



ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB



23 April – 1 May

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Notice of Race

The Event is organised by the Royal Malta Yacht Club under the authority of the Offshore Racing Congress, the Malta Sailing Federation and with the support of Yachting Malta.

1 Rules

- 1.1 The event is governed by the rules as defined in *The Racing Rules of Sailing*. RRS 90.3(e) shall apply.
- 1.2 The latest version of the following rules will also apply:
 - a) IMS Rules
 - b) ORC Rating Systems Rules
 - c) [DP] World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) for Category 3. Additionally, a life raft complying with the OSR Category 2 is required for the offshore races. Jackstays need to be mounted on the deck for the offshore races only. This changes OSR 4.04.
- 1.3 Under RRS 87, ORC Rule 206 is changed as follows:
 - a) All sails, including storm & heavy weather sails required by the OSR, shall have measurement stamp or sticker with all required measurements clearly readable.
 - b) [DP] Each boat shall select sails to be used at the event up to the maximum numbers as defined in ORC Rule 206.1. Selected sails will be marked with event's sticker. Only sails marked with event's sticker may be on board during the event.
 - c) [DP] Sails carried on board may vary from day to day but shall remain the same for each individual race day, including days with multiple races even in the case of damage to sails. The race day begins when the boat leaves for the race course from its dock or mooring.
 - d) [DP] Sails damaged during the event may be repaired. Sails beyond repair may be replaced with permission of the technical committee.

- 1.4 Minimum crew weight as defined in ORC Rules 102.3 and 200.1(b) shall apply.
- 1.5 The navigation rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS) replace RRS Part 2 from sunset to sunrise.
- 1.6 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.7 If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.

2 Sailing Instructions

Sailing Instructions will be available for each entrant at completion of the registration formalities and may be posted earlier at www.orceuro2023.com .

3 Communication

- 3.1 The online Official Notice Board (ONB) is located at www.orceuro2023.com .
- 3.2 Communication with competitors will be through the online ONB and/or e-mails and/or WhatsApp. On the water, the race committee will make courtesy broadcasts to competitors on VHF radio. Each boat shall have at least one device connected to the internet with WhatsApp installed.
- 3.3 [DP] While racing, except in an emergency or when communicating with the race committee, a boat shall not make voice or data transmissions and shall not receive voice or data communication that is not available to all boats.

4 Eligibility and Entry

- 4.1 Competitors shall comply with World Sailing Eligibility Code.
- 4.2 The event is open to all boats with a valid ORC International certificate with a CDL between 8.300 and 16.400 included. The flotation date on an ORC International Certificate shall not be earlier than 28 April 2018.
- 4.3 Classes are defined by the CDL, and the minimum and maximum number of entries as follows:

Class A:	$16.400 \geq \text{CDL} > 11.610$	max. 50 entries (30 from one country) *
Class B:	$11.610 \geq \text{CDL} > 9.780$	max. 50 entries (30 from one country) *
Class C:	$9.780 \geq \text{CDL} > 8.300$	max. 50 entries (30 from one country) *

Note: CDL limits are based on 2022 ORC VPP and may be updated when the 2023 ORC VPP becomes available.

- a) To assign a European Champion title in a class the number of boats plus the number of countries shall be not less than 14. If the minimum number of boats in a class is not met, that class can be grouped with the closest class. In this case, only one Championship title will be assigned to the combined classes.
 - b) The person who is the owner or charterer or borrower of an entered boat shall be a national of the country the boat is representing. "National" is defined as either the holder of a passport or identity card, or a similar document stating residential status in the country represented.
 - c) Classes will have separate starts and separate results.
- 4.4 Any change after applying ORC rule 305.2(b) or (c) shall not change the class the boat was originally entered.
 - 4.5 Eligible boats may pre-register from 1 November 2022 until **23 March 2023** by completing the on-line registration form at www.orceuro2023.com .
 - 4.6 To be considered as pre-registered, a boat shall complete all registration requirements and pay all fees. The list of pre-registered boats will be updated on the event website upon receipt of each new entry.

- 4.7 If less than 50 boats in total and less than 30 boats from one country are pre-registered in a class before **23 March 2023**, all pre-registered boats will be accepted as final entries and additional entries will be allowed until the maximum number of entries as defined in NoR 4.3 is reached, but not later than **9 April 2023**.
- 4.8 If more than 50 boats in total or more than 30 boats from one country are pre-registered in a class before **23 March 2023**, final entries will be accepted at discretion of the organizing authority in agreement with the ORC by considering:
- international representation of the fleet,
 - boat's and skipper's racing record, particularly in previous ORC Championships,
 - chronological order in which boats are pre-registered.
- The final list of accepted entries will be published on the event's website on **23 March 2023**. Pre-registered boats whose entry is not accepted will be listed on the "waiting list" and can replace any of the accepted boats that cancel their participation before the start of the championship. The entry fee received from any boat whose entry is not accepted will be refunded.
- 4.9 Once the entry is accepted, each boat shall submit a crew list before **9 April 2023**. Crew lists shall include all crew members who will be on board at the start of the first race and may be amended up to the start of the first race. After this time, changes in the crew may be made only on request and with the written permission of the technical committee.
- 4.10 Each owner or skipper must personally register in the race office located at the Royal Malta Yacht Club. from Friday **23 April 2023** until Sunday, **25 April 2023**.

