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# NOTICE OF RACE

**2022 Rolex Middle Sea Race**

22 October 2022

## Dear Competitor,

On behalf of the Royal Malta Yacht Club, I am delighted to encourage all eligible yachts to participate in the 43rd edition of the Rolex Middle Sea Race, widely regarded as one of the “must do” 600-mile offshore classics.

Throughout its near 55 years of history the race has always attracted a broad spectrum of boats, nationalities, and experience. The impressive course is an obvious lure, with its varied conditions, many turning points and numerous tactical challenges. The Maltese welcome, too, has always played a strong part in persuading competitors to travel from all corners of the earth to participate. The Royal Malta Yacht Club has prided itself on a well-run race that places the competitors’ interests at the forefront of its decisions and actions. Over recent years the fleet has responded, growing in stature and standing.

This year the club has taken steps to further respect the elevated position of the Rolex Middle Sea Race and to ensure it maintains the standards expected of such a high-profile yachting event. The management team has been strengthened to include greater professional support and guidance. It has real international flavour reflecting one of the most important characteristics of the race – its global appeal. We hope that you notice the changes and that your experience is the better for them.

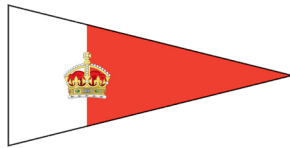
The past two events have been run against the backdrop of the Covid-19 pandemic. While the world is learning to live with this virus, it is still circulating and there is always the risk that health regulations may feature again. Irrespective, we have huge confidence that the 2022 race will prove a success. The Maltese and sailing communities have been tested twice before and proven themselves incredibly resilient. We have long viewed those that make it to the start line of our race to be already winners. We know how much effort it takes in more normal times and appreciate the commitment shown.

As I write, there is a storm in eastern Europe that threatens to overshadow the coming months. I am sure we all hope sincerely that it will soon recede allowing the camaraderie and spirit of events such this one to prosper.

We look forward to seeing you in October.

David Cremona  
Commodore

**Royal Malta Yacht Club**



## ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB

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The Organising Authority is the Royal Malta Yacht Club (RMYC) in collaboration with the Royal Ocean Racing Club (RORC).

The Rolex Middle Sea Race forms part of the RORC Season's Points Championship, the International Maxi Association Mediterranean Maxi Offshore Championship and the Swan Maxi Series.

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## APPENDIX 1 - ROLEX MIDDLE SEA RACE SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

Date	Activity	Location	Time
Friday 23 September	Close of Entries	-	-
Friday 30 September	Late Entries Close (late fee applicable)	-	-
Friday 14 October	Rating Deadline for Classes	-	-
Monday 17 October	Registration Opens Sailing Instructions Available	R. M. Y. C.	09:00
Wednesday 19 October	Start of the Yachting Malta Coastal Race	Marsamxett Harbour	10:00
Thursday 20 October	Crew Party	Xara Lodge	19:00
Friday 21 October	Registration Closes	R.M.Y.C	16:30
Friday 21 October	Weather & Race Briefing	Grand Hotel Excelsior	18:00
Saturday 22 October	Start	Grand Harbour Valletta	11:00
Saturday 29 October	Prize Giving	Mediterranean Conference Centre	12:00
Saturday 29 October	After Party	R. M. Y. C.	17:00

The notation '[DP]' in a rule in the Notice of Race means that the penalty for a breach of that rule may, at the discretion of the protest committee, be less than disqualification.

The notation '[NP]' in a rule means that a boat may not protest another boat for breaking that rule. This changes RRS 60.1 (a).

