

23rd MAPFRE EUROMED INTERNATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP

Date: 16th – 19th December 2023

Organizing Authority: Malta Young Sailors Club

Venue: Mellieha Bay, Malta

SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

Abbreviations

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| DP | Rules for which the penalties are at the discretion of the International Jury. |
| NP | Rules that are not ground for protest by a boat. This changes Racing Rule of Sailing 60.1 (a) |

1 RULES

- 1.1 The regatta will be governed by the 'rules' as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021 – 2024;
- 1.2 IODA Class rules shall apply.
- 1.3 No national authority prescriptions will apply.
- 1.4 [DP] [NP] Adequate personal floatation devices shall be worn at all times whilst afloat. ***This changes RRS 40.2.*** Wet suits & dry suits are not personal floatation devices.
- 1.5 Rule 61.1 'Informing the Protestee' is changed as follows: Add to rule 61.1 (a) 'For incidents observed in the racing area, the protesting boat shall inform the Race Committee, of the boat/s being protested, at the finishing line immediately after finishing. If the boat retired before finishing, she shall inform the Race Committee via the Course boat closest to her at the same time as advising that she has Retired'.
- 1.6 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 Official Notice board via the Racing Rule of Sailing Website: <https://www.racingrulesofsailing.org/documents/7604/event?name=23rd-mapfre-euromed-international-championship-eurilca-europa-cup>
- 2.2 The Race Office is located within Munchies Lido, Mellieha Bay, Malta.

3 CHANGES TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 3.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than 09:00 on the day it will

take effect, except that any change to the Schedule of Races will be posted by not later than 20:00 of the day before it is to take effect.

4 SIGNALS MADE ASHORE

- 4.1 Signals made ashore will be displayed on the flagpole at the launching site i.e, at the beach area adjacent to Munchies establishment.
- 4.2 Flag **D** with one sound means 'The warning signal will be made not less than 30 minutes after flag D is displayed. To indicate that only individual Classes may launch, **Flag D** will be displayed over a Whiteflag with **blue Opti logo for Optimist Senior and Cadet** classes, **Flag D** will be displayed over a **Green Flag for Optimist Beginner**. Boats shall not launch until this signal is made.' [NP][DP]

5 ADDITIONAL IDENTIFICATION - OPTIMIST BEGINNERS DIVISION

- 5.1 Each competitor in the Optimist Beginners Division is required, for the duration of the event, to display a **Green** ribbon permanently fixed and free to fly from the top of the sprit. This ribbon is supplied by the Race Office. [NP] [DP]

6 NOT USED

7 FORMAT OF RACING

Optimist Beginners

- 7.1 The regatta will consist of a single series of races.

Optimist Senior and Cadet Divisions

- 7.2 The regatta will consist of a Qualifying series followed by a Final series.

7.3 Qualifying Series:

- 7.3.1 [NP][DP] Boats will be assigned to yellow, blue fleets on a daily basis and shall display a ribbon corresponding to the colour of her fleet flying from the top of the sprit. The ribbons shall be provided by the Race Office.
- 7.3.2 For the first day of racing assignments only, boats will be sorted by country and sail number, in the sequence Yellow, Blue, Blue, Yellow, and so on.
- 7.3.3 Boats will be assigned to fleets of, as nearly as possible, equal size.
- 7.3.4 The Qualifying series will take place on the first 2 days of racing, provided that at least 3 races have been completed by all fleets by the end of the second qualifying series race day, otherwise the Qualifying series will continue on the third day and the Final series will be held on the final day of racing.
- 7.3.5 Boats will be reassigned to fleets after each day of racing, except if on the first day no race is completed by all fleets. If all fleets have completed the same number of races, boats will be reassigned on the basis of their ranks in the series. If all fleets have not completed the same number of races, the series scores for reassignment will be calculated for those races,

numbered in order of completion, completed by all fleets.

