



YACHTING MALTA



MALTA IOM OPEN 2022

24th to 27th November, 2022

Paradise Bay Resort in Cirkewwa



SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

1. Rules

- 1.1. The event shall be governed by the Racing Rules of Sailing. RRS Appendix E shall apply.
- 1.2. The following documents shall also govern the event:
 - The International One Metre Class Rules
 - Equipment Rules of Sailing
 - Heat Management System (HMS 2020) rules
 - IRSA SYRPH
 - World Sailing Call book for Radio Sailing
 - The Notice of Race (NoR)
 - These Sailing Instructions (SI)
 - No prescription of a national authority will apply.
- 1.3. The Protest committee may publish a document setting out an accelerated procedure for protests and requests for redress.
- 1.4. The following changes to RRS shall apply:
 - (a) Chartered or loaned boats may carry the national letters denoting the national authority and/ or the sail number of the person or organisation providing the boat. This changes RRS G1.1(b) as modified by RRS E8.
 - (b) Other rule changes are stated in the notice that changes the rule.
- 1.5. The English language version of these documents shall prevail.
- 1.6. Appendix A of these Sailing Instructions shall apply.

1.7. The Sailing Instructions shall prevail in case of conflict with the Notice of Race. This changes Rule 63.7.

2. Change to Rules

2.1. 90.3(e) Replace “24 hours” with “5 minutes”.

3. Notices to Competitors

3.1. The Official Notice Board will be situated close to the sailing area.

3.2. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Official Notice Board, when possible, otherwise notices shall be verbal.

4. Changes in the Sailing Instructions

4.1. The Protest Committee and the Race Officer shall approve changes in the Sailing Instructions.

4.2. Any change of the Sailing Instructions shall be posted on the Official Notice Board and shall take effect from the first heat of a new race. However, changes to the Control Area, Launching Area, Waiting Area, and Practice Area shall take effect from the next heat. When a notice is posted the race committee shall make two sound signals followed by a hail announcing that a change has been posted.

4.3. Any change to the scheduled first warning signal of the day shall be posted by 19:00 or earlier on the day before it shall take effect.

5. Schedule of Races

Date	Details
Wednesday, 23 November 2022	11:00 to 15:00 - Practice 14:00 to 18:00 - Registration and boat checks (in a meeting room – signage will be provided close to the Resort Lobby).
Thursday, 24 November 2022	08:00 to 09:00 (in the sailing area) Last minute registration 09:30 Briefing No warning signal shall be given before [10:00] and after [16:30] or at Organizing Authority discretion
Friday, 25 and Saturday, 26 November 2022	No warning signal shall be given before [09:30] and after [16:30] or at the Organizing Authority discretion
Sunday 27 November 2022	No warning signal shall be given before [09:30] and No warning signal of the first heat in a race shall be given after [14:45] or at PRO discretion If no boat in the final heat of the intended last race has sailed the course in accordance with RRS 28.1 and finished by [15:15] then the last race shall be abandoned and the previous race shall be taken as the final race. Buffet Dinner gathering all participants will be held at Il-Merill Restaurant (Paradise Bay Resort) between 19:30 till 21:30 hours. A Presentation Ceremony will follow at Moses Hall around 21:45 hours at Paradise Bay Resort.
Lunch	On all days mentioned above, there will be a fixed lunch break from 12:30 to 13:30 irrespective of the day’s weather. Skippers will be provided a snack for lunch.

6. Competitors as Observers

- 6.1. The Race Committee shall appoint observers. All competitors shall serve as observers as required by the race committee.
- 6.2. A competitor unable to serve as an observer for a heat shall obtain prior written approval from the race committee. Approval shall normally only be granted if a competitor's boat requires immediate repairs or on medical or safety grounds. Alternatively, the competitor shall nominate a substitute observer, who shall also be a competitor. The competitor shall ensure that the substitute is present in the Control Area as required by SI5.3 and that the race committee is notified of the substitute's name and sail number.
- 6.3. An observer appointed for a heat who is not present in the control area from the Warning Signal until released by the race committee, or who fails to act diligently as an observer, may be protested by the race committee under rule 60.2(a)