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## 1. RULES

- 1.1. The event is governed by the rules as defined in The Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, the World Sailing Offshore Special Regulations (OSR) 2022 Category 2 races, the rules and regulations of appropriate One Design and/or restricted class rules, IRC Rules (2022) Parts A, B & C, ORC Rating Systems Rules and MOCRA Rules.
- 1.2. The use of an autopilot and power winches is permitted. This changes RRS 52.
- 1.3. The Time Limit for all boats will be Friday 28 October 2022 at 18:00. No further finishers will be recorded after this time. This changes RRS 35.
- 1.4. Except when changed in the Sailing Instructions, the rules of RRS part 2 are replaced by the right-of-way rules of the International Regulations for Preventing Collisions at Sea (IRPCAS), or by government right of way rules, between the times of local (Malta) sunset and sunrise.
- 1.5. A boat may take a time penalty as specified in the Sailing Instructions when she may have broken a rule when racing.
- 1.6. If there is a conflict between languages the English text takes precedence.

## 2. SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

- 2.1. Sailing Instructions will be issued to boats that have met all the entry requirements by

Monday 17 October 2022 and made available on the event website.

- 2.2. Where there is a conflict between the Notice of Race and the Sailing Instructions, the Sailing Instructions shall prevail. This changes RRS 63.7

## 3. ADVERTISING [DP][NP]

- 3.1. Boats may be required to display advertising chosen and supplied by the Organising Authority.
- 3.2. Boats taking part in the event may display advertising as permitted by and in accordance with World Sailing Regulation 20 – Advertising Code.

## 4. ELIGIBILITY

- 4.1. Boat Eligibility
  - 4.1.1. [NP] The race is open to seaworthy boats which comply with the rules and regulations described in the Notice of Race and the OSR 2022 Category 2 races and which are manned by an adequate number of experienced crew who are physically fit to face bad weather.
  - 4.1.2. Responsibility for compliance rests with the Person in Charge of the boat. However, the RMYC will endeavour to help competitors to understand the OSR 2022 and reserves the right to conduct an OSR inspection on any competitors boat at any time. For this purpose, boats are to be made available for Scrutineering at the boat's assigned berth during the period between Monday 17 October and Saturday 22 October 2022. It is mandatory that the Person in Charge or his authorised representative be present at the time of inspection.
  - 4.1.3. The Person in Charge shall, before the race, complete an OSR Category 2 Checklist and submit the form to the Registration Office.
  - 4.1.4. The minimum crew on any monohull shall be

two.

4.1.5. Boats shall have a hull length of not less than 9 metres. A boat's hull length shall be taken as defined by IRC and ORC Rules and stated in its rating certificate.

#### 4.2. Construction and Stability Eligibility

4.2.1. Boats shall be built to a standard that complies with the requirements of OSR 3.0.3 and provide evidence of this compliance as necessary.

4.2.2. Boats must satisfy the stability requirements of Section 3 of the OSR.

4.2.3. Where it is not possible for a yacht to demonstrate compliance with ISO 12217-2 Design Category A and the corresponding STIX and AVS requirements, a boat may be considered eligible if it has an SSS base value of at least 28 as stated on its IRC rating certificate or a Stability Index of at least 110 as stated on its ORC certificate.

4.2.4. Boats participating in more than one category need only satisfy one of these criteria.

#### 4.3. Crew Eligibility

4.3.1. All crew members shall meet the requirements of World Sailing Regulation 19 - Eligibility Code. All crew members shall be at least 14 years of age by the Friday 21 October 2022.

4.3.2. Any crew member still under the age of 18 by Friday 21 October 2022 shall supply the written consent of a parent or legal guardian, which consent shall be attached to the crew list submitted on registration before the race.

4.3.3. Both the Person in Charge and crew in a Double-Handed entry shall be at least 18 years of age by Friday 21 October 2022.

4.3.4. [NP]The Person in Charge of each participating boat shall ensure that there is adequate knowledge and experience among his crew to take part in a Category 2 offshore

race. The Person in Charge and at least 50% of the crew (but not fewer than 2) shall have previously taken part in an offshore race of extended duration.

4.3.5. At least 30% (but no fewer than 2) members of the crew including the Person in Charge shall have undergone training in survival at sea as required by OSR 6.01. Courses covering all topics included in an approved World Sailing Offshore Personal Survival Training Course given by suitably qualified and experienced instructors may be considered as satisfying this requirement. STCW is NOT an approved equivalent for the World Sailing Offshore Personal Survival Training Course.