Fleets

| Rank in series | Fleet Assignment |
|----------------|------------------|
| First | Yellow |
| Second | Blue |
| Third | Blue |
| Fourth | Yellow |
| ...and so on | |

7.4 Assignments in Qualifying and Final series will be based on the ranking available at 21:00 that day regardless of protests or requests for redress not yet decided.

7.5 Final Series:

7.5.1 Boats will be assigned to the Gold and Silver fleets on the basis of their ranks in Qualifying series. Gold and Silver will have as near as possible the same number of competitors. If not possible, gold will have the largest fleet. Boats with the best qualifying series ranks will race all final series races in the gold fleet, silver will follow gold in ranking.

7.5.2 Any recalculation of the qualifying series ranking after the boats have been assigned to Final series fleets will not affect the assignments except that a redress decision may promote a boat to a higher fleet.

7.5.3 Different final series fleets do not need to complete the same number of final races.

8 SCHEDULE OF RACES

8.1 The schedule of races is as follows:

| Date | First Warning | Targeted No. of Races |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|-----------------------|
| Saturday, December 16 th | 11:00 | 3 |
| Sunday, December 17 th | TBA | 3 |
| Monday, December 18 th | TBA | 3 |
| Tuesday December 19 th | TBA | 3 |

8.2 The number of races on each day may vary and may be reduced or cancelled altogether at the

sole discretion of the Principal Race Officer in consultation with the Organizing Authority.

- 8.3 Twelve (12) races are planned, with three races scheduled on each day. One additional race per day may be sailed, provided that the total number of races for the event shall not exceed 12 races.
- 8.4 The scheduled time of the races for each day shall be specified in a notice posted by 2000hrs on the day before it will take effect.
- 8.5 The scheduled time of the **coaches meeting** each day is 90 minutes before the intended first warning signal for the day.
- 8.6 To alert boats that a race or sequence of races will begin soon, an orange flag will be displayed on the Race Committee Signal Vessel with one sound at least five minutes before a warning signal is made.
- 8.7 So as to advise sailors that any additional race shall be sailed the committee boat at the finish shall **display code flag 'G'**.
- 8.8 On the last day of racing, no warning signal will be made after 15:00 hours

9 CLASS FLAGS

9.1 OPTIMIST CLASSES

Beginners Division – Green Colour Flag.

Senior and Cadet Divisions – Colour Flags Yellow[Gold] and Blue[Silver]

10 RACING AREAS

- 10.1 The race area shall be on the waters in and outside Mellieha Bay, Malta.

11 THE COURSES

- 11.1 The diagrams in Appendix A shows the course, the order in which marks are to be rounded, and the side on which each mark is to be left.

12 MARKS

- 12.1 Marks 1, 2, 3S/3P, will be **Blue inflatable** buoys, that may bear the sponsors logo on sleeves.
- 12.2 Mark 3A will be an Orange inflatable buoy (Optimist Beginners only)
- 12.3 The **starting marks** will be two race committee vessels displaying orange flags.
- 12.4 The **finishing marks** will be a race committee vessel displaying a blue flag and a pin-end mark displaying a blue flag.

13 AREAS THAT ARE OBSTRUCTIONS

- 13.1 [NP] [SP] The following areas are designated as obstructions and sailors are not allowed to enter these areas: the small reef situated centrally within Mellieha and designated by an isolated danger navigational mark (Fixed Pole).

14 THE START

- 14.1 The starting line will be between staffs displaying **orange** flags on the race committee vessels.
- 14.2 A boat that does not start within 4 minutes after her starting signal will be scored Did Not Start without a hearing. *This changes RRS A5.1 and A5.2.*

15 THE FINISH

- 15.1 The finishing line will be between a race committee vessel displaying a **blue** flag and a pin-end mark displaying a **blue** flag on the port end.
- 15.2 Boats that have finished racing shall sail to the waiting area well clear of the race course, without interfering with boats still racing [NP] [SP].