5 Entry Fee

- 5.1 The entry fee per boat shall be:

CLASS	ENTRY FEE for entries received until 28 February 2023	ENTRY FEE for entries received after 28 February 2023
ORC A	€ 950	€ 1200
ORC B	€ 900	€ 1150
ORC C	€ 850	€ 1050

The entry fees listed may be paid by SWIFT Transfer or credit card to:

Bank of Valletta plc

Beneficiary – Royal Malta Yacht Club
 IBAN – MT69VALL22013000000040015979131
 BIC/SWIFT – VALLMTMT

Please specify ORC Europeans and the Boat Name on all bank transfers and correspondence.

- 5.2 The organizing authority is not responsible for any costs incurred by the non-acceptance of a boat's registration.

6 Corinthian Division and Trophy

- 6.1 For the Corinthian Division and Trophy, the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code, Regulation 22 shall apply, and all crew shall hold a valid Group 1 categorization. A boat entered in the Corinthian Division shall also be entered automatically in the Open Division and shall be eligible for prizes and trophies in both divisions. Details of the World Sailing Sailor Categorization Code and information on how to apply can be found on the World Sailing website: <https://www.sailing.org/isafsailor>.
- 6.2 The closing date for the receipt of valid Corinthian entries shall be **9 April 2023**. Each entry shall include a complete crew list and show the World Sailing Sailor ID and the categorization group for each crew. All crew shall hold valid categorization prior to this date that do not expire

until after the final day of the event. Late entries and incomplete entries cannot be considered for this division.

- 6.3 Should a boat whose Corinthian entry has been checked and accepted need to change a crew member after the closing date for the receipt of valid Corinthian entries, the name of the new crew member including a valid World Sailing Sailor ID must be submitted to the organizing authority for their approval. All crew lists will be posted on the official notice board or website as soon as possible after the registration deadline.
- 6.4 The time limit for a protest or request for redress by a boat regarding the World Sailing's Sailors Categorization Code is 20:00 on **27 April 2023**. This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.

7 Advertising

- 7.1 [DP] Boats shall display advertising chosen and supplied by the organizing authority according to the World Sailing Advertising Code as follows:
- bow numbers with advertisement as forward as possible on both sides of the hull
 - advertisement to be displayed on both sides of the foremost 20% of the mainsail boom
 - sponsor's flag that shall be flown on the backstay throughout the entire event.
- 7.2 The organizing authority may also require the installation, at no cost to competitors, of on-board video cameras and/or position devices, use of which will be defined in the Sailing Instructions.
- 7.3 [DP] Boats are responsible for informing advertisers and sponsors that no activities advertising any brand will be permitted ashore within the Marina area without written consent from the organizer prior to the start of the regatta.

8 Schedule

Sunday	23 April 2023	Registration and measurement
Monday	24 April 2023	Registration and measurement
Tuesday	25 April 2023	Registration and measurement, Practice Race, Opening Ceremony
Wednesday	26 April 2023	Long offshore race
Thursday	27 April 2023	Long offshore races continued
Friday	28 April 2023	Inshore race(s)
Saturday	29 April 2023	Inshore race(s)
Sunday	30 April 2023	Short offshore race
Monday	1 May 2023	Inshore race(s), Closing Ceremony

- a) The long offshore race will be approximately 30-36 hours for the slowest boat.
- b) The short offshore race will be approximately 10-12 hours for the slowest boat.
- c) Inshore races will be approximately 1 to 1.5 hours.
- d) The schedule may be changed depending on the weather and wind conditions.

9 Equipment Inspection

- 9.1 Each boat shall have ORC International certificate issued up to **16 April 2023**. This changes RRS 78.2.
- 9.2 No changes shall be made on ORC International certificates after **16 April 2023** unless prescribed and approved by the technical committee in correcting any error that may be found in boat's certificate before or during the pre-race equipment inspection and before the start of the first race.
- 9.3 Boats shall be available for equipment inspection from **23 April 2023** until **25 April 2023**. Booking of time slots for inspections by the boats will be available through the online system from **16 April 2023**.
- 9.4 Measurement and rules compliance inspections will be carried out throughout the championship with emphasis on boats well placed in the scoring.

9.5 A boat shall not start until she passes the pre-race equipment inspection.

10 Venue

10.1 The venue for the event is the Royal Malta Yacht Club in Marsamxett Harbour, Malta.

10.2 The offshore courses racing area will be the waters around the Maltese Islands and the Malta-Sicily Channel.

10.3 The inshore racing area will be off the North-East coast of Malta.

11 Penalty system

11.1 RRS 44.1 is changed so that the Two-Turns Penalty is replaced by the One-Turn Penalty for breaking one or more rules of Part 2 in an incident outside the *Zone* while racing.

