements of OSR 3.0.3 and provide evidence of this compliance as necessary.
- 4.2.2. Boats must satisfy the stability requirements of Section 3 of the OSR.
- 4.2.3. Where it is not possible for a yacht to demonstrate compliance with ISO 12217-2 Design Category A and the corresponding STIX and AVS requirements, a boat may be considered eligible if it has an SSS base value of at least 28 as stated on its IRC rating certificate or a Stability Index of at least 110 as stated on its ORC certificate.
- 4.2.4. Boats participating in more than one category need only satisfy one of these criteria.

### 4.3. Crew Eligibility

- 4.3.1. All crew members shall meet the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19 - Eligibility Code. All crew members shall be at least 14 years of age by Friday 18 October 2024.
- 4.3.2. Any crew member still under the age of 18 by Friday 18 October 2024 shall supply the written consent of a parent or legal guardian, which consent shall be attached to the crew list submitted on registration before the race.

4.3.3. Both the Person in Charge and crew in a Double-Handed entry shall be at least 18 years of age by Friday 18 October 2024.

4.3.4. [NP] The Person in Charge of each participating boat shall ensure that there is adequate knowledge and experience among his crew to take part in a Category 2 offshore race. The Person in Charge and at least 50% of the crew (but not fewer than 2) shall have previously taken part in an offshore race of extended duration.

4.3.5. At least 30% (but no fewer than 2) members of the crew including the Person in Charge shall have a valid certificate for training in survival at sea as required by OSR 6.01. Courses covering all topics included in an approved World Sailing Offshore Personal Survival Training Course given by suitably qualified and experienced instructors may be considered as satisfying this requirement. STCW is NOT an approved equivalent for the World Sailing Offshore Personal Survival Training Course.

4.3.6. [NP] As required by OSR 6.05 at least one crew member should be familiar with the management of medical emergencies that may occur at sea and hold a valid qualification in First Aid or be a practicing medical practitioner. The minimum number of persons on a boat, as required under this clause, shall be two in the Double-Handed class.

## 5. CLASSES AND CATEGORIES

5.1. Boats shall hold valid rating/class certificate(s) by the Rating Deadline (Friday 11 October 2024, NoR 8.8). Boats racing under IRC, ORC & MOCRA may be required to submit a copy of their valid rating certificate should the Online Entry System be unable to identify the correct certificate. Every boat racing shall have on board a current valid signed copy of the rating and/or class certificate for the class or classes in which she is racing. Please allow sufficient time for your rating/class certificate to be processed and issued by the relevant authority.

5.2. The formation of any of the categories or classes is at the discretion of the RMYC and subject to minimum entries and the RMYC reserves the right to include entries within another class as necessary.

5.3. The IRC and ORC Categories will be subdivided into up to six classes per category. Provisional class splits will be announced no later than with the Sailing Instructions; the final class allocation will be available no later than the Skipper's Briefing.

5.4. IRC Category

5.4.1. Boats having a current and valid IRC rating certificate may enter in the IRC Category.

5.4.2. IRC Rule 11.2 applies, and a boat may carry one more spinnaker than the number stated in its IRC certificate.

5.4.3. IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by: The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be the number shown on the certificate unless amended by the sailing instructions. There is no weight limit. This provision overrides IRC Rule 22.4.1.

5.5. ORC Category

5.5.1. Boats having a current and valid ORC International or ORC Club rating certificate may enter the ORC Category.

5.5.2. In the ORC Category, there shall be no limit on the number of rated headsails and spinnakers that may be carried in the race. However, boats who elect to participate in both IRC and ORC rating categories shall be limited to the sails they are allowed in the IRC Category.

5.6. Double-Handed Class

5.6.1. [NP] A Double-Handed Class within IRC will be available subject to the participation of a sufficient number of entries.

5.6.2. Boats will be eligible for both Double-Handed and IRC rating band class & overall trophies.

5.6.3. [NP] Entries must satisfy the committee that



they have suitable and adequate experience and that their boat is appropriately prepared for double-handed sailing.

## 5.7. Multihull Category

5.7.1. Boats rating 1.100 and greater with endorsed MOCRA (Multihull Offshore Cruising and Racing Association) rating certificates may enter a multihull division of the race. For more information on MOCRA and to apply for a rating visit the MOCRA website ([http:// www.mocra-sailing.org.uk](http://www.mocra-sailing.org.uk)).

