

ROLEX MIDDLE SEA RACE 2020

APPENDIX No 1 TO SAILING INSTRUCTIONS

COMMUNICATIONS

1 RACE OFFICE

- 1.1 The Official Race Office is to be located at the ROYAL MALTA YACHT CLUB on Ta' Xbiex Seafront. All enquiries preferably via telephone or email, about the Race are to be directed to this office, by or to the Race Officials indicated below.

2 TIMES

- 2.1 All times are local. Local summer time (GMT + 2) ends on Sunday 27th October at 03:00hrs when clocks will be put back 1 hour to local wintertime (GMT + 1).

3 BRIEFING

- 3.1 A technical and meteorological briefing will be held via a YouTube meeting on Friday, 16th October at 18:00hrs. A weather forecast covering the race area and period will be prepared and presented by an Officer of the Italian Airforce Meteorological Service.

4 RACE CONTROL

- 4.1 The race will be monitored throughout its duration. Race control will start 1 hour before the start of the Race and will be manned throughout the race until the end of the official race time limit on Friday, 23rd October at 18:00hrs, or until the last boat finishes, whichever is earlier.
- 4.2 Race Control will maintain watch on VHF channel 72 and will operate under the call sign '**RACE CONTROL**'. Either mobile No. **(00356) 7902 8442** or Telephone (00356) 2131 0341 or email racecontrol@rolexmiddlesearace.com are to be used for all communications between yachts and race control.
- 4.3 The FINISH LINE will maintain a continuous 24 hour watch on VHF Ch 72, 'SPINNAKER' as from 09:00hrs on Monday, 19th October, until all yachts have finished or the official time limit on Friday, 23rd October, whichever is earlier.

It is requested that all entrants send the following text message, via SMS or WhatsApp, to Race Control on +356 7902 8442 before the race. "*This is Sail No LLL NNN, Race Name 'XXXXX', Number of persons on board xx. (Your Name)*" so as to register your 'onboard' mobile numbers with race control up to three numbers per boat may be registered.

5 REPORTING AT FINISH

- 5.1 Boats approaching the finish line are to identify themselves by calling 'Spinnaker' on VHF Channel 72. In darkness they are to illuminate their sail numbers. Note that no sound signal indicating a finish will be made between 2300hrs and 0600hrs. Communication will be made over the VHF Channel 72.

6 COMMUNICATION DATA

6.1 Race Organisation

- 6.1.1** RMYC Club Office : Tel: (00356) 21 333109
(00356) 21 318417
e-mail: info@rmyc.org
- 6.1.2** Race Office Registration Tel: (00356) 2137 7078
RMYC Marina Office: Tel: (00356) 2138 1693
Marina di Valletta Office: Mob: (00356) 7944 4013
Mob: (00356) 7944 2122
- 6.1.3** Grand Harbour Marina Office: Tel: (00356) 2180 0700
Mob: (00356) 7980 0700
- 6.1.4** Grand Hotel Excelsior Tel: (00356) 2125 0520
- 6.1.5** Race Control (During the Race):
RMYC Tel: (00356) 2131 0341
Mob. (00356) 7902 8442
e-mail: racecontrol@rolexmiddlesearace.com
- 6.1.6** Commodore RMYC (Organising Authority)
Godwin Zammit Mob: (00356) 9949 2548
- 6.1.7** Principal Race Officer
Peter Dimech (IRO) Mob: (00356) 7946 6873 & (00356) 9950 3126
- 6.1.8** OSR Safety
Albert Bonnici Mob: (00356) 7961 8277

6.2 Port Control

- 6.2.1** The ports are controlled by the Transport Malta and this authority maintains a continuous listening watch on Ports **Vessel Traffic System** Vhf Ch: 12 & 16, Tel.(00356) 2291 4651. Boats should advise Valletta Port Control when entering or leaving Grand Harbour.

6.3 Search And Rescue

- 6.3.1** The Armed Forces of Malta are responsible for Search and Rescue operations from Malta and maintain a continuous listening watch.

RCC Malta

Tel: **00356 2249 4202 or 00356 112 (national emergency number)**. In the case of the latter, the caller will connect to the central police switchboard and should then ask to be passed to the AFM.

Fax: **00356 2180 9860**

email: rccmalta@gov.mt

The RCC is manned 24hrs a day to handle all forms of maritime SAR.

Malta Radio
National Coast Radio Station
Tel: 00356 2249 4202
Fax: 00356 2180 9860
Email: rccmalta@gov.mt

Listening watch 24/7 on VHF Channel 16, MF 2182kHz,
 Ch70 and 2187.5kHz DSC
 Working channels are VHF Channel 04 and MF 2625kHz

NAVTEX Transmissions at the following times (all times UTC):
 02:20; 06:20*; 10:20; 14:20; 18:20*; 22:20

*broadcast includes weather forecast as well as NAVAREA III warnings.

Voice transmissions (announced on VHF Ch16 and MF 2182kHz then broadcast on working channels) at the following times (all times UTC):

06:03; 10:03*; 16:03*; 21:03*

*broadcast includes weather forecast as well as NAVAREA III warnings.

Malta Radio also offers a Medical Advice Service which will allow a vessel to be patched through to a doctor.

Malta VTS
Coastal Vessel Traffic Service
Tel: 00356 2291 4491
Fax: 00356 2180 9860
Email: rccmalta@gov.mt
 Radio watch VHF Channel 16
 Working channel VHF Channel 12

- 6.3.2** The **Maritime Rescue Coordination Centre in Rome** is responsible for co-coordinating Search and Rescue operations within Italian Waters and liaising with RCC's of other nations. A network of Coast Radio Stations maintains continuous listening watch on international distress frequencies.

Italian MRCC : Tel. 0039 065923569

6.4 Italian Radio Stations

- 6.4.1** There are several TELECOM Coast Radio Stations on the Sicilian mainland and adjacent smaller islands. These stations are all monitored by PALERMO RADIO which is manned 24 hours keeping continuous watch on VHF Ch. 16 and 2182 KHz. Palermo Radio operators are fluent in English. Palermo Radio can also be contacted on Tel. 0039 091 532828.

6.4.2 Italian Main Coast Guard Stations

Station	Telephone Nos.
In Sicily (anticlockwise starting from SE):	
Pozzallo	0039 0