4.3.6. [NP]As required by OSR 6.05 at least one crew member should be familiar with the management of medical emergencies that may occur at sea and hold a qualification in First Aid or be a practicing medical practitioner. The minimum number of persons on a boat, as required under this clause, shall be two in the Double-Handed class.

## 5. CLASSES AND CATEGORIES

5.1. Boats shall hold valid rating/class certificate(s) by the Rating Deadline. Boats racing under IRC, ORC & MOCRA are required to submit a copy of their valid rating certificate. Changes to ratings and class certificates will only be accepted after the Rating Deadline in exceptional circumstances at the discretion Race Committee. Every boat racing shall have on board a current valid signed copy of the rating and/or class certificate for the class or classes in which she is racing. Please allow sufficient time for your rating/class certificate to be processed and issued by the relevant authority.

5.2. The formation of any of the categories or classes is at the discretion of the RMYC and subject to minimum entries and the RMYC

reserves the right to include entries within another class as necessary.

**5.3.** Should the classes of the IRC and ORC Categories outlined in 5.4 and 5.5 prove to be manifestly unsuitable to the composition of the fleet of entries, the RMYC reserves the right to adjust these classes as it deems appropriate.

#### **5.4.** IRC Category

**5.4.1.** Boats having a current and valid IRC rating certificate may enter in the IRC Category. This category will be divided into classes as follows:

- *IRC Super Zero* TCC greater than 1.400
- *IRC Zero (0)* TCC from 1.276 to 1.400
- *IRC One (1)* TCC from 1.176 to 1.275
- *IRC Two (2)* TCC from 1.101 to 1.175
- *IRC Three (3)* TCC from 1.051 to 1.100
- *IRC Four (4)* TCC less than 1.051

**5.4.2.** IRC Rule 11.2 applies and a boat may carry one more spinnaker than the number stated in its IRC certificate.

**5.4.3.** IRC Rule 22.4.2 is deleted and replaced by; The maximum number of crew that may sail aboard a boat shall be the number shown on the certificate unless amended by the sailing instructions. There is no weight limit. This provision overrides IRC Rule 22.4.1

#### **5.5.** ORC Category

**5.5.1.** Boats having a current and valid ORC International or ORC Club rating certificate may enter the ORC Category. This category will be divided into classes as follows:

- *ORC One (1)* GPH less than 450.1
- *ORC Two (2)* GPH from 505.0 to 450.1
- *ORC Three (3)* GPH from 545.0 to 505.1
- *ORC Four (4)* GPH from 575.0 to 545.1
- *ORC Five (5)* GPH from 600.0 to 575.1

· *ORC Six (6)*

*GPH greater than 600*

**5.5.2.** In the ORC Category, there shall be no limit on the number of rated headsails and spinnakers that may be carried in the race. However, boats who elect to participate in both IRC and ORC rating categories shall be limited to the sails they are allowed in the IRC Category.

#### **5.6.** Multihull Category

**5.6.1.** Boats rating 1.100 and greater with endorsed MOCRA (Multihull Offshore Cruising and Racing Association) rating certificates may enter a multihull division of the race. For more information on MOCRA and to apply for a rating visit the MOCRA website (<http://www.mocra-sailing.org.uk>). The minimum crew for any multihulls shall be two.

**5.6.2.** Open multihulls may race without any rating.

#### **5.7.** Double-Handed Class

**5.7.1.** [NP]A Double-Handed Class within IRC will be available subject to the participation of a sufficient number of entries.

**5.7.2.** Boats will be eligible for both Double-Handed and IRC rating band class & overall trophies.

**5.7.3.** [NP]Entries must satisfy the committee that they have suitable and adequate experience and that their boat is appropriately prepared for double-handed sailing.

