



13th CHANNEL REGATTA SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

15 – 18 JUNE 2018
MARMARIS – TURKEY

Part 1 – General

1 Organizing Authority

The 13th Channel Regatta is co-organized by the Marmaris International Yacht Club (MIYC) and the Offshore Yachting Club of Rhodes (OYRC), under the authority of Turkish Sailing Federation.

2 Rules

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

2.2 The following rules will also apply:

- a) IMS Rule
- b) ORC Rating Systems Rule
- c) World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (all races will be Category 4).
- d) Equipment Rules of Sailing (ERS)
- e) The Word Sailing Regulation 20 (Advertising Code)

2.3 **[DP]** Under RRS 87, ORC Rule 206 is changed as follows:

- a) The maximum number of sails shall be as defined in ORC Rule 206 with one additional mainsail allowed. The second mainsail shall have a minimum of one set of reef points. The mainsails may be interchangeable.
- b) With the exception of the second mainsail all sails shall be aboard while racing.
- c) Sails which are damaged during the series may be repaired. Sails beyond repair may be replaced with the permission of the Race Committee

2.4 Part 2 of the Racing Rules of Sailing is replaced by Part B of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea from 20:25 to 05:50 local time.

2.5 Turkish Sailing Federation (TSF) General Yacht Racing Instructions and other valid prescriptions. These prescriptions will not apply to competitors from foreign countries.

2.6 The official language of the race is English.

2.7 If there is a conflict between the rules above, the Notice of Race, Sailing Instructions and its amendments will be valid according to their date.

3 Classes

3.1 Boats will be divided into three (3) Classes based on ToT factor:

DIV 1: ToT \geq 0,9800

DIV 2: $0.9800 < \text{ToT} \leq 0,9000$

DIV 3: $0,9000 < \text{ToT}$

3.2 **[NP]** The Organising Committee's decision about class separation will be announced during skippers meeting and cannot be altered or open to discussion.

3.3 Classes will have separate results.

4 Notices to competitors

Notices to competitors will be posted on the official notice board(s) located at **MIYC Office**. All these notices will be an official announcement to competitors. It is the competitors' own responsibility to check the Official Notice Board regularly. Failure of displaying the flag "L" shall not be grounds for a request for redress.

5 Changes to Sailing Instructions

- 5.1 Any change to the Sailing Instructions will be posted not later than two (2) hours before it will take effect, except that any change to the schedule of races will be posted by **20:00** hours on the day before it will take effect. The changes will not be delivered to each boat individually (This changes RRS Rule 25.1).
- 5.2 Verbal changes may be given only on the water. The Race Committee will make the necessary changes before the warning signals and will announce these changes by VHF Ch.71 [RRS 90.(2c)]. Such changes shall not be grounds for request for redress.

6 Signals made ashore

- 6.1 Signals will be made by the Committee Boat when she is in the Marina, otherwise there will be no signals made ashore.
- 6.2 If flag AP is displayed when the Committee Boat is lying in the marina, the warning signal of the first division (s) will not be made less than 30 minutes after the AP is removed.

7 Schedule of races

- 7.1 Times of the first warning signals are defined as follows:

[1 st Race]	[16/06/2018]	[11:55]
[2 nd Race]	[16/06/2018]	[After completion of the 1st Race]
[3 rd Race]	[17/06/2018]	[11:55]
[4 th Race]	[18/06/2018]	[11:55]

- 7.2 The Organizing Authority and/or the Race Committee reserve the right to modify the above programme according to weather conditions and/or other unforeseen reasons.
- 7.3 Four (4) races are scheduled.
- 7.4 On the last day of the regatta no warning signal will be given after **15:00** unless it follows a signal of general recall or postponement (Flag AP) of a race whose first warning signal had been made before **15:00**.
- 7.5 In condition of a wind of more than 30 knots speed or a risk on life and property safety, the Race Committee may not start the race or may shorten or abandon the race. This shall not be ground for a request for redress.