7. Racing Area

- 7.1. The sailing area shall be located at the Paradise Bay or at Little Armier Bay, Mellieha.
- 7.2. Boats may be launched and sailed at any time in the practice area. Boats practising shall remain within the practice area. The limits to the practice area shall be posted on the official notice board
- 7.3. A boat not racing in the heat being sailed shall not sail within 16 metres (50 feet) of either a boat racing or any mark of the racing course.
- 7.4. Changes to the practice area shall be posted on the Official Notice Board according to SI 3.2
- 7.5. A boat infringing SI 6.2 or 6.3 may be penalised by the Race Committee without a hearing. The penalty shall be one or more One-Turn Penalties taken after her starting signal and before she crosses the starting line. This changes E7, E7(b), 63.1, 64.1 and A5.

8. Control and launching area

- 8.1. The control area will be notified by the Race Committee at the start of the day's racing or before a race or heat starts should there be a requirement to change the control area. Any changes shall be verbally notified to the competitors and shall be implemented only between heats. Two sound signals followed by verbal announcements shall be made to call attention to the change(s).
- 8.2. The launching area will be designated by the Race Committee at the start of the day's racing or before a race or heat starts should there be a requirement to change the launching area. Any changes shall be verbally notified to the competitors and shall be implemented only between heats. Two sound signals followed by verbal announcements shall be made to call attention to the change(s).
- 8.3. Boats scheduled to sail in a heat shall not enter the Waiting Area until authorized by the Race Committee. Boats shall not enter the Launch Area from the Waiting Area until authorized by the Race Committee.
- 8.4. A boat infringing SI 7.3 may be penalised by the Race Committee without a hearing. The penalty shall be one or more One-Turn Penalties taken after her starting signal and before she crosses the starting line. This changes E7(b) 63.1, 64.1 and A5.

- 8.5. Launching and re-launching
- (a) A boat scheduled to race in a heat may be launched, held in the launching area, taken ashore, or re-launched at any time during the heat. However, she shall not be released for the first time during a heat after the first boat in that heat has *finished*.
- (b) Boats shall be launched or recovered only from within the launching area.
- (c) While ashore or within the launching area, boats may be adjusted, drained of water, or repaired; have their sails/rigs changed; have entangled objects removed; or have, equipment repaired or changed.
- 8.6. Changes to the Control Area, Launching Area and the Waiting Area shall be notified as required by SI 3.2

9. Course

- 9.1. The course, including a description of the marks, starting, and finishing line, the order in which marks are rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left, shall be displayed on the course board as provided in RRS E3.3 before the warning signal of each heat.
- 9.2. Before the start of the next leg, the course may be changed by the race officer by naming the next mark or marks. This announcement will be preceded by 3 sound signals.

10. Heat Composition

- 10.1. The heat composition shall be posted on the Heat board near the control area.
- 10.2. HMS 2022 v1 Rule # 2 & Rule # 3 applies.
- 10.3. Time to change rigs. This request should be made to the Race Officer within 2 minutes from the end of the heat just finished. The break will be at the discretion of the Race Officer who will announce the break and the duration, after which, the warning signal for the next heat will be sounded even if the rig change has not been completed.
- 10.4. Skippers involved in a collision during a heat in which their boat suffered slight damage AND the skipper won promotion to the next heat, may ask the Race Officer for a break to repair the said damage within 2 minutes of completing the heat and providing that the warning signal for the next heat has not started. It is at the discretion of the Race Officer to decide if the request is valid. The Race Officer will determine the duration of the break, after which, the warning signal for the next heat will be sounded even if the repairs have not been completed.

11. The Start

- 11.1. The Race Committee shall hail the heat and race number of the next heat. It is the competitor's responsibility to hear this call and for the boat to compete in her assigned heat. Failure to hear and comply with the Race Committee's hail shall not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.
- 11.2. Following a general recall, the warning signal shall be made as soon as possible.

12. Time Limit

- 12.1. No boat shall start after the first boat in the heat has finished.
- 12.2. Boats starting more than one minute after the starting signal shall hail and receive acknowledgement from the Race Officer that they have started.

- 12.3. The time limit for the first boat to finish after having sailed the course in accordance with rule 28 shall be 30 minutes.

