

International Paint Gozo Regatta
28th March – 31st March 2025
NOTICE OF RACE

1. GENERAL

The International Paints Gozo Regatta is being organised by the Royal Malta Yacht Club. The regatta will consist of 4 passage races over the weekend. The Race will start on the 28th March 2025 from Marsamxett harbour.

2. RULES

The International Paints Gozo Regatta will be governed by the following rules and regulations:

- 2.1 The WS Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2025-2028.
- 2.2 IRC Rules and Regulations 2025.
- 2.3 Offshore Special Regulations (2024-2025)
- 2.4 RMYC Racing Classes – 2025.1
- 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 prevail.
- 2.6 This Notice of Race.
- 2.7 The Sailing instructions issued by the RMYC and any amendments thereto.
- 2.8 In the event of a conflict the Sailing Instructions will prevail.
- 2.9 The Sailing Instructions may invoke rule changes as allowed for in RRS Rule 86.
- 2.10 RRS 90.3 (e) applies
- 2.11 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.

3 ELIGIBILITY

- 3.1 The skipper of each participating boat must be a full member of the RMYC, or a yacht club affiliated with its Member National Authority.
- 3.2 Boats eligible to race in IRC divisions 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 7 days of the start of the race or series except as a result of a rating protest, to correct an error in a certificate or at the discretion of the Race Committee, to include a genuine amendment which does not seek to gain unfair advantage contrary to the spirit of the IRC rule. The primary IRC Rating Certificate will be considered the default certificate.
- 3.3 A *secondary IRC Rating certificate* May only be used if the participating boat sends an email to race office 7 days before the start of the 1st race. The official Race office email to be used is rc-sailing@rmyc.org
- 3.4 Boats eligible to race in any division must comply with the characteristics found in RMYC Racing Classes 2025.1, as well as the *OSR Category 4*



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4 CLASSES

- 4.1 Boats may enter in the **IRC Racer** or **Cruiser Class**. Participating boats may be further split into divisions by the Race Committee by TCC depending on entries. A minimum number of 3 entries will constitute a class. IRC rated boats that are not in a class will be eligible to compete in the Overall standings.
- 4.2 Boats eligible to race in the short-handed class must have a crew of 3 or less.
- 4.3 Boats without an IRC Rating may enter the **RMYC Cruiser Class**. They will be scored according to the Clubs nominal TMF according to Hull Length as described in the **RMYC Racing Classes 2025.1**. Subject to a minimum number of 3 entries.
- 4.4 The list of boats in each class and division will be placed on the official notice board at the RMYC by Thursday 26th March 2025, by not later than 1700 hrs.
- 4.5 All keelboats must be equipped with a functioning marine VHF transceiver capable of operating on channel 73, which should be on all the time while racing.
- 4.6 **All keelboats equipped with an AIS transmitter, shall have this in operation while racing.**

5 REGISTRATION AND ENTRY FEE.

- 5.1 A competitor shall enter by completing the Online form and complete entry fee payment, by accessing to the Royal Malta Yacht Club website [2025 | International Yacht Paint Gozo Regatta - Royal Malta Yacht Club](#) by Wednesday 26th March at 1700hrs. An Entry can be considered completed once the entry form is submitted and the online payment is effected.
- 5.2 The race entry fee is €60.00 and has to be paid online.
- 5.3 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.
- 5.4 Entries received after the closing time, may be accepted at the discretion of the RMYC and may be subject to an additional late entry fee of €25.

6 SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Race Programme	Date & Time	Location
Briefing	Wednesday 26 th March @ 19.00hrs	RMYC – Gregale Room
Race 1	Friday 28 th March @ 14.00hrs	Passage race Marsamxett to Gozo
Race 2	Saturday 29 th March @ 10.30hrs	Race Round Gozo
Race 3	Sunday 30 th March @ 10.30hrs	Race Gozo – Filfla - Gozo
Race 4	Monday 31 st March @ 10.30hrs	Passage race Gozo to Marsamxett

Social Programme	Date & Time	Location
Happy Hour	Friday 28 th March @ 19.00hrs	Gleneagles
Beer O’Clock	Saturday 29 th March after race	On pontoon
Dinner	Sunday 30 th March @ 19.00hrs	Xerri Il-Bukkett
Prize Giving	Monday 19 th March @ 17.00hrs	RMYC Terrace

7 SCORING SYSTEM

7.1 Boats in the **IRC Class** will be scored on Corrected Time using their TCC. Boats in **RMYC Cruiser Class** will be scored according to their TMF as indicated in 4.2 according to the RMYC Races Classes 2025.1

7.2 To request correction of an alleged error in posted race or regatta results, a boat shall submit a scoring inquiry at the race office.

8 SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Sailing Instructions issued by the RMYC will be made available to registered entries after the closing time of registration. A copy of the Sailing Instructions will be available on the RMYC website, RMYC Notice Board and WhatsApp Notice board <https://chat.whatsapp.com/Bcjt5WXuZvT906XJxD4lpd>.

9 BRIEFING

Briefing will take place on Wednesday 26th March 2025 at 19.00hrs. All registration procedures shall be completed prior to the Briefing.

10 COURSE

10.1 The races will be Limited to the Coastal waters of Malta, Comino and Gozo.

10.2 Any relevant details will be given in the Sailing Instructions and on the official Notice boards as described in point 8 above.

11 PRIZES

Prizes will be presented as following

- 1) IRC Overall – 1st
- 2) IRC Racers – 1st, 2nd, 3rd. (Per sub division)
- 3) IRC Cruisers – 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- 4) IRC Short Handed Overall – 1st, 2nd, 3rd
- 5) RMYC Cruisers class - 1st, 2nd, 3rd

Classes prizes eligibility

- 1) 3 boats and over 1st prize.
- 2) up to 5 boats 1st and 2nd.
- 3) 6 boats and over 1st, 2nd and 3rd.

12 SAFETY / SCRUTINEERING

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 **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 inspected before and / or after the race.

13 INSURANCE

By Participating, each boat acknowledges and implies that it has adequate racing third-party liability insurance, with pollution, salvage and wreck removal cover in Local and international waters (when needed).

14 RESPONSIBILITY

- 14.1 Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention of owners and skippers is drawn to WS RRS Fundamental Rule 3. ” **Decision to Race**. Responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate, or continue *racing* is hers alone.” and Special Regulation 1.02(a) (in this Programme) which includes “.....The safety of a yacht and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the person in charge...”
- 14.2 The sponsor and/or the RMYC, including the Race Committee 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.
- 14.3 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.
- 14.4 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.
- 14.5 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.
- 14.6 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”

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