



ROLEX MIDDLE SEA RACE

2018

GENERAL INFORMATION



ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB

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INTRODUCTION

The committee of the Royal Malta Yacht Club together with ROLEX welcome you to Malta and to the 39th Edition of the **Rolex Middle Sea Race**.

2018 is a special year of celebration being the 50th Anniversary of the first Middle Sea Race held in 1968.

In this booklet you will find useful general information about the race and associated activities together with the services and facilities being provided for your convenience.

We wish you every success in this exciting and memorable event.

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Programme of Event

Day	Date	Activity	Location	Time
Monday	15 th October	Start of Registration	R. M. Y. C.	09:00-13:00 14:00-18:00
Tuesday	16 th October	Briefing Coastal Races	Grand Hotel Excelsior	18:00
Wednesday	17 th October	Start Coastal Race	Marsamxett Harbour	10:00
Wednesday	17 th October	Owners Reception & Coastal Race Prize Giving	Verdala Palace	19:30
Thursday	18 th October	Crew Party	Couvre Porte Manoel Island	20:00
Friday	19 th October	Q & A with Special Guests	RMYC Roof	11:00
Friday	19 th October	RMSR Briefing Weather Briefing	Grand Hotel Excelsior	18:00
Saturday	20 th October	Start RMSR	Grand Harbour	11:00
Saturday	27 th October	Prize Giving RMSR	Mediterranean Conference Centre	12:00
Saturday	27 th October	After party	R. M. Y. C.	16:00

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Berthing

Berthing is being provided free at the RMYC Marina, Grand Hotel Excelsior Marina, Marina di Valletta, Grand Harbour Marina or other marinas as required from the 14th October to the 28th October 2018. Boats arriving in Malta for the Rolex Middle Sea Race are to contact the RMYC by phone on 21333109 and their allocated marina on VHF Channel 13 to be given instructions for berthing.

Race Information

An Information office will be set up on the marina quay at RMYC and in Marina di Valletta.

Requests for information about the race, the Royal Malta Yacht Club and Malta in general may be made at these offices.

Communications from the Race Committee to all participating boats will be made through these offices as well as at the main Race Office at RMYC. Notices will be posted on the Official Notice board at RMYC. For the convenience of sailors, notices will also be uploaded to the event website, sent to the marina offices and copies made available to all yachts when necessary. However only the notice board at RMYC shall be considered the Official Notice Board and participants should refer to this for official notices from the Race Committee.

Registration

Registration of entries shall take place at the Race Office at RMYC in Ta' Xbiex. The office will accept registrations from Monday 15th October. Participants are requested to register as soon as possible after their arrival in Malta.

Scrutineering

Safety checks shall be carried out by RMYC Scrutineers before the race. Arrangements will be made with each boat for a scrutineer to inspect the boat in the presence of the Person in Charge.

Storage

For the convenience of all racers participating in the Rolex Middle Sea Race, the Royal Malta Yacht Club is providing, free of charge, limited space in containers for the temporary storage of equipment. These containers will be available from Monday 15th till Sunday 28th October by which date all items must be removed. Arrangements for the use of these facilities should be made at the Marina Race Office and a number of boats will be allocated to share each container. While providing these facilities, the Royal Malta Yacht Club accepts no responsibility for loss or damage to goods left in storage and divests itself of all associated risks and liabilities. Skippers making use of these facilities do so at their own risk and are advised to ensure having adequate insurance.

Customs

Yachts coming from a non-Schengen port are required to clear with customs and immigration on arrival in Malta and prior to their final departure from Malta to a non-Schengen port.

Customs Offices are located at the Valletta Waterfront in Grand Harbour. Boats participating in the Rolex Middle Sea Race should, on entering Malta proceed to their berth and enquire at the RMYC regarding arrangements made for customs clearance by race participants.

An inventory list of all equipment left during the race should be deposited with customs to ensure smooth clearance on departure from Malta at the end of the Rolex Middle Sea Race.

Hospitality

Participants are welcome to use the bar and dining areas at the Royal Malta Yacht Club. The club bar is open all day every day. Breakfast will be available during the event in the Galley Restaurant. Lunch and dinner will be served in the club dining areas and the outdoor terraces. On certain evenings when no other activities are planned music will be played on the terraces for the entertainment of guests. We hope you enjoy your stay at the Royal Malta Yacht Club and that you have a successful race.

Transport

Transport will be available by boat between Grand Hotel Excelsior and Marina di Valletta to the Royal Malta Yacht Club. Transport from Grand Harbour Marina to the RMYC may also be provided upon request to the Royal Malta Yacht Club. This service will operate from the 15th to the 19th October and from the 23th to the 26th October.

Favourable rates have been obtained for RMSR participants for car hire details of which is will be available at the Race Offices.

Additional transport will be provided to and from Marina di Valletta, Grand Hotel Excelsior, Grand Harbour Marina and the Royal Malta Yacht Club for the following activities:

Activity	Date	Pick-up		Return	
		Time	Place	Time	Place
Briefing Coastal Race GHE	Tuesday 16 th October	17:30	Grand Harbour RMYC to G. Hotel Excelsior	19:30	G. Hotel Excelsior to RMYC Grand Harbour
Owners Reception Verdala Palace	Wednesday 17 th October	18:30	Grand Harbour Marina di Valletta G. Hotel Excelsior RMYC to Verdala Palace	23:00	Verdala Palace to RMYC G. Hotel Excelsior Marina di Valletta Grand Harbour
Crew Party Manoel Island	Thursday 18 th October	19:30	Grand Harbour Marina di Valletta G. Hotel Excelsior RMYC to Manoel Island	01:00 (+1)	Manoel Island to RMYC G. Hotel Excelsior Marina di Valletta Grand Harbour
Briefing RMSR GHE	Friday 19 th October	17:30	Grand Harbour RMYC to G. Hotel Excelsior	20:30	G. Hotel Excelsior to RMYC Grand Harbour
Prize Giving MCC Valletta	Saturday 27 th October	10:00	Grand Harbour G. Hotel Excelsior Marina di Valletta RMYC To MCC	15:30	MCC to RMYC G. Hotel Excelsior Marina di Valletta Grand Harbour

Telephone Numbers

Royal Malta Yacht Club	Club Office	Tel.	21 333109 21 318417
	Club Bar/Restaurant		21 318418
	Race Office	Tel.	21 344176
	Rooftop Reception	Tel.	21 344177
	Media Room	Tel.	21 340357
	Race Control RMYC	Tel. Mob.	21 344178 9925 4713
	Marina Office	Tel.	21 344152
Grand Hotel Excelsior	Reception	Tel.	21 250520
	RMYC contact (George Zammit)	Mob.	7944 6660
Marina di Valletta	Marina Office	Mob.	7944 4013
		Mob.	7944 2122
Grand Harbour Marina	Marina Office	Tel.	21 800700
		Mob.	7980 0700
Transport Malta (Valletta Port Control)		Tel.	22 914412/3
		Mob.	9949 4313
		VHF	ch. 12
Customs Sea Port Valletta		Tel:	2123 3868
Meteorological Office		Tel.	2124 9600
Emergency	Police	Tel.	112, 21224001-7
	Ambulance	Tel.	112, 196
	Fire	Tel.	112
	Search & Rescue	Tel.	112, 21809279
Enquiries	Local	Tel.	1182, 1187, 1189
	Overseas	Tel.	1152

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RACE ORGANISATION

Organising Authority – Royal Malta Yacht Club

Royal Malta Yacht Club Committee and Event Organising Authority

Godwin Zammit	-	Commodore
Peter Dimech	-	Vice Commodore
Robert Ciantar	-	Honorary Secretary
Mark Napier	-	Honorary Treasurer
Anna Rossi	-	Rear Commodore House
Maya Podesta	-	Rear Commodore Sailing
George Bonello Dupuis	-	Rear Commodore PR, RMSR Special anniversary events
Jamie Sammut	-	Member
Mark Vella	-	Member
John Ripard sr.	-	Hon. President

Race Committee

Peter Dimech (MLT IRO)	-	Principal Race Officer; Chairman
Gill Smith	-	Assistant Race Officer
Godwin Zammit	-	Documents; Ratings
David Farrugia	-	Safety Officer
Albert Bonnici	-	Head Safety Inspector
Anna Rossi	-	Registration
John Ripard sr.	-	Rules Advisor
Emma Smith	-	IRC
Zoran Grubisa	-	ORC

Special Anniversary Events Sub-Committee

Georges Bonello Dupuis
Robert Ciantar
Mark Napier
Anna Rossi
Maya Podesta
Mark Vella
Malcolm Lowell

International Jury

Gordon Stredwick (GBR)	IJ	Chairman
Neven Baran (CRO)	IJ	Member
Manuel Santos e Villa (POR)	IJ	Member
Peter Valentino (MLT)	NJ	Member
Riccardo Antoni (ITA)	NJ	Member

RMYC Media Office

Maria Vella-Galea
Louay Habib
Giles Pearman (Quinag)

Race Office / Registration

Anna Rossi
Alana Meadows
Veronica Bonnici

Roof terrace Reception

Amata Camilleri

Safety Inspections

Albert Bonnici

RMYC Marina Office

Dalton Brauer

RMYC Marina Berthing & Sea Transport

Joe Dimech
Alex Denisuc
Ruya Cakmakli

Marina di Valletta

Alex Vella

Grand Hotel Excelsior Marina

George Zammit

Grand Harbour Marina

Gordon Vassallo

The Royal Malta Yacht Club wishes to express its thanks and appreciation to the many other volunteers, too many to mention, who assist in the successful organisation of this event. These include helpers at the RMYC and Marina offices, Safety Inspectors, Race control watch keepers and many others.