16 PENALTY SYSTEM

- 16.1 Appendix P will apply as changed hereafter.
- 16.2 RRS P2.3 will not apply and RRS P2.2 is changed so that it will apply to any penalty after the first one.
- 16.3 The penalty for breaches of Class Rules will be Standard Penalties [SP] which changes rule RRS 63.1 and may also be less than disqualification.
- 16.4 A list of standard penalties shall be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 16.5 The penalty for breaches of Sailing Instructions marked [DP] or [SP] may be less than disqualification if the Jury so decides.

17 TARGET TIMES

- 17.1 Target times and time limits are established hereunder:

| Time Limit | Mark 1 Time Limit | Target Time |
|------------|-------------------|-------------|
| 90 minutes | 20 minutes | 50 minutes |

- 17.2 Failure to meet the target time will not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a).*
- 17.3 Boats failing to finish within 15 minutes after the first boat sails the course and finishes, will be scored Did Not Finish without a hearing. *This changes RRS 35, A5.1 and A5.2.*

18 PROTESTS AND REQUESTS FOR REDRESS.

- 18.1 [NP][DP] To inform the Race Committee of the boat/s being protested as required by SI 1.4, the boat intending to protest shall approach the race committee boat at the starboard end of the finishing line immediately after finishing and shall hail her sail number and the protested boat's sail number/s, while sailing along her starboard side.
- 18.2 Requests for hearings shall be lodged using the online form accessible by clicking on the "+" symbol on the Official notice board, otherwise they will not be valid; once the request has been received, it will immediately appear on the Official notice board. If the system is not working, contact the RO to receive permission to send the request by email or as otherwise instructed. This changes RRS 61.2, 62.2 and 66.

- 18.3 The protest time limit is 60 minutes after the last boat of the same sailing area has finished the last race of the day or the Race Committee signal no more racing today, whichever is later. The Hearing Schedule will be posted on the Official Notice Board.
- 18.4 The Hearing Schedule will be updated within 30 minutes of the protest time limit to inform competitors of hearings in which they are parties or named as witnesses. Hearings will be held in the **Jury Room at the db-Seabank Hotel**. Hearings can be scheduled starting from 20 minutes before the protest time limit, if parties are available. For the Optimist class, no protest hearing will start after 21:00.
- 18.5 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Jury will be posted on the Notice Board to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 18.6 On the last day of the Qualifying Series as well as on the last day of the regatta a request for redress based on a Jury decision shall be delivered no later than 30 minutes after the decision was posted. This changes RRS 62.2.
- 18.7 On the last scheduled day of the qualifying series a request for reopening a hearing shall be delivered:
- within the protest time limit if the requesting party was informed of the decision on the previous day;
 - no later than 30 minutes after the requesting party was informed of the decision on that day. This changes RRS 66.
- 18.8 Decisions of the International Jury will be final as provided in RRS 70.5.

19 SCORING

- 19.1 Only when boats sail in separate fleets, RRS A5.2 is changed so that the scores are based on the number of boats assigned to the largest fleet.
- 19.2 If, at the end of the last day of qualifying series races, some boats have more race scores than others, scores for the most recent races will be excluded so that all boats have the same number of race scores.
- 19.3 In each Class three races are required to be completed to constitute the regatta.
- 19.4 When fewer than 4 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores.
- 19.5 When 4 to 6 races have been completed, a boat's series score will be the total of her race scores excluding her worst score.
- 19.6 Scoring inquiries or any questions to the PC can be sent through the online form accessible by clicking on the "+" symbol on the Official Notice board.

20 SAFETY REGULATIONS [NP]

- 20.1 No boats are to be launched without the approval of the Beach master, see SI 4. "SIGNALS MADE ASHORE". [NP] [DP] [SP]
- 20.2 A boat retiring from a race shall notify a race committee or safety boat before leaving the course and shall complete the relevant form available at the Race Office within protest time limit. [NP] [DP]
- 20.3 Each day of competition the coaches or Team Leaders shall notify the Race Office, **before D flag**

is displayed of the boats not intending to race that day.