5.7.2. Open multihulls may race without any rating.

## 5.8. Offshore One Design (OOD) Classes

5.8.1. One design or level rating classes for boats complying with one design or class rules may be available subject to sufficient entries.

5.8.2. With prior permission from the Organising Authority, certain classes may be allowed to race under class rules (e.g. Class40, IMOCA, Figaro).

## 6. RESPONSIBILITY

6.1. Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of Persons in Charge is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone” and to OSR 1.02.1 which states:

“The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge...”

6.2. The Weather and Race Briefing shall be attended by at least two crew members of a boat intending to compete in the Rolex Middle Sea Race. It is strongly recommended that these briefings be attended by the Person in Charge and the Navigator.

6.3. The RMYC, its sponsors and other organising clubs, 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.

6.4. The Person in Charge and crew will be held jointly responsible for the conduct of the boat’s crew before, during and after a race. Misconduct may result in both the Person in Charge and crew being excluded from future races and renders a boat liable to disqualification. This alters RRS 69.1(a).

6.5. 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.” See also OSR 5.02.

## 7. INSURANCE

7.1. The Entrant, Owner or Charterer of a participating boat shall hold current,

suitable and adequate marine legal liability insurance with respect to the boat, valid when racing, including wreck removal.

7.2. The Entrant, Owner or Charterer of a participating boat will ensure that all crew members are aware of the importance of effecting appropriate personal insurance.

## 8. ENTRIES AND REGISTRATION

8.1. A boat shall enter the Rolex Middle Sea Race by using the online entry system linked from the Event Website: [www.rolexmiddlesearace.com](http://www.rolexmiddlesearace.com) and pay the appropriate fee no later than 20 September 2024.

8.2. The entry system will present all requirements for the race, and competitors shall use their best endeavours to begin completing the requirements as soon as possible after entry.

8.3. Please allow sufficient time for the crew to register after invitation, since their information such as the Emergency Contact and documents such as Sea Survival, First Aid or Passport Details require time for verification by the Organising Authority.

8.4. [NP] Competitors shall maintain a Public Profile of their boat on the Online Entry System and include a colour photograph of the boat under sail.

8.5. On arrival in Malta for the race, but no later than 1630 on Friday 18 October 2024, the Person in Charge must complete the registration process at the Race Office, which includes the confirmation of the crew list with next of kin details submitted online.

8.6. The Person in Charge and all the crew will be required to sign a Disclaimer of Liability and a Media Release and Image Rights Waiver, as set out in NoR 17 and NoR 18, which will be presented by the Online Entry System.

8.7. At the discretion of the RMYC, an entry may be accepted after 20 September 2024 and shall be required to pay the specified late entry fee. No further entries will be accepted after 27 September 2024.

8.8. A boat that has entered in time for one rating category, may at the discretion of the RMYC, be accepted to enter an additional category no later than the Rating Deadline and may be required to pay the fee specified in NoR 9.3.2.

8.9. No applications for changes to rating certificates shall be allowed after Rating Deadline on Friday 11 October 2024 except to correct a genuine and verifiable error, to make corrections as a result of a rating protest before the start of the race, or in the case of ORC certificates to correct crew weight before the start of the race.





**8.10.** An entry may be cancelled by advising the RMYC. Cancellations made before 20 September 2024 will be eligible for a full refund of the race entry fee. Cancellations made after this date will be eligible for a refund of 50% of the race entry fee. No refund will be given if an Entrant fails to notify the RMYC of cancellation by 12 October 2024 unless, in the opinion of the RMYC, just reason is given.

**8.11.** The Entrant is the person considered responsible for the entry and shall be the person to appear in connection with the entry, together with the boat name, on any documentation pertaining to the event, including the results.

**8.12.** The nationality of the entry shall be that country of which the Entrant is a citizen and shall be declared when making the entry.

**8.13.** The submission of documents requested by the RMYC does not exonerate the Entrant from any of his responsibilities and receipt by the RMYC shall not imply verification of the validity or adequacy of the documents submitted to it.

