



2022 ROLEX MIDDLE SEA RACE

AMENDMENT NO 1 TO THE NOTICE OF RACE

INSERT NEW 1.7

- 1.7 [SP] [DP] World Sailing Test Rule DR21-01 applies. The RRS definition of “Start” is changed as follows:
Start A boat starts when her hull having been entirely on the prestart side of the starting line, and having complied with rule 30.1 if it applies, any part of her hull crosses the starting line from the pre-start side to the course side either
(a) at or after her starting signal, or
(b) during the last 60 seconds before her starting signal.
When a boat starts in accordance with item (b) of the definition Start, she shall not return to the pre-start side of the line, and the starting penalty shall be 120 minutes added to her elapsed time.
RRS 29.1 does not apply. This changes RRS A5.

Note: The Sailing Instructions will implement a test rule from World Sailing that allows application of alternative penalties at the start.

[https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/DR2101AlternativeStartingPenaltyDevelopmentRule-\[27257\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/DR2101AlternativeStartingPenaltyDevelopmentRule-[27257].pdf)

It is unsatisfactory for a competitor to sail over 600 nm only to find out they were OCS. Additionally, the length of the line is comparatively short and congested, so a return to the line is considered impracticable. The test rule is required to also be included in the Notice of Race.

INSERT NEW 1.8

- 1.8 [SP] [DP] RRS Appendix TS (Traffic Separation Schemes Version 2, Jan 2021), Section A applies to the Messina Strait TSS. The penalty for infringing RRS Appendix TS Section A shall be a 10% time penalty added to the boat’s elapsed time.

Note: The Sailing Instructions will implement RRS Appendix TS and apply Section A to the Messina Strait TSS.

[https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AppendixTSTrafficSeparationSchemeRulesJanuary2021-\[27332\].pdf](https://www.sailing.org/tools/documents/AppendixTSTrafficSeparationSchemeRulesJanuary2021-[27332].pdf)

The test rule is required to also be included in the Notice of Race.

REPLACE 1.2 TEXT WITH:

- 1.2 The use of an autopilot is permitted. Powered winches are permitted as per the applicable class rule(s). This changes RRS 52.

Note: The present wording regarding powered winches is incorrect and would be overridden by the Sailing Instructions. To allow preparation prior to the start of the race, the correct version is reflected in the Notice of Race.

REPLACE 1.3 TEXT WITH:

- 1.3 There is no time limit for the race.

Note: The Notice of Race presently stipulates a time limit for the race. It would be unsatisfactory to complete the course and to score a DNF when finishing slightly after a hard limit. It remains the Person in Charge’s decision to retire or to continue the race.

REPLACE 12.1 TEXT WITH:

- 12.1 When the Sailing Instructions replace RRS part 2 rules with the right-of-way rules of IRCAS or government right-of-way rules, e.g., at night, a scoring penalty applies.

Note: The Sailing Instructions will override the Notice of Race’s time of “night” to fixed times referring to nautical twilight instead of sunset and sunrise. The applicable scoring penalty is detailed in the Sailing Instructions.