8 Class identification flags

The Class Identification flags will be;

DIV 1: YELLOW pennant

DIV 2: RED pennant

DIV 3: GREEN pennant

9 The Start

- 9.1 All classes will start together.
- 9.2 A boat starting later than **15** minutes after her Start signal will be scored DNS without hearing. This changes RRS A4 and A5.
- 9.3 After signalling an individual recall, the race committee will attempt to broadcast the sail number, bow number or name of boat that is identified as OCS by VHF channel **71**. Any delay or failure of these calls will not be grounds for a request for redress by a boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 9.4 [**DP, NP**] All boats intending to participate in a race, shall sail close to the Race Committee Signal vessel, before the first warning signal of the day, for their hull number to be recorded.

10 Penalty system

- 10.1 For minor breaches of the Offshore Special Regulations, RRS 55, the ORC rule, the IMS rule, the Equipment Rules of Sailing and any Sailing Instruction marked with **[DP]** the Protest Committee may impose any penalty different from Disqualification, or not impose a penalty, at its discretion. Maximum discretionary penalty for the minor infringements of the Offshore Special Regulations will be the scoring penalty of 10% calculated as in RRS 44.3(c).
- 10.2 Penalties for breaches of the Offshore Special Regulations will apply only to the previous to the inspection race. If the inspection was made prior to the first race the penalty will apply to the first race. The boat is expected to do everything possible to be in compliance for subsequent races and if she fails, further penalties may be imposed.

11 Protests and requests for redress

- 11.1 A boat intending to protest shall inform the other boat/s at the first reasonable opportunity (as soon as possible) as follows:
- I. When the protest concerns an incident in the racing area that she is involved in or sees, she shall:
 - (a) hail “ PROTEST”;
 - (b) inform by VHF Ch.71 the protested boat/s (This changes RRS Rule 61.1(a)),
 - (c) conspicuously display a protest (red) flag on the backstay. If the boat has no back stay, protest flag shall be displayed on the best visible place at the back side of the boat. She shall keep the flag displayed until she is no longer racing, observing also the provision of SI 11.1 I (d) below;
 - (d) inform the Race Committee on the finishing line by VHF Ch.71 and keep the protest flag hoisted until it is confirmed by the Race Committee (This changes RRS Rule 61.1(a)). It is not necessary to inform the Race Committee at the time of the incident.
 - II. When protesting for any other reason, she shall inform the other boat/s immediately after coming ashore.
- 11.2 Boat that intends to protest but could not continue and finish the race, or retires shall inform the Race Committee finishing boat by VHF Ch. 71 as soon as possible (This changes RRS Rule 61.1(a)).
- 11.3 Protest forms are available at the race office. Protests and Requests of Redress shall be delivered there within the protest time limit. All protests and requests for redress shall be written in English.
- 11.4 The protest time limit is 30 minutes after the Committee Boat docks at the Marina (This changes RRS 61.3 and RRS 62.2).
- 11.5 Notices will be posted within 15 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.
- 11.6 Notices of protests by the Race Committee or Protest Committee will be posted within the protest time limit to inform boats under RRS 61.1(b).
- 11.7 A party to the hearing may ask for a reopening not later than 60 minutes after being informed of the decision. On the last day of racing, the reopening time limit is 15 minutes after being informed of the decision (This changes RRS 66).
- 11.8 The fee for protest and request for redress by a boat will be **€150**, which will be returned if the protest is upheld or redress is granted or the protest/request for redress is withdrawn after a permission of the Protest Committee.
- 11.9 Class rules (Measurement) Protests
Both parties shall deposit in the Race Secretariat all expenses, related to the measurement to be carried, such as measurer fees and/or renewed certificate fees in advance. The successful party will be reimbursed. As weighing facilities are not available during the Channel Regatta, no measurement protest shall be accepted apart from boat and sail measurement.
- 11.10 Parties to hearings, who do not speak English, shall bring their own interpreters. The responsibility for the correctness of the translation is their own.
- 11.11 Breaches of SI marked as **[NP]** will not be grounds for a protest by a boat. This changes rule 60.1(a).