## 9. FEES

**9.1.** The following fees shall be paid through the Online Entry System:

**9.2.** Base Entry Fee per LOA (m)\*  
*\*Please see table below*

**9.3.** Additional Rating Category or Additional OOD Class fee

**9.3.1.** until 20 September 2024: **200 Euros**

**9.3.2.** after 20 September 2024: **325 Euros**

**9.4.** Late Entry Fee: **500 Euros**

**9.5.** The Fees shall be paid through the Online Entry System. In exceptional circumstances, competitors may enquire details for Bank Transfer from the RMYC.

**9.6.** Entrants who have been full members of the RMYC for at least two years are eligible for a rebate of 25% on these fees up to a maximum discount of 300 Euros and may apply for this discount by Email to [info@rmypc.org](mailto:info@rmypc.org).

## 10. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

**10.1.** As per Appendix 1 of the Notice of Race.

## 11. COURSE

**11.1.** The course to be sailed will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions. An overview of the course follows below:

Starting from Malta, boats will sail a course leaving to port the island of Sicily, observing the TSS in the Strait of Messina, the Aeolian Islands (including Strombolicchio), the Egadi Islands (except Marettimo), Pantelleria and Lampedusa, through the South Comino Channel, keeping Malta to starboard, to the finish in Malta. Ustica, Linosa and Lampione are not marks of the course.

**11.2.** The length of the course is approximately 606 nautical miles.

## 12. PENALTIES

**12.1.** Penalties will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

**12.2.** An International Jury will be appointed as provided in RRS 70.5.

**12.3.** The right of appeal from a protest committee decision is denied as provided in RRS 70.5.

## 13. SCORING

**13.1.** The IRC Category & Double-Handed class shall be calculated by the application of the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time will be scored first and other boats shall be ranked accordingly.

**13.2.** The ORC Category shall be decided by the application of the Time-on-Time Simplified

Scoring Option, using the ToT Offshore rating as printed on each boat's certificate, as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time will be scored first and other boats shall be ranked accordingly.

**13.3.** The Multihull Category shall be calculated by the application of the MOCRA Time Corrector Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time will be scored first and other boats shall be ranked accordingly.

**13.4.** Boats in Offshore One Design and Open Multihull Classes with the lowest elapsed time will be scored first and other boats shall be ranked accordingly.

**13.5.** Scoring penalties will be applied when determining a score. A boat subject to a scoring penalty is not eligible for a race record.

## 14. PRIZES AND AWARDS

### 14.1. OVERALL WINNER

The Rolex Middle Sea Race Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner on corrected time of the IRC Category.

**14.2.** It is the intention of the RMYC to award first, second and third prizes in each class where the number of entries is six or more boats and first and second prizes where there are only five or less boats in a class.