#### **5.8.** Offshore One Design (OOD) Classes

**5.8.1.** One design or level rating classes for boats complying with one design or class rules may be available subject to sufficient entries.

**5.8.2.** With prior permission from the Race Committee certain classes may be allowed to race under class rules (e.g. Class40, IMOCA, Figaro).

## **6. RESPONSIBILITY**

**6.1.** Yacht racing can be dangerous. The attention

of Persons in Charge is drawn to RRS Fundamental Rule 3: “The responsibility for a boat’s decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone” and to OSR 1.02.1 which states: “The safety of a boat and her crew is the sole and inescapable responsibility of the Person in Charge...”

- 6.2.** The Weather and Race Briefing shall be attended by at least two crew members of a boat intending to compete in the Rolex Middle Sea Race. It is strongly recommended that these briefings be attended by the Person in Charge and the Navigator.
- 6.3.** The RMYC, its sponsors and other organising clubs, accept no responsibility or liability for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to, any vessel or property.
- 6.4.** The Person in Charge and crew will be held jointly responsible for the conduct of the boat’s crew before, during and after a race. Misconduct may result in both the Person in Charge and crew being excluded from future races and renders a boat liable to disqualification. This alters RRS 69.1(a)
- 6.5.** Crew members’ attention is drawn to RRS 1.2 Life-Saving Equipment: “Each competitor is individually responsible for wearing personal buoyancy adequate for the conditions.” See also OSR 5.02.

## **7. INSURANCE**

- 7.1.** The Entrant, Owner or Charterer of a participating boat shall hold current adequate marine legal liability insurance with respect to the boat, valid when racing, including wreck removal, with a minimum Third Party Cover of 1.5 million euros.
- 7.2.** The Entrant, Owner or Charterer of a participating boat will ensure that all crew members are aware of the importance of effecting appropriate personal insurance.

## **8. ENTRIES AND REGISTRATION**

- 8.1.** An application for entry should be made by using the online entry form posted on the Event Website: [www.rolexmiddlesearace.com](http://www.rolexmiddlesearace.com).
- 8.2.** Applications for entry close 23 September 2022. Applicants must submit the following documentation:
  - 8.2.1.** Copies of the boat’s measurement and rating certificates for the rating categories entered.
  - 8.2.2.** Verification of compliance with the hull construction and stability requirements of OSR 2022 3.03 and 3.04 or 3.05 Category 2 races.
  - 8.2.3.** Digital colour photograph of the boat under sail.
- 8.3.** Following the submission of the documentation required in 8.1, the RMYC will notify the entrant of acceptance and the entry must then be confirmed, by payment of the applicable entry fees, by no later than the 23 September 2022 also submitting the following additional documentation:
  - 8.3.1.** Updated copies of measurement and rating certificates for the rating categories entered, if amended after the issue of the certificate submitted with the application for entry.
  - 8.3.2.** Certificate of insurance in English with details of the cover and the insurer.
  - 8.3.3.** EPIRB number, Call Sign and MMSI number where available.
- 8.4.** On arrival in Malta for the race, but no later than 16:30 on Friday 21 October 2022, the Person in Charge must complete the registration process at the Race Office, which includes the confirmation of the crew list with next of kin details submitted online or the submission of such details in the form supplied by the RMYC if not previously submitted.
- 8.5.** The Person in Charge and all the crew are required to sign a Disclaimer of Liability and a Media Release and Image Rights Waiver, as supplied by the RMYC. A copy of all race



documents, schedule of events and other information will be provided by the RMYC on registration.