13. Time out Limit

- 13.1. Except as in SI 12.4, the Time Out Limit for racing after the first boat finishes shall be 5 minutes.
- 13.2. At the expiry of the Time Out Limit: - If 6 or fewer boats are still racing, they shall be recorded according to SI 12.3. - If more than 6 boats are still racing the Time Out Limit shall be extended until only 6 boats remain racing, at which point they shall be recorded according to SI 12.3.
- 13.3. Boats failing to finish within the Time Out Limit shall be recorded as DNF, RET, OCS, DNS, NSC or DNC in that order, as appropriate. DNF boats still racing at the end of the Time Out Limit shall be recorded with finishing places according to their order on the water. These boats shall be scored according to their finishing places, and this will be not subject to redress.
- 13.4. There shall be no Time Out Limit in Race 1.

14. Protests

- 14.1. Protests and requests for redress need not be in writing. This changes rule 61.2. The protest committee may take evidence in any way it considers appropriate and may communicate its decision orally.
- 14.2. Parties to a protest shall be called orally by hailing that the protest hearing is opening. It is the responsibility of the parties to come to the hearing without delay accompanied by any witness. No other notice of the hearing will be given. Hearings will be held in the Protest Committee area. This changes Rule 63.2.
- 14.3. The IRSA SYRPH (System for Reducing Protest Hearings) shall be used, when applicable, before a formal protest hearing is opened.
- 14.4. For the purposes of rule 64.3(b) the 'authority responsible' is the IOMICA Technical Subcommittee or its official delegate at the event.
- 14.5. A skipper intending to protest must advise the Race Officer immediately after finishing his/her heat.
- 14.6. Protest forms must be completed and handed in to the Race Committee within 5 minutes from finishing his/her heat.
- 14.7. Failure to lodge a written protest within the prescribed time limit will not be grounds for redress.

15. Scoring System

- 15.1. Heat Management System shall apply.
- 15.2. Five races are required to be completed to constitute a series.
- 15.3. A boat finishing in a heat to which she has not been assigned shall be scored DNS for the heat to which she was assigned. She shall not sail in her assigned heat.

16. REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT

- 16.1. Substitution of damaged or lost equipment shall not be allowed unless authorized by the race committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

17. EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS

- 17.1. A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with the class rules and sailing instructions. On the water, a boat can be instructed by a race committee, equipment inspector or measurer to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

18. Transmitters

- 18.1. Unless the Race Committee prohibits their use, competitors not racing may use their transmitters at any time for the purpose of tuning or practice sailing.

19. Prizes

- 19.1. Prizes shall be awarded to the first 5 positions in the final results.

Other prizes will be awarded at the discretion of the event organizers.

20. RISK STATEMENT

- 20.1. RRS 3 of the Racing RRSs of Sailing states: "The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a heat or to continue racing is hers alone."

Sailing is by its nature an unpredictable sport and therefore involves an element of risk. By taking part in any of the events covered by this notice of race, each competitor agrees and acknowledges that:

- a. They are aware of the inherent element of risk involved in the sport and accept responsibility for the exposure of themselves and their boat to such inherent risk whilst taking part in the event;
- b. They are responsible for the safety of themselves, their boat and their other property whether afloat or ashore;
- c. They accept responsibility for any injury, damage or loss to the extent caused by their own actions or omissions;
- d. Their boat is in good order, equipped to sail in the event and they are fit to participate;
- e. The provision of a race management team, patrol boats, umpires and other officials and volunteers by the organiser does not relieve them of their own responsibilities;
- f. The provision of patrol boat cover is limited to such assistance, particularly in extreme weather conditions, as can be practically provided in the circumstances.

21. CONDUCT

- 21.1. Major regattas offer significant public exposure to our sport. Inappropriate competitor behaviour can reflect negatively on that exposure. All participants are advised that their actions shall be under scrutiny, not only by the public, but also by the race officials. Kindly behave with dignity and respect. Any behaviour that breaches good manners or sportsmanship or that brings our sport into disrepute shall result in a hearing under RRS 69 (Allegations of gross misconduct).

APPENDIX A - IOMICA UMPIRING SYSTEM

Umpired Races - There will not be Umpiring at this event