**14.3.** The Boccale del Mediterraneo Trophy

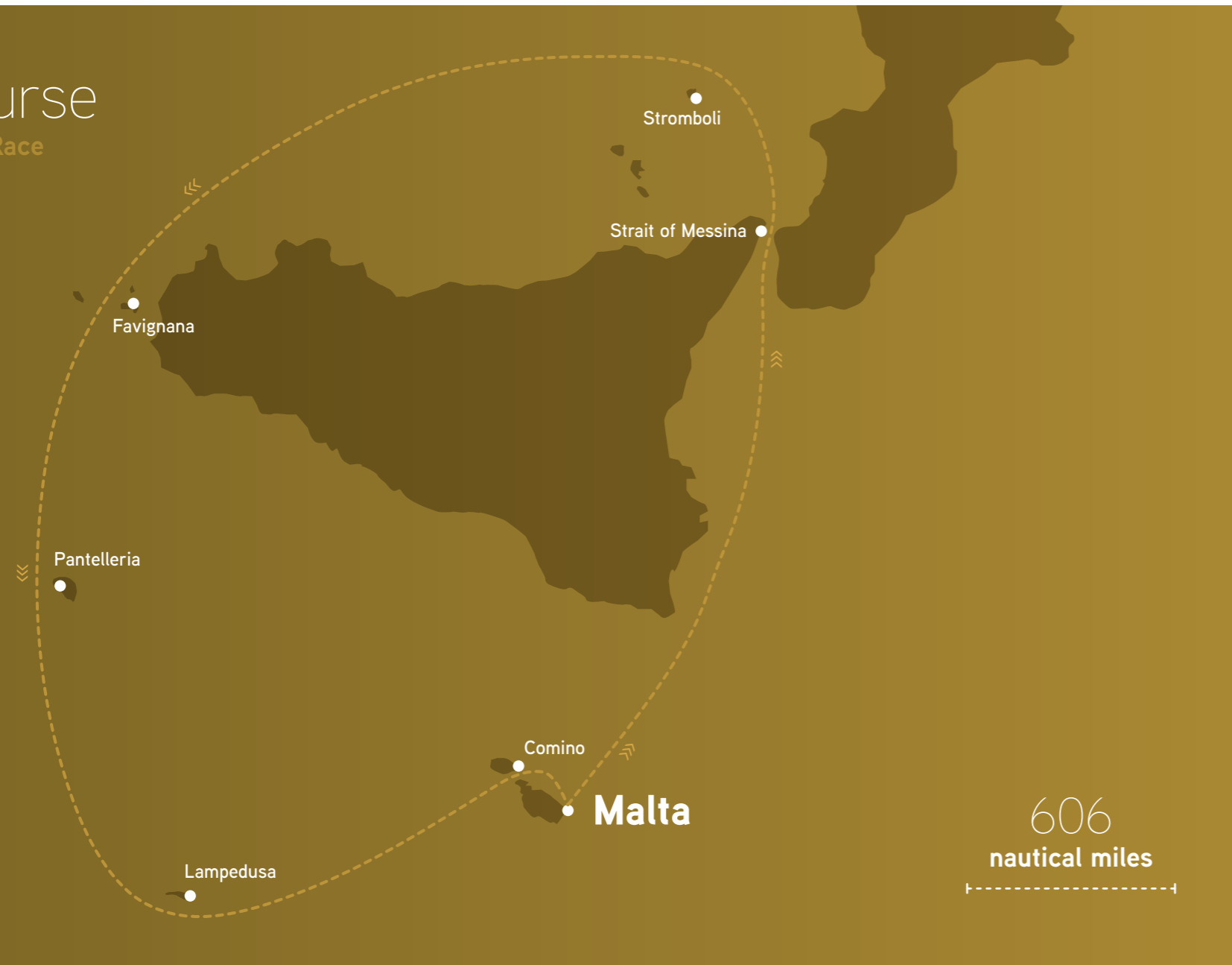
## Base Entry Fees

Length Overall (LOA)	9.00 – 10.99m	11.00 – 12.99m	13.00 – 14.99m	15.00 – 16.99m	17.00 – 18.99m	19.00 – 20.99m	21.00 – 22.99m	23.00 – 24.99m	25.00 – 26.99m	27.00 – 28.99m	29.00 and above
Base Entry Fee	950 €	1000 €	1,200 €	1,300 €	1,600 €	1,850 €	2,400 €	2,900 €	3,400 €	3,900 €	200 € per metre



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will be awarded to the overall winner on corrected time of the ORC Category.

**14.4.** The RLR Trophy will be awarded to the first monohull boat to finish the race.

**14.5.** The John Ripard Trophy will be awarded to the monohull competitor that breaks the current monohull 606 mile course record of 40 hours, 17 minutes and 05 seconds established by Comanche in the 2021 RMSR.

**14.6.** For the purpose of assigning the Malta Tourism Authority Trophy and the FIV trophy below, the nationality of a boat will be the nationality of which the Entrant is a citizen:

**14.6.1.** The FIV Trophy will be awarded to the first Italian Boat on corrected time in the ORC Category.

**14.6.2.** The Malta Tourism Authority Trophy will be awarded to the first foreign boat to finish the race.

**14.7.** For the trophies in 14.7.1, 14.7.2 and 14.7.3, only boats are eligible where the Person in Charge and more than 50% of the crew (including the Person in Charge) are passport holders of Malta. By way of an example, a boat of 12 crew (Person in Charge + 11 others) will require the Person in Charge and six other passport holders to be eligible for the Trophy.

**14.7.1.** The Transport Malta Trophy will be awarded to the first eligible boat under NoR

14.7 to finish the race.

**14.7.2.** The Arthur Podesta Trophy will be awarded to the first eligible boat under NoR 14.7 on corrected time in IRC.

**14.7.3.** The Teddy Borg Trophy will be awarded to the first eligible boat under NoR 14.7 on corrected time in ORC.

**14.8.** The Captain Morgan Trophy will be awarded to the first boat on corrected time in the Multihull Category.

**14.9.** The Alessandro Vattani Trophy will be awarded to the first boat to finish the race in the Double-Handed Class.

**14.10.** The Italian Ambassador's Cup will be awarded to a boat that is deemed to have performed an outstanding act of seamanship or sportsmanship.