- 8.6.** At the discretion of the RMYC, an entry may be accepted after the 23 September 2022 and shall be required to pay the specified late entry fee. No further entries will be accepted after the 30 September 2022.
- 8.7.** A boat that has entered in time for one rating category, may at the discretion of the RMYC, be accepted to enter an additional category no later than the Rating Deadline and may be required to pay 25% of the specified late entry fee.
- 8.8.** No applications for changes to rating certificates shall be allowed after Rating Deadline on Friday 14 October 2022 except to correct a genuine and verifiable error, to make corrections as a result of a rating protest before the start of the race, or in the case of ORC certificates to correct crew weight before the start of the race.
- 8.9.** An entry may be cancelled by advising the RMYC. Cancellations made before the 23 September 2022, will be eligible for a full refund of the race entry fee. Cancellations made after this date will be eligible for a refund of 50% of the race entry fee. No refund will be given if an Entrant fails to notify the RMYC of cancellation by the 15 October 2022 unless, in the opinion of the RMYC, just reason is given.
- 8.10.** The Entrant is the person considered responsible for the entry and shall be the person to appear in connection with the entry, together with the boat name, on any documentation pertaining to the event, including the results.
- 8.11.** The nationality of the entry shall be that country of which the Entrant is a citizen and shall be declared when making the entry.
- 8.12.** The submission of documents requested by the RMYC does not exonerate the Entrant from any of his responsibilities and receipt

by the RMYC shall not imply verification of the validity or adequacy of the documents submitted to it.

## 9. FEES

- 9.1.** The following fees shall be paid on confirmation of entry following acceptance of the application for entry. Entrants who have been full members of the RMYC for at least two years are eligible for a rebate of 25% on these fees up to a maximum discount of 300 euros.

Length Overall (LOA)	Base Entry Fee
09.00 – 10.99	€900
11.00 – 12.99	€950
13.00 – 14.99	€1,150
15.00 – 16.99	€1,250
17.00 – 18.99	€1,550
19.00 – 20.99	€1,750
21.00 – 22.99	€2,250
23.00 – 24.99	€2,750
25.00 – 26.99	€3,250
27.00 – 28.99	€3,750
29.00 - and above	€200 per metre

- 9.2.** Base Entry Fee per LOA (m):
- 9.3.** Additional Rating Category fee: **200 euros**
- 9.4.** Additional OOD Class fee: **200 euros**
- 9.5.** Additional Late Entry fee: **500 euros**

- 9.6. The entry fees listed may be paid by bank transfer or credit card as follows:

**Bank Transfer:**

**Bank:** HSBC, 196 The Strand, Gzira, Malta

**Account Name:** Royal Malta Yacht Club

**Account Number:** 039036173001

**IBAN:** MT 24 MMEB 4439 2000 0000 3903 6173 001

**Swift Code:** MMEBNTMT

**Credit Card:** Visa & Mastercard accepted. Payment to be authorized in writing, quoting card number, name on card, expiry date and CCV number.

- 9.7. Confirm your entry by effecting payment and sending required documents by e-mail to: [info@rmyc.org](mailto:info@rmyc.org). Please include the Boat Name on all correspondence and bank transfers.

## 10. SCHEDULE OF EVENTS

As per Appendix 1 of the Notice of Race.

## 11. COURSE

- 11.1. Starting from Malta, boats will sail a course leaving to port the island of Sicily, observing the TSS in the Strait of Messina, the Aeolian Islands (including Strombolicchio), the Egadi Islands (except Marettimo), Pantelleria and Lampedusa, through the South Comino Channel, keeping Malta to starboard, to the finish in Malta. Ustica, Linosa and Lampione are not marks of the course.
- 11.2. The length of the course is approximately 606 nautical miles.
- 11.3. The Outright Course Record, established by "Argo" in 2021, is 33 hours, 29 minutes and 28 seconds. The Monohull Race Record established by "Comanche" in 2021, is 40 hours, 17 minutes, 50 seconds.

## 12. PENALTIES

- 12.1. When the right-of-way rules of IRPCAS apply

(between the hours of local (Malta) sunset and sunrise) a scoring penalty applies. Except when a scoring penalty applies, a boat may take a Two Turns Penalty as permitted and described in RRS 44.2 for breaking a rule of RRS Part 2.

- 12.2. Penalties for infringements of other rules will be detailed in the Sailing Instructions.

