



17th CHANNEL REGATTA

13 – 14 – 15 September 2024
MARMARIS – TURKEY



Sailing Instructions

ORGANIZING AUTHORITY

The Organizing Authority is Marmaris International Yacht Sport Club (MIYC) under the authority of the Turkish Sailing Federation (TSF) and **in cooperation with the** Offshore Yachting Club of Rhodes (OYCR).

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Notice: The electronic notice board is the Official Notice Board (ONB) for this regatta.

- *Breaches of rules in the sailing instructions marked [NP] shall not be grounds for protests or request of redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1 and 62.1(a)*
- *The notation '[DP]' in a rule means that the penalty for a breach of the rule may, at the discretion of the Protest Committee, may be less than disqualification. Guidelines for discretionary penalties are available on the World Sailing.*

Regatta officials are using a web-based program to assist with the management of this regatta. It provides electronic forms for such actions as scoring inquiries, protests, equipment substitutions, etc. And it provides for electronic communication with competitors if competitors have provided an email addresses. Competitors will be notified electronically of protest time limits, confirmation of a protest filing, scheduled hearing times, etc. This electronic system allows competitors to move freely about the event and remain in contact with relevant officials. And all competitors have electronic access to the scoring inquiries, jury decisions, etc.

1. RULES

- 1.1. The "Rules" as defined in Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) of the World Sailing 2021-2024
- 1.2. The World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations 2024. Category of the races is App.B
- 1.3. The World Sailing Regulation 20 (Advertising Code).
- 1.4. ORC Rating Systems Rule – Rules for ORCi & ORC Club
- 1.5. The Notice of Race, The Sailing Instructions and its amendments.
- 1.6. The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) will prevail over the RRS from sunset to sunrise.
- 1.7. The official language of the event will be English.
- 1.8. If there is a conflict between the rules above, the Sailing Instructions and its amendments will be valid according to their date.
- 1.9. If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2. NOTICES TO COMPETITORS

- 2.1. Notices to competitors will be posted on the Online Official Notice Board (ONB).
- 2.2. The ONB will be online at www.racingrulesofsailing/documents/4389.org . No physical ONB will be used.
- 2.3. All these notices shall be an official announcement to competitors. It is the competitors' own responsibility to check the Official Notice Board regularly. Failure of the Race Committee to display flag "L" shall not be grounds for a request for redress.
- 2.4. Deemed to have accepted all the rules declared within the Notice of Race.

3. CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1. Any changes to the Sailing Instructions and/or supplement will be posted on the Official Notice Board at least two hours before the first scheduled warning signal of the day and will not be delivered to each boat individually (This changes RRS Rule 25.1).
- 3.2. Any change to the schedule of races will be posted by 2000 (hrs) on the day before it will take effect.
- 3.3. Oral changes may be made only on the water [see RRS 90.2(c)]. The Race Committee will announce the relevant changes before the warning signals by VHF Ch. 71. Failure to hear these changes shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

4. SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1. Signals made ashore will be displayed on the official flagpole located in front of the MIYC.
- 4.2. If flag AP is displayed ashore, the warning signal for the first division(s) will not be made less than thirty (30) minutes after the AP is removed. (This changes Race Signal AP).

5. VHF RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 5.1. It is mandatory to have a VHF marine radio and to keep it on during the races.
- 5.2. All boats should listen to VHF Channel 71 & And VHF Channel 16.
- 5.3. [DP] Except in an emergency, a boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile telephones and data transfers.

6. DIVISIONS AND DIVISION PENNANTS / WARNING SIGNAL FLAGS

- 6.1. Classes and divisions will be announced with an attachment after registrations are completed. It is final and can't be contested.
- 6.2. All competing boats will be identified by the colour of their division pennant / warning signal flags, as shown in the attachment; division pennant shall be displayed on the backstay. If there is no backstay on the boat, division pennant shall be displayed on the appropriate and best visible place at the backside of the boat.
- 6.3. All competing boats shall display the allocated numbers and stickers on both side of their hull throughout the event.
- 6.4. The Sponsor flags shall be displayed to spreaders or shrouds.
- 6.5. The locations of the flags/pennant and hull numbers will be shown with an attachment.
- 6.6. With the exception of the division pennant and a protest flag (when necessary), no other flags (including national flag) shall be flown on the backstay during any race.
- 6.7. It is not mandatory to have national letters and numbers on the sails. (This changes RRS 77.)
- 6.8. When a boat is retired from the race she shall remove the division pennant (no longer racing) and display the Turkish national flag.