12 Scoring

- 12.1 Race results will be determined by corrected times calculated by the Time on Time (Coastal/Long Distance) scoring system.
- 12.2 The regatta is valid if at least 2 races are completed.
- 12.3 The Low Point Scoring System of RRS Appendix A will apply.
- 12.4 The scoring coefficient for all races will be 1,00.
- 12.5 The winners of the "Channel Regatta" will be designated by the total of their points on all races.
- 12.6 There will be no race discarded.

13 [DP] Safety regulations

- 13.1 [NP] Boats retiring for any reason in any race shall report to the Race Committee as soon as possible.
- 13.2 Any use of the engine for propulsion purposes for rescuing people, giving help or any other reason shall be reported after arrival but latest the protest time limit in writing on 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 discretionary penalty.
- 13.3 Boats that made One-Turn or Two-Turns Penalty shall sign declaration forms at the race secretariat within the protest time limit. Failure to declare this will mean that the boat did not make the penalty turns.

14 [DP] 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 either by an email at miyc@miyc.org or by an SMS at +90 543 413 37 88 no later than **two (2)** hours before the scheduled time of the start of the race of the day. No verbal declarations will be accepted.
- 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 Race Committee at the first reasonable opportunity.

15 Equipment and measurement checks

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 via VHF channel **71** to proceed immediately for inspection.

16 Official Vessels

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

17 [DP] Haul-out restriction

From 17:00 on **15/06/2018** boats shall not be hauled out except for the purposes of repairing damage; and only after written permission of 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 the Race Committee during the regatta will be on VHF channel **71**. The Race Committee may give verbal confirmation of any race signal over VHF Channel **71**. Failure to make a broadcast or to time it accurately will not be grounds for request for redress by the boat. This changes RRS 60.1(b).
- 18.2 [DP] 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 class.
19.2 Prizes will be awarded to the 1st winner of each class, for each individual race.

20 Disclaimer of liability

All those taking part in the regatta do so at their own risk and responsibility. The Organizing Authority the Marmaris International Yacht Club, the Offshore Yachting Club of Rhodes, the Turkish Sailing Federation and any other party involved in the organization of the Channel Regatta 2018 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 World Sailing Part 1 Fundamental Rule 4: A boat is solely responsible for deciding whether or not to start or to continue racing.

21 [DP, NP] Finishing by the night

Boats that finish by night shall illuminate their numbers when finishing, and in case of doubt shall try to identify themselves to the RC after finishing.

22 Time Limit

Time limits for the races are written on each course diagram (Appendix 1). Boats failing to finish within their time limit shall be scored "Did Not Finish". This changes RRS 35 and A4.

Part 2 – Courses & Marks

23 The courses

- 23.1 The Race Committee will decide the course which will be sailed from the courses shown on the "Appendix 1- Course Diagrams" and Race Committee will announce the course of the day by VHF Ch.71 and the appropriate code flag will be displayed on the Committee Boat, before the warning signal. Failure to receive the announcement shall not be grounds for redress.
23.2 The approximate locations of the marks, mark rounding orders, approximate distance and the definition of the starting / finishing lines will be as shown on the Course Diagrams.
23.3 Inflatable yellow and/or orange buoys will be used. Presence or not of the numbers and shapes/colors of the marks shall not be grounds for a request for redress.
23.4 The marks will be illuminated with white flashlights after the sunset.

24 Start and Finish Lines

- 24.1 The starting line will be between a pole displaying an orange flag on the Race Committee Boat and a buoy.
24.2 All Races shall be started according to RRS 26.
24.3 The finishing line will be between a staff displaying an orange flag on the Committee Boat and a buoy.
24.4 If the Race Committee signals a shorten course, the finishing line will be at a mark, between the mark and a staff displaying flag S on a Race Committee boat.
24.5 Code flag "H" flown from the mast of the RC vessel means second race will be made as soon as practicable after the first race of the day

Appendix 1 – Course Diagrams

Race Committee
15th June 2018, 18:45