- 12.3. International Jury:

An International Jury will be formed in accordance with Appendix N of the RRS and in accordance with RRS 70.5. Its decisions will be final. 13.0

## 13. SCORING

- 13.1. The overall winner of the Rolex Middle Sea Race will be the boat that wins the overall IRC Handicap Category

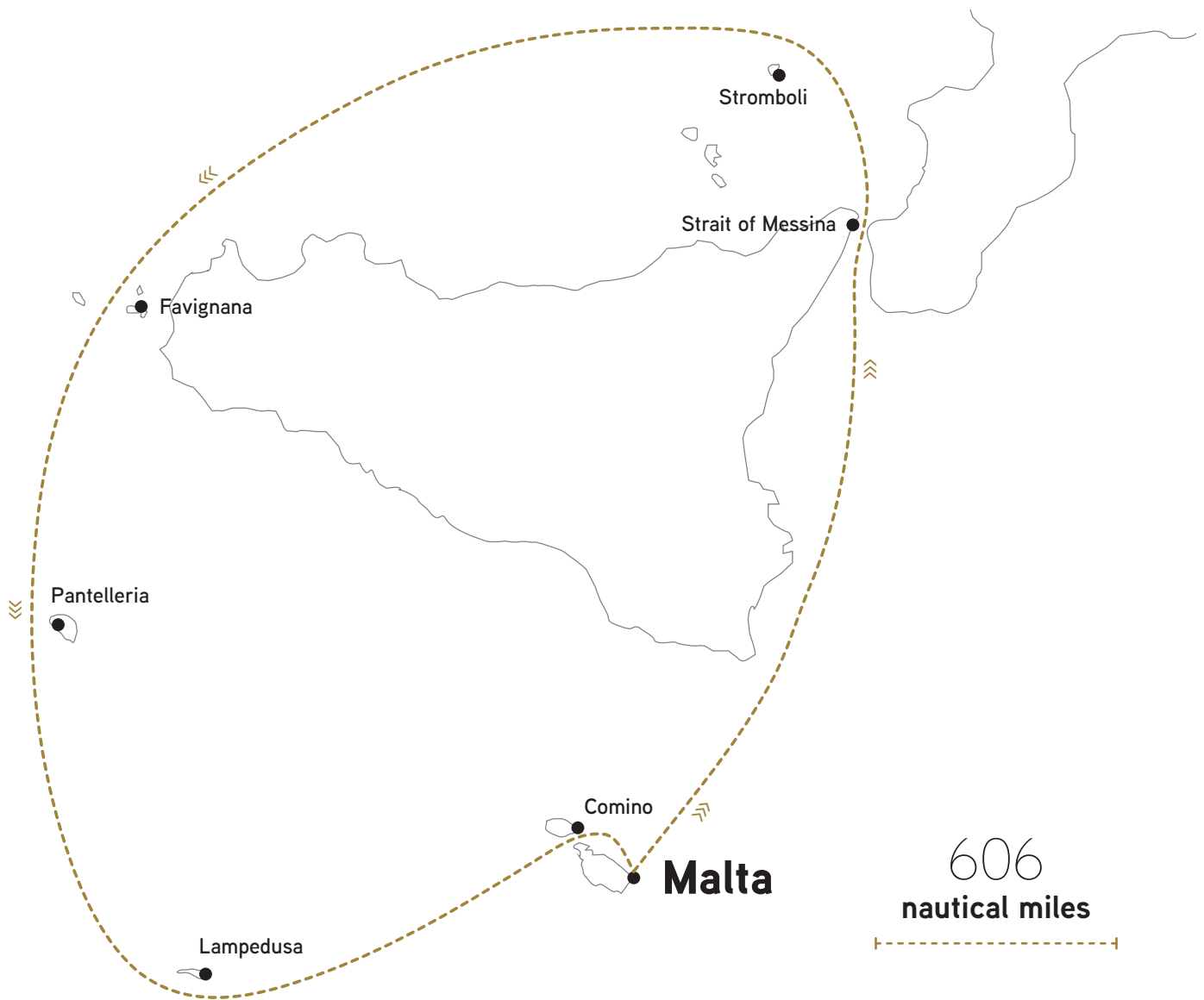
- 13.2. Scoring penalties will be applied when determining a score. A boat subject to a scoring penalty is not eligible for a race record.

- 13.3. The IRC Category & Double-Handed class shall be calculated by the application of the IRC Time Corrector (TCC) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time will be scored first and other boats shall be ranked accordingly.

- 13.4. The ORC Category shall be decided by the application of the Time-on-Time Simplified Scoring Option, using the ToT Offshore rating as printed on each boat's certificate, as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time will be scored first and other boats shall be ranked accordingly.

- 13.5. The Multihull Category shall be calculated by the application of the MOCRA Time Corrector Factor (TCF) as a multiplier of elapsed time. The boat with the lowest corrected time will be scored first and other boats shall be ranked accordingly.

- 13.6. Offshore One Design Classes with the lowest elapsed time will be scored first and other boats shall be ranked accordingly.



## 14. PRIZES AND AWARDS

- 14.1.** It is the intention of the RMYC to award first, second and third prizes in each class where the number of entries is six or more boats and first and second prizes where there are only five or less boats in a class.
- 14.2.** The Rolex Middle Sea Race Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner on corrected time of the IRC Category.
- 14.3.** The Boccale del Mediterraneo Trophy will be awarded to the overall winner on corrected

time of the ORC Category.

- 14.4.** The RLR Trophy will be awarded to the first monohull boat to finish the race.
- 14.5.** The John Ripard Trophy will be awarded to the monohull competitor that breaks the current 606 mile course record of 40 hours, 17 minutes and 05 seconds established by Comanche in the 2021 RMSR.
- 14.6.** The FIV Trophy will be awarded to the first Italian Boat on corrected time in the ORC Category.

- 14.7.** The Malta Tourism Authority Trophy will be awarded to the first foreign boat to finish the race.
- 14.8.** The Transport Malta Trophy will be awarded to the first boat to finish the race having a Maltese citizen as Person in Charge and the majority of crew being Maltese.
- 14.9.** The Arthur Podesta Trophy will be awarded to the first boat on corrected time in IRC Category having a Maltese citizen as Person in Charge and the majority of crew being Maltese.
- 14.10.** The Teddy Borg Trophy will be awarded to the first boat on corrected time in the ORC Category having a Maltese citizen as Person in Charge and the majority of crew being Maltese.
- 14.11.** The Captain Morgan Trophy will be awarded to the first boat on corrected time in the Multihull Category.
- 14.12.** The Alessandro Vattani Trophy will be awarded to the first boat to finish the race in the Double-Handed Class.
- 14.13.** The Italian Ambassador's Cup will be awarded to a boat that is deemed to have performed an outstanding act of seamanship or sportsmanship.
- 14.14.** The Swan Mediterranean Challenge Trophy will be awarded to the first Swan on corrected time in the IRC Category.
- 14.15.** For the purposes of assigning the trophies listed in 15.2, other than the prizes being awarded for each class, each Category will be considered as one class with overall results. The RMYC will retain possession of these main trophies and all winning Entrants will be awarded a keepsake, which in the case of the Rolex Middle Sea Race Trophy will be a miniature of the trophy itself.
- 14.16.** For the purpose of assigning the Malta Tourism Authority Trophy and the FIV trophy, the nationality of a boat will be the nationality of which the Entrant is a citizen.

## **15. COMMUNICATIONS [DP]**

- 15.1.** A boat may, without infringing RRS 41, request and receive repetition of information broadcast by the Race Committee or be told whether or not a broadcast has been made.
- 15.2.** RRS 41(c) is replaced by:  
A boat shall not receive help from any outside source, except (c) help in the form of information which is freely available to all boats, which shall include navigational, weather, tide or current information from any source which is available to all boats whether or not by payment of a fee or subscription, but shall not include information gathered or the subject of interpretation by, or any advice received from, any source not on board the boat and which is specific to the boat and her situation.
- 15.3.** By way of an example and interpretation, downloading charts, weather and/or tidal GRIB files from subscription services, or having such information passed to the boat in its pure form, is permitted but receiving messages or information which is the result of interpretation from outside of the boat is not permitted.