7. COURSES

- 7.1. Course Charts will be announced with an attachment.
- 7.2. Course Charts shows courses to be sailed, including the approximate angles between legs, the order in which marks are to be passed and the side on which each mark is to be left and approximate course length.
- 7.3. The marks and their approximate locations and the courses are shown on the Course Charts.
- 7.4. No later than the warning signal the RC will display the appropriate course code flag on the Committee Vessel, and announce the approximate compass bearing of the mark#1 via VHF Ch.71. Failure to receive the announcement shall not be grounds for a request for redress. (This changes RRS 62.1(a)).
- 7.5. For the coastal courses ; If necessary The RC may set an additional **Windward Mark** to obtain a start to windward. If the windward mark is set, it will be no more than one (1) nautical mile from the starting line. Before the warning signal, the RC will display a Green flag indicating the windward mark shall be left to starboard or a Red flag which indicates the windward mark shall be left to port.
- 7.6. Marks and their locations for the races and the courses will be approximately and shall not be grounds for a request for redress. (This changes RRS 62.1(a)).

8. MARKS

- 8.1. Inflatable yellow and/or orange buoys will be used. (NP) Presence or absence of numbers and shapes/colours of the marks shall not be grounds for a request for redress. (This changes RRS 60.1(b))

9. [NP]THE START

- 9.1. Races will be started by using RRS 26.
- 9.2. FOR ALL RACES: The warning signal will be made **FIVE (5 – 4 – 1 - Start)** minutes before the starting signal.
- 9.3. Division pennants will be used for the Warning Signal and will be announced with SI 6.1.

- 9.4. The order of the starts for all races will be announced, The starting line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of a starting mark.
- 9.5. **Alternative Starting line** The Starting line will be set between two inflatable buoys. The Race Committee's signal vessel may be at either end of the starting line.
- 9.6. [DP] Before the first warning signal for the day all boats shall sail close to the Race Committee Vessel for their division number/ hull (sticker) numbers to be recorded.
- 9.7. [DP] Except when complying with SI 12.7, all boats shall keep at least one hundred (100) meters clear from the starting line until their warning signal.
- 9.8. A boat that does not start within five (5) minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start (DNS) without a hearing. This time limit includes the OCS boats as well. (This changes RRS A4 and A5).

10. RECALLS

- 10.1. Individual Recalls: After signalling an individual recall, the race committee will attempt to broadcast the sail number, bow number or name of boat that has not started and is identified as OCS on VHF Ch.71.
- 10.2. General Recalls will also be announced on VHF Ch.71.
- 10.3. Such a broadcast does not constitute an outside help and the failure or delay to broadcast shall not be grounds for a request for redress. (This changes RRS 62.1(a)).
- 10.4. Receiving or not the Race Committee announcements via radio shall not be grounds for a request for redress. (This changes 62.1(a))

11. SHORTENING THE COURSE OR ABANDONING THE RACE AFTER THE START

- 11.1. After the starting signal, the race committee may shorten the course by displaying code flag "S" with two sounds together with division flag identifying the division. In case of shortening the course for all divisions, division flags will not be displayed.
- 11.2. Shortening the course or abandoning the race shall not be grounds for a request for redress. (This changes 62.1(a))

12. CHANGE OF THE NEXT LEG OF THE COURSE

- 12.1. To change the next leg of the course, the Race Committee will lay a new mark (or move the finishing line) and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.

13. [NP] FINISH

- 13.1. The finishing line will be between the staff displaying a Blue flag on the Race Committee Signal Boat and the course side of a finishing mark.
- 13.2. If the race committee signals to shorten the course, the finishing line will be between a mark and a staff displaying code flag "S" on a race committee finish boat.
- 13.3. Code flag "F (foxtrot)" displayed on the RC finishing vessel means another race will be sailed as soon as practicable after that race. RC may also use VHF to communicate this decision.
- 13.4. [DP] After finishing, the boats shall keep clear from the finishing line.

14. [NP][DP] PENALTY SYSTEM

- 14.1. A boat may take a One-Turn Penalty when she may have broken RRS31 while racing or
- 14.2. A boat may take a Two-Turns Penalty when she may have broken RRS Part 2 while racing.

15. SAFETY REGULATIONS

- 15.1. [DP] Boats retiring for any reason in any race shall report to the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 15.2. Before the preparatory signal the boats must have their engines stopped.
- 15.3. [DP] Any use of the engine for propulsion purposes, for rescuing people, giving help or any other reason shall be reported after arrival ashore in writing to the Race Committee stating reasons including the times of starting and stopping the engine.
- 15.4. In condition of a wind of more than twenty-five (25) knots speed or a risk on life and property safety, the Race Committee may not start the race or may shorten the course or abandon the race. This shall not be ground for a request for redress. (These changes 62.1(a))
- 15.5. [DP] All boats shall carry appropriate anchor and chain/rope during the races. However, the anchors shall not be carried on the stem head but shall be stowed inside the chain locker or in a proper place on board between the first warning signal and the finish.

16. [NP]TIME LIMITS

- 16.1. Time limits will be shown on the Course Charts.

- 16.2. When race committee is convinced that no boat will finish within the time limit for their divisions, the Race Committee reserves the right to extend the time limits before their expiration times; All competing boats will be informed by the Race Committee via VHF Ch.71. This shall not be ground for a request for redress. (This changes RRS 35 and 62.1(a)).

17. PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS

- 17.1. Only the owner of the boat or the person in charge can lodge protest. (This changes RRS 61)
- 17.2. A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat(s) at the first reasonable opportunity (as soon as possible) as follows;
- 17.2.(a). When the protest concerns an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees, she shall:
- 17.2.a.i. Hail " PROTEST";
- 17.2.a.ii. Conspicuously display a protest (red) flag on the backstay. If there is no back stay on the boat, protest flag shall be displayed at the port shrouds under the lowest spreader. She shall display the flag until she is no longer racing, observing also the provision that follows below;
- 17.2.a.iii. After finishing she shall inform the Race Committee at the finishing line by VHF Ch.71 about the hull number(s) of the protestee(s) and keep the protest flag displayed until acknowledged by the Race Committee finishing vessel (This changes 61.1) **It is not necessary to inform the Race Committee at the time of the incident of the intention to protest.**
- 17.2.(b). When protesting for any other reason, she shall inform the other boat(s) immediately after coming ashore.
- 17.2.(c). A boat that intends to protest but couldn't continue and finish the race or retires, must inform the race committee finishing vessel by VHF Ch.71 as soon as possible (This changes RRS 61.1(a))
- 17.2.(d). Protest forms are available at the Race Office.
- 17.2.(e). Protests and Requests of Redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit.
- 17.2.(f). For Inshore Races: The protest time limit is thirty (30) minutes after the Race Committee Vessel has arrived at the Marina.
- 17.2.(g). Notices will be posted within thirty (30) minutes after the end of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witness. Protest hearings will be held in the Race Office. Notices of protests by the Race Committee, Technical Committee or International Jury will be posted within the protest time limit to inform boats as stated in rule RRS 61.1(b).
- 17.2.(h). A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening not later than sixty (60) minutes after being informed of the decision. On the last day of the racing, the reopening time limit is no later than fifteen (15) minutes after being informed of the decision (This changes RRS 66).
- 17.2.(i). The fee for protest and request for redress will be EUR 200 (except OA, RC, TC and/or IJ protests), which will be returned if the protest is upheld or redress is granted or the IJ allows the protest to be withdrawn.
- 17.2.(j). Measurement Protests; Both parties (except OA, RC, TC and/or IJ protests) shall pay all expenses, related to hauling out of the boat to be measured, marina dry dock expenses and all expenses related to measurement cost, such as measurer fees, lifting and/or renewed certificate fees in advance. The successful party will be reimbursed.
- 17.2.(k). All protests shall be written in English. Parties to hearings who do not speaking English shall bring their own interpreters. The responsibility for correctness of translation is their own.

18. MEASUREMENT & CONTROL

- 18.1. Each yacht shall provide a valid 2024 ORCi & ORC Club certificate
- 18.2. The yachts may be measured before or after any race even without a need for protest.

19. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 19.1. The Sailing Instructions will be available on the Official Online Noticeboard.

20. VENUE

- 20.1. The races will be between Marmaris Bay and Koycegiz Bay.

21. (NP) COURSES and TIME LIMITS

- 21.1. Courses & Time limits will be as described in the Sailing Instructions and the course charts.
- 21.2. The change of the courses, starting or finishing lines is at the discretion of the Race Committee. This is not be grounds for a request for redress.

22. NUMBER OF RACES & SCORING

- 22.1. Four (4) inshore and/or coastal races and are scheduled for the event.
- 22.2. At least one (1) races are required to be completed to constitute a regatta.
- 22.3. A boat's score will be the total of her race scores. No race is discardable.
- 22.4. The Low Point Scoring System of RRS A4 will be applied.
- 22.5. In case of tie RRS A8 will be applied.

23. DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 23.1. The sailing races can be dangerous. Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk. See RRS 3, Decision to Race – “The responsibility for boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone.”
- 23.2. The Marmaris International Yacht Club, The Offshore Yachting Club of Rhodes, The Race&Protest Committee and all parties involved in the regatta organization will not accept any liability for damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the regatta.

24. INSURANCE

- 24.1. Each participating boat and the crew must be insured with sufficient and valid insurance cover to meet all or any claims and third party coverage.

25. PRESS CENTER

- 25.1. Journalists covering the series are requested to contact with MIYC.

26. RIGHTS TO USE NAME AND LIKENESS

- 26.1. In participating, a competitor automatically grants to the Organizing Authority and the sponsors, the right in perpetuity, to make, use and show, from time to time and at their discretion, any motion pictures, still pictures and live, taped or film television and other reproductions of him/her during the period of competition in which the competitor participates and in all material related to the said Event without compensation.

27. MISCELLANEOUS

- 27.1. Social events’ details will be announced and posted on the official notice board later.
- 27.2. For further information please contact Marmaris International Yacht Club.

RACE COMMITTEE

August 06th, 2024 – 17:00hrs (local)