- 20.4 Competitors who require assistance shall blow a whistle or wave the paddle or one arm. The Race Committee reserves the right to assist competitors who in their opinion require assistance, regardless of the wishes of the competitor. This will not be grounds for redress. *This changes RRS 62.1(a)*
- 20.5 When the Race Committee displays **V flag** with repetitive sounds, all official and support boats shall monitor the Race Committee VHF channel 73 for **search and rescue** instructions.

21 REPLACEMENT OF EQUIPMENT [DP]

- 21.1 Substitution of damaged or lost equipment will not be allowed unless approved in writing by the Race Committee. Requests for substitution shall be made to the Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.
- 21.2 Substitution of damaged equipment may be permitted provided that the relevant form has been completed at the Race Office and both the damaged and the substituting equipment has been inspected.
- 21.3 If the substitution was made on the water between races, both the damaged and the substituting equipment shall be presented to the Race Committee after the end of the day's racing. The substitution is subject to the approval of the Race Committee given retrospectively.

22 EQUIPMENT AND MEASUREMENT CHECKS [NP][DP][SP]

- 22.1 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 the race committee to proceed immediately to a designated area for inspection.

23 OFFICIAL BOATS

- 23.1 Only Official boats are allowed on the course, these shall display a flag bearing the letters 'RC' - Race Committee or 'S' for dedicated safety, 'P' for Press and 'J' for the Jury Boats.

24 SUPPORT BOATS & SUPPORT PERSONS [NP][DP]

- 24.1 Support persons (Team leaders, coaches, parents, guardians and other support personnel), intending to use support boats, shall obtain accreditation from the Race Office, all support boats must be uniquely identified and **carry a functioning VHF radio, Ch 73 will be used.**
- 24.2 All support boats are obliged to render assistance in safety cover if called upon to do so by the race committee. See SI 21.5.
- 24.3 Support Boats shall not interfere, guide or communicate in any form or manner with boats racing. Support boats are to keep well clear, 150mts away on upwind legs and 100mts away on downwind legs, from the time of the preparatory signal for the first class to start until all boats have finished or the race committee signals a postponement, general recall or abandonment.
- 24.4 All boats associated with the infringing support boat may be penalized at the discretion of the Jury, for the race on which the support personnel failed to comply with this instruction. [DP] *This changes RRS 63.1.*
- 24.5 Competitors shall not approach any boat other than an official boat or registered support boat

from their first warning signal of the day until they finish their last race for the day or the Race Committee signal no more racing today, whichever is later

- 24.6 When not in use, support vessels shall be appropriately berthed on a mooring in the areas marked in Appendix B.

25 RADIO COMMUNICATION

- 25.1 A boat shall neither make radio transmissions while racing nor receive radio communications not available to all boats. This restriction also applies to mobile phones. Notwithstanding this, where necessary for assisted sailing, a pre-authorised public VHF channel may be used by both sailor and 'buddy' who shall display flag 'B'.

26 PRIZES

- 26.1 Prizes will be awarded in accordance with the Notice of Race.