**14.11.** The Swan Mediterranean Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the first Swan on corrected time in the IRC Category.

**14.12.** The BICREF award will be given for the best dolphin or whale sighting during the race. Full details on how to enter will be provided during the skippers' briefing.

**14.13.** The Yachting Malta Nations Trophy will be awarded to the best combined score of the top three entrants from the same nation in IRC overall.

**14.14.** For the purposes of assigning the trophies listed in NoR 14, other than the prizes being awarded for each class, each Category will be considered as one class with overall results. The RMYC will retain possession of these main trophies and all winning Entrants will be awarded a keepsake, which in the case of the Rolex Middle Sea Race Trophy will be a miniature of the trophy itself.

**14.15.** The interpretation of the terms of award for all trophies and prizes will be made by the Organising Authority, whose decision is final.

## 15. [DP] COMMUNICATIONS

**15.1.** A boat may, without infringing RRS 41, request and receive repetition of information broadcast by the Race Committee or be told whether or not a broadcast has been made.

**15.2.** Rule 41(c) is replaced by: A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except (c) help in the form of information which is available on a public domain, free or by paid subscription. This shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is readily available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any direct human



input not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.

By way of an example and interpretation, any publicly offered Internet weather data, forecasts, or cloud routing service available to all competitors, whether on a subscription or free basis, is permitted. Permissible Internet-sourced weather data, forecasts, or cloud routing services accessed by a yacht while racing must be computer-generated and free from any direct human input from off the boat.

## 16. TRACKING

16.1. It will be mandatory for boats to carry a tracking device for the Rolex Middle Sea Race. The units are standalone and will be issued upon completion of registration. The entry fee includes tracking.

16.2. Once issued to the boat the tracking device becomes the responsibility of the Entrant and loss of or failure to return the tracker will be charged at 800 Euros. A deposit or a Credit Card authorization may be required by the Organising Authority.

## 17. BERTHING

17.1. Berthing will be provided for participating boats at no additional cost by the RMYC at marinas in Marsamxett Harbour and Grand

Harbour, at the Grand Hotel Excelsior, at the RMYC or at any other locations as necessary from Sunday 13 October until Sunday 27 October 2024.

17.2. Berths will be allocated to competing boats by the RMYC. The use of the berths at the RMYC is subject to weather conditions and boats may need to be relocated in adverse conditions. Persons in Charge making use of these berths do so at their own risk and responsibility.

## 18. DISCLAIMER

As part of the registration process, each Entrant and individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting the following disclaimer of liability:

I agree to be bound by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. I agree that the sole and inescapable responsibility for the nautical qualities of any yacht participating in the Rolex Middle Sea Race 2024, her rigging, the safety equipment on board and the competence, behaviour and dress of her crew is that of the Person in Charge of the yacht. I also agree to take any and all responsibility for all damages whatsoever caused to







third persons or their belongings, to myself or to my belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of my participation in the regatta, and hereby relieve from any responsibility, and agree to indemnify on a full indemnity basis and hold harmless, the Royal Malta Yacht Club, its servants, agents and sponsors (in particular but not limited to Rolex SA and affiliated companies) and their representatives in respect of any claim arising therefrom.

I am acquainted with RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 3: "the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone." In any case, I agree that the Royal Malta Yacht Club, its servants, agents and sponsors (in particular but not only Rolex SA and affiliated companies) and their representatives have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property.

## **19. MEDIA RELEASE AND IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER**

As part of the registration process, each Entrant and individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting the following media release and waiver of rights:

Crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, Royal Malta Yacht Club, Rolex SA and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any media (being television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information relating to Rolex SA's involvement in sailing events, in particular the Rolex Middle Sea Race and to the crew members' participation in such events.

Crew members on the competing yachts also grant, at no cost, Rolex SA and affiliated companies, the absolute right and permission to use their name, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in "The Rolex Magazine", edited by Rolex SA.

Crew members' name, voice, image, likeness and biographical material shall not be used by Rolex SA and affiliated companies in a way which constitutes an endorsement of Rolex' products by said crew members, unless the relevant crew member is engaged by Rolex SA or affiliated companies to endorse Rolex' products or gives his/her prior written consent to such use. ■





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