11.2 The intention is to appoint an international jury as provided in RRS 70.5.

12 Scoring

12.1 Eight races are scheduled including two offshore races and six inshore races. Inshore races will be windward/leeward races, except where unusual or extreme local conditions make it impossible to sail a windward/leeward course, then the organizing authority in agreement with the ORC Representative may give permission to sail a substitute course.

12.2 At least 4 inshore races and 1 offshore race or at least 3 inshore races and 2 offshore races are required to be completed to constitute a series.

12.3 A boat's series score shall be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score as follows:

- a) Offshore race scores shall not be excluded
- b) When 4 or fewer inshore races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores
- c) When 5 or more inshore races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst inshore race score.

12.4 Inshore race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by PCS with constructed course.

12.5 Offshore race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by PCS with All-Purpose pre-selected course.

13 Support person vessels

[DP] All support person vessels shall be registered at the race office. The identification flag provided by the organizer shall be displayed throughout the period starting one hour after the completion of registration and ending one hour after the finish of the last race of the regatta.

14 Nautical charts

The following nautical charts of the [insert issuing authority] are utilized as a reference in the Sailing Instructions: [insert chart numbers].

15 Berthing

15.1 The entry fee includes mooring fees from 10.00 on 26 April 2023 to 10.00 on 5 May 2023 at the Royal Malta Yacht Club Marina or other marina in Marsamxett Harbour or Grand Harbour as allocated to each boat by the Organising Authority, provided that the completed entry form and entry fee are received by the RMYC race office before 26 March 2023. For entries after that date moorings and mooring fees are not guaranteed and not included in the entry fee.

15.2 The cost for electricity, water, tenders, or additional periods are not included in the entry fee and must be paid directly to the respective Marina Office. The mooring place for any additional

period (before and/or after the event) may be different from the mooring place assigned during the event. Assignment of moorings will be based on availability of moorings and the characteristics of boats.

- 15.3 To reserve moorings prior and after the dates indicated in par.15.1 and for tenders/support boats, submit your mooring requirement to info@rmyc.org . For further information about the marina services and the price list please visit the websites of the Marina allocated to the boat.
- 15.4 On arrival to Malta each boat shall inform the Organising Authority of their arrival and contact the allocated marina on Channel 13 for guidance to their berth. When moored, it is MANDATORY for all participants to visit the marina office to finalize their registration. Boats shall also advise the marina on Channel 13 each time they leave or re-enter their berth.
- 15.6 [DP] Boats shall be kept in their assigned places while they are in the harbour.

16 Haul-out Restrictions

- 16.1 [DP] All boats shall be in the water from 09:00 on **23 April 2023** until the end of the last scheduled race of the series.
- 16.2 [DP] Boats shall not be hauled out except for the purposes of repairing damage; and only after written permission from the technical committee. While hauled for this purpose, cleaning and polishing of the hull below the waterline will not be permitted. Appendages shall not be removed from the boat during the series.

17 Data Protection

Competitors, owners, and their guests shall grant the absolute right and permission to the organizing authority and the ORC for any photography and video footage taken of persons and boats during the event, to be published and/or broadcast in any media, including but not limited to TV advertisements, whatsoever for either editorial or advertising purposes or to be used in press information.

18 Risk statement

RRS 3 states: 'The responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue to race is hers alone.' By participating in this event each competitor agrees and acknowledges that sailing is a potentially dangerous activity with inherent risks. These risks include strong winds and rough seas, sudden changes in weather, failure of equipment, boat handling errors, poor seamanship by other boats, loss of balance on an unstable platform and fatigue resulting in increased risk of injury. **Inherent in the sport of sailing is the risk of permanent, catastrophic injury or death by drowning, trauma, hypothermia, or other causes.**

Competitors participate in the event entirely at their own risk, see RRS 3 - Decision to Race. The Organizing Authority, the Royal Malta Yacht Club, the Malta Sailing Federation, ORC, the PRO, the race committee, the international jury, the technical committee, the volunteers, and any other party involved in the organization of the event will not accept any liability for material damage or personal injury or death sustained in conjunction with or prior to, during, or after the event. Each boat owner or his representative accepts these terms by signing the entry form.

19 Competitors Drones

- 19.1 [DP] Teams or their representatives shall not fly drones over the shore facilities or over the race area during training or racing days without complying with local legislation and without prior written approval by the organizing authority.
- 19.2 The approval granted at the sole discretion of the organizing authority may impose limitations on where and when drones may fly.
- 19.3 At any time the risk and responsibility for flying any drone is with the person flying the drone and images made inside the race area shall be shared with the organizing authority, race committee or jury at reasonable request.

20 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance with adequate cover taking into account the value of the boats racing and the measure of damages likely to arise in the event of an accident.

21 Prizes

21.1 Trophies will be awarded to:

- a) The top three overall boats in each class
- b) The top three Corinthian boats in each class

21.3 Other prizes and trophies may be awarded at the organizer's discretion.

22 Further information

For further information, please contact

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