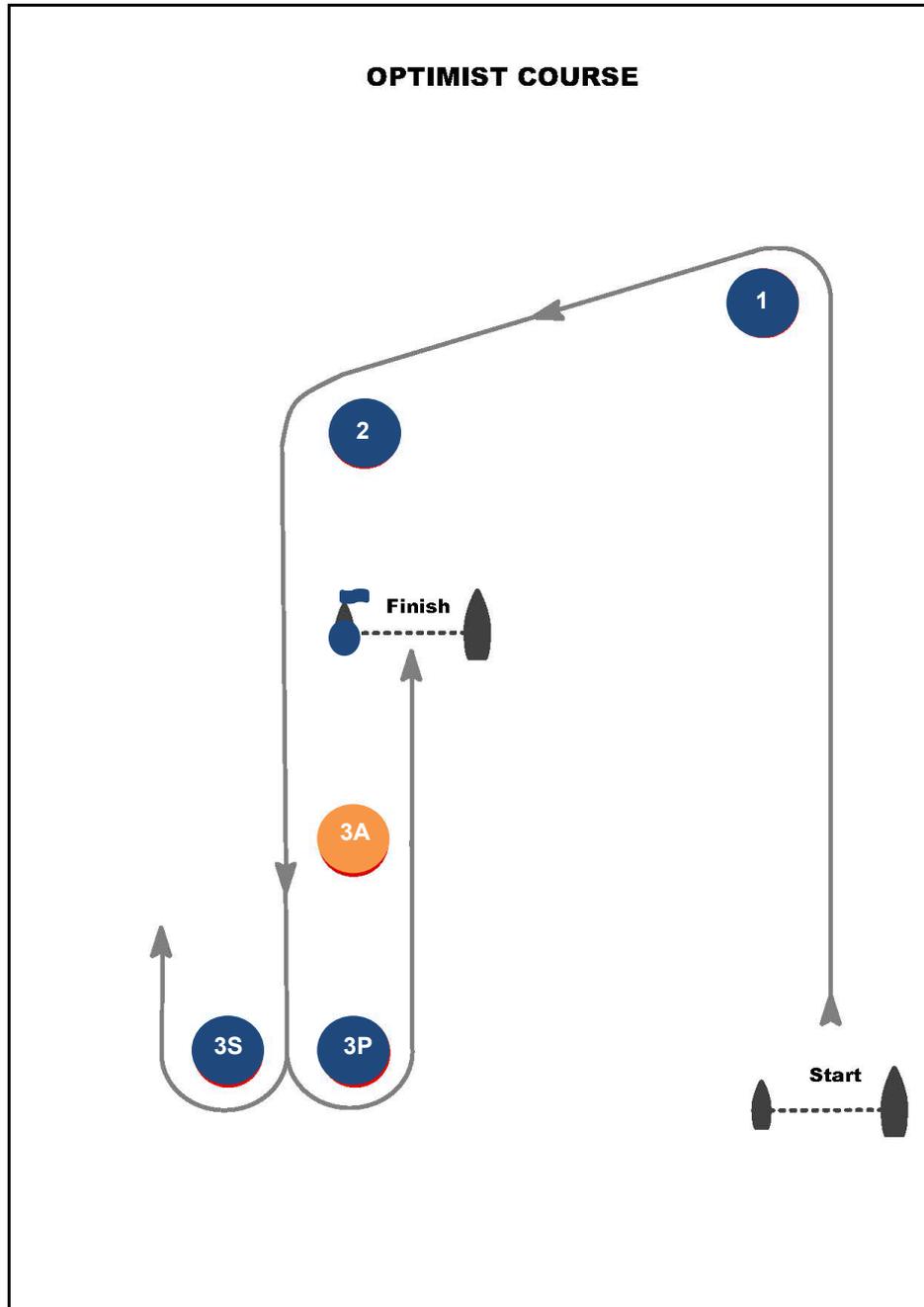
27 ENVIRONMENT & TRASH DISPOSAL

- 27.1 To do our part to save our planet, water dispensers will be available at the Race Office and its surrounding areas. It is recommended to bring refillable water bottles.
- 27.2 No rubbish or litter shall be disposed of in the sea or the beach.

28 DISCLAIMER OF LIABILITY

- 28.1 **Competitors participate in the regatta entirely at their own risk and responsibility.** 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 and the responsible adult 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.**

Appendix A



-  **Course 1: START – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – FINISH**
-  **Course 2: START – 1 – 2 – 3S/3P – 2 - 3S/3P – FINISH**
- *Beginners Division Course: START – 1 – 2 – 3A - FINISH**

Appendix B Coach/Support Vessel Mooring



Coaches may tie their support vessels to one of the moorings located in areas A and B.
When weather conditions are between 15-25+ knots coming from 30° to 75°, it is advisable to tie support vessel on a mooring located at area A.