## **16. BERTHING**

- 16.1.** Berthing will be provided for participating boats at no additional cost by the RMYC at marinas in Marsamxett Harbour and Grand Harbour, at the Grand Hotel Excelsior, at the RMYC or at any other locations as necessary from Sunday 16 October until Sunday 30 October 2022.
- 16.2.** Berths will be allocated to competing boats by the RMYC. The use of the berths at the RMYC is subject to weather conditions and boats may need to be relocated in adverse conditions. Persons in Charge making use of these berths do so at their own risk and responsibility.

## 17. TRACKING

- 17.1. It will be mandatory for boats to carry a tracker unit for the Rolex Middle Sea Race. The units are standalone and will be available when a boat has fully satisfied the entry and registration requirements. The entry fee includes tracking.
- 17.2. Once issued to the boat the tracker becomes the responsibility of the Entrant and loss of or failure to return the tracker will be charged at 800 euros.

## 18. DISCLAIMER

As part of the registration process, each Entrant and individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting the following disclaimer of liability:

I agree to be bound by the World Sailing Racing Rules of Sailing (RRS) 2021-2024, by the Sailing Instructions and the Notice of Race. I agree that the sole and inescapable responsibility for the nautical qualities of any yacht participating in the Rolex Middle Sea Race 2022, her rigging, the safety equipment on board and the competence, behaviour and dress of her crew is that of the Person in Charge of the yacht.

I also agree to take any and all responsibility for all damages whatsoever caused to third persons or their belongings, to myself or to my belongings, ashore and at sea as a consequence of my participation in the regatta, and hereby relieve from any responsibility, and agree to indemnify on a full indemnity basis and hold harmless, the Royal Malta Yacht Club, its servants, agents and sponsors (in particular but not limited to Rolex SA and affiliated companies) and their representatives in respect of any claim arising therefrom.

I am acquainted with RRS Part 1 Fundamental Rule 3:

"the responsibility for a boat's decision to participate in a race or to continue racing is hers alone."

In any case, I agree that the Royal Malta Yacht Club, its servants, agents and sponsors (in particular but not only Rolex SA and affiliated companies) and their representatives have no responsibility for loss of life or injury to members or others, or for the loss of, or damage to any vessel or property.

## 19. MEDIA RELEASE AND IMAGE RIGHTS WAIVER

As part of the registration process, each Entrant and individual participating crew member will be required to sign a declaration accepting the following media release and waiver of rights:

Crew members on the competing yachts grant, at no cost, Royal Malta Yacht Club, Rolex SA and affiliated companies the absolute right and permission to use their name, voice, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in any media (being television, print and internet media), including video footage, for the sole purposes of advertising, promoting, reporting and disseminating information relating to Rolex SA's involvement in sailing events, in particular the Rolex Middle Sea Race and to the crew members' participation in such events.

Crew members on the competing yachts also grant, at no cost, Rolex SA and affiliated companies, the absolute right and permission to use their name, image, likeness, biographical material as well as representations of the boats in "The Rolex Magazine", edited by Rolex SA.

Crew members' name, voice, image, likeness and biographical material shall not be used by Rolex SA and affiliated companies in a way which constitutes an endorsement of Rolex' products by said crew members, unless the relevant crew member is engaged by Rolex SA or affiliated companies to endorse Rolex' products or gives his/her prior written consent to such use.

## 20. MEDIA

A Media Office will be provided at the Royal Malta Yacht Club. All visiting media representatives will be welcome and may be accredited in advance by contacting:

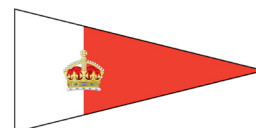
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