

Sailing Instructions

8th Channel Regatta

22nd – 24th June 2013

Part 1 – General

1 Organizing Authority

The 8th Channel Regatta is co-organized by the Offshore Yachting Club of Rhodes and the Marmaris International Yacht Club, under the authority of Hellenic Sailing Federation.

2 Rules

2.1 The regatta will be governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing.

2.2 The following rules will also apply:

- a. IMS 2013 Rule
- b. ORC 2013 Rating Systems Rule
- c. IRC 2013 Rating Systems Rule
- d. The International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea.
- e. ISAF Offshore Special Regulations.
 - All races will be Category 4.
 - All boats are required to have VHF radios with channels 16 and 72.

2.3 No national authority prescription will apply.

2.4 There will be no limitations on crew number or weight. This changes IRC Rule 22.4.

2.5 If there is a conflict between languages the English text will take precedence.

2.6 Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing is replaced by Part B of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea from **19:00** to 06:00 local time.

3 Classes

3.1 Boats in each class may be divided into divisions according to each boat's certificate.

3.2 For the ORC boats (ORCi and ORC Club), there will only one division.

3.3 For the IRC boats, divisions will be constituted according to each one's TCC factor.

3.4 The Race Committee's decision about classes and divisions will be announced into skippers meeting and cannot be altered or open to discussion.

4 Notices to competitors

4.1 Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board located at the Race Committee's office. The Race Committee's office will be at Rodos OYC office at Marina Mandraki.

5 Changes to Sailing Instructions

5.1 Any change to the sailing instructions will be posted not later than two (2) hrs before the scheduled time of the warning signal of the first race of the day it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted not later than 21:00 hrs on the day before it will take effect.

5.2 Verbal changes may be given only on the water. The Race Committee will make the necessary changes before the warning signal of a class and will announce these

changes by VHF Ch.72, RRS 90.2c. These changes shall not be grounds for request for redress.

6 Signals made ashore

- 6.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed from a pole near the Race Committee's office.
- 6.2 When flag AP is displayed ashore '1 minute' is replaced with 'not less than **30 minutes**' in race signal AP.

7 Schedule of races

- 7.1 As described in the Notice of Race 8.1.
- 7.2 Times of the first warning signal are defined as follows:
 - 1st Day: Sunday (23/06/2013) 10:55.**
 - 2nd Day: Monday (24/06/2013) 10:55.**
- 7.3 The Organizing Authority and/or the Race Committee reserves the right to modify the above programme according to weather conditions and/or other unforeseen reasons.
- 7.4 Three (3) inshore races are scheduled including, one inshore race which will score as two races (one score from the start to a gate and the other from the start to the finish).
- 7.5 There will be no more than two (2) races per day.
- 7.6 The Race Committee, before the warning signal of each race, will inform the competitors about the course that they will sail, displaying the accurate course pennant.
- 7.7 The Warning signal for the next race will be given one minute after lowering AP flag with one sound.
- 7.8 On the last day of regatta no warning signal will be given after **15:00** unless it follows signal of general recall or postponement (Flag AP) of a race whose first warning signal had been made before **15:00**.

8 Class flag

The Class flag will be the Channel Regatta flag.

9 The Start

- 9.1 All classes will start together.
- 9.2 Races will be started in accordance to RRS 26 (5 – 4 – 1 – Start).
- 9.3 A boat starting later than **ten (10)** minutes after her Start signal will be scored DNS. This changes RRS A4.1.
- 9.4 After signalling an individual recall, the race committee will attempt to broadcast the the sail number, bow number or name of boat that has not started and is identified as OCS on VHF channel **72**. The failure or delay to broadcast will not be grounds for a request for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 9.5 All boats shall sail close to the Race Committee Boat for their hull number to be recorded.

10 Penalty system

- 10.1 The two turns penalty (RRS 44.1), will apply for all races.
- 10.2 Any penalty imposed to a boat in the Double Inshore shall be applied only to Part 1 if a breach occurs on Part 1 of the race and only to Part 2 if a breach occurs between the finishing lines of Part 1 and Part 2.
- 10.3 A measurement penalty shall apply fully to both Part 1 and Part 2 of the Double Inshore race.

- 10.4 For minor breaches of the Offshore Special Regulations and Sailing Instructions, 13, 14, 17 or 18, the Protest Committee may impose any penalty different from Disqualification, or not impose a penalty, at its discretion.

11 Protests and requests for redress

- 11.1 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protest shall be delivered there within the time limit which shall be one (1) hour after the last boat has finished the last race of day. The same time limit applies to protests by the race committee and Protest Committee about incidents they observe in the racing area and to requests for redress (except as permitted in c) below). This changes RRS 61.3 and 62.2.
- 11.2 When unofficial results are posted after the protest time limit expires, requests for redress upon unofficial results may be lodged within 30 minutes after posting. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 11.3 Notices to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses will be posted within 30 minutes of the protest time limit.
- 11.4 On the last day of the regatta a request for reopening a hearing or request for redress for a Protest Committee decision shall be delivered:
- a. within the protest time limit if the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on the previous day.
 - b. no later than 30 minutes after the party requesting reopening was informed of the decision on that day.

This changes RRS 66.

12 Scoring

- 12.1 ORC class boats:
The results for all races will be determined by corrected times calculated by the "Performance Curve Scoring" system.
- 12.2 IRC class boats:
The results for all races will be determined by corrected times calculated by the "Time on Time Scoring" system.
- 12.3 Length of course, directions of leg and wind will be decided by Race Committee and will not be grounds for seeking redress. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 12.4 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 12.5 Scoring coefficients for all races will be 1.0.
- 12.6 The winners of the "CHANNEL REGATTA" will be designated by the total of their points on all races.
- 12.7 The regatta is valid if at least 2 races are completed.

13 Safety regulations

- 13.1 Boats retiring for any reason in any race shall promptly report to the Race Committee.
- 13.2 Any use of the engine for propulsion purposes for rescuing people, giving help or any other reason shall be reported after arrival in written form to the Race Committee stating reasons for such procedure. If a boat does not gain a significant advantage in the race, the Protest Committee may impose a penalty different from disqualification, or not impose a penalty, at its discretion.

14 Replacement of crew or equipment

- 14.1 The Race Committee may approve crew changes (adding new crew members, replacing or disembarking crew members) by written skipper's request made no later than one (1) hour before the scheduled time of the start of the first race of the day.

The substituted crew member shall not be aboard on any other competing boat throughout the remainder of the series.

- 14.2 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will be not allowed unless approved by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the RC at the first reasonable opportunity.

15 Equipment and measurement checks

- 15.1 A boat or equipment may be inspected at any time for compliance with class rules and Sailing Instructions. On the water or after arriving in harbour, a boat may be instructed by the race committee measurer to proceed immediately for inspection.

16 Official boats

- 16.1 Official boats will display a flag with RC letters on it. Failure of any official boat to display her flag will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 16.2 Vessels used by press, photographers, film crews, VIPs etc. are not under the jurisdiction of the Race Committee. Any action by these boats shall not be ground for seeking redress by boats. This changes RRS 60.1(b).

17 Haul-out restriction

- 17.1 From 09:00 on June 22nd 2013 boats shall not be hauled out except for the purposes of repairing damage; and only after written permission from the Race 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.

18 Communication

- 18.1 Radio communication with Race Committee during the regatta will be on VHF channel **72**. The Race Committee may give verbal confirmation of any race signal over VHF Channel **72**. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for redress. This changes RRS 62.1(a).
- 18.2 Except when communicating with the race committee, a boat while racing, shall not transmit or receive communication of any information not publicly available to all boats participating. This changes RRS 41.

19 Trophies and prizes

- 19.1 Prizes will be awarded to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd overall winners of each IRC division.
- 19.2 Prizes will be awarded to the 1st winner of each IRC division, for each race day.

20 Disclaimer of liability

All those taking part in the regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. The organizing authority, Rodos OYC, Marmaris International Yacht Club, Hellenic Sailing Federation and any other party involved in the organization of the **Channel Regatta**, disclaim any and all responsibility whatsoever for loss, damage injury or inconvenience that might occur to persons and materials, both ashore and at sea as a consequence of participation in the event. Each boat owner or his representative accepts these terms by signing entry form. The attention of competitors is drawn to ISAF Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing.

21 Insurance

Each participating boat shall be insured with valid third-party insurance. Regardless, it is the responsibility of the owners to hold adequate insurance cover for Tort Liability and Third Party Insurance (Property and Persons).

Part 2 – Windward – Leeward Race

22 The course

- 22.1 The Appendix 2 shows the course, 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 passed.
- 22.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the approximate compass bearing of the first leg.

23 Marks

- 23.1 Mark 1 will be a yellow inflatable buoy and Mark 2 will be an orange inflatable buoy.
- 23.2 New mark as provided in instruction 24.1 will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 23.3 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in in SI 24.2

24 Change of the next leg of the course

- 24.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 24.2 Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1

25 Starting line

- 25.1 The starting line will be between two yellow inflatable buoys.

26 Finishing line

- 26.1 The finishing line will be between two yellow inflatable buoys.

27 Time limit

- 27.1 The finish time limits for each race, expressed in hours - minutes - seconds are individualized for each boat and will be mentioned on the participating boats' list.
- 27.2 Boats failing to finish within their time limit will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

Part 3 – The Double Inshore Race

28 The course

- 28.1 The course will be: Start – Mark 1 (port) – Mark 2 (port) – Mark 1 (port) – First finishing line at the Gate – Mark 3 (port) – Second finishing line in Zefyros bay. Appendix 3.
- 28.2 No later than the warning signal, the RC signal boat will display the approx compass bearing of the first leg and the approx fix of Mark 3.

- 28.3 This race will be scored as two races: the First race will be from the Start to the First finish line, and the Second race will be from the Start to the Second finish line.

29 Marks

- 29.1 Marks 1 and 3 will be yellow inflatable buoys and Mark 2 will be an orange inflatable buoy.
- 29.2 The Gate will be the same as the starting line.
- 29.3 New mark as provided in instruction 30.1 will be yellow inflatable buoys.
- 29.4 A race committee boat signalling a change of a leg of the course is a mark as provided in in SI 30.2

30 Change of the next leg of the course

- 30.1 To change the next leg of the course, the race committee will lay a new mark and remove the original mark as soon as practicable.
- 30.2 Boats shall pass between the race committee boat signalling the change of the next leg and the nearby mark, leaving the mark to port and the race committee boat to starboard. This changes RRS 28.1

31 Starting line

- 31.1 The starting line will be between two yellow inflatable buoys.

32 Finishing line

- 32.1 The First finishing line will be at the Gate (same Marks as the starting line).
- 32.2 The Second finishing line will be between two yellow buoys casting at Zefyros bay. Appendix 4.

33 Time limit

- 33.1 There will be no time limit for the First race of the Double Inshore race.
- 33.2 The finish time limits for the Second race, expressed in hours - minutes - seconds are individualized for each boat and will be mentioned on the participating boats' list.
- 33.3 Boats failing to finish within their time limit will be scored Did Not Finish. This changes RRS 35 and A4.

Appendix 1 – Committees

Protest Committee

Ilker Bayindir (IJ & IRO, TUR)

Konstantina Sfakianaki (IJ & IRO, GRE)

Christos Theodosis (NJ, GRE)

Race Committee

Yannis Kleidonas (Race Officer)

Artemis Karras

Manolis Christofakis

Panagiota Kleidona

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Petros Mylonakis

Maria Spyridi

Manolis Stavlas

Emilia Voyatzi

Appendix 2 – Windward / Leeward Course

Course: Start – 1 – 2 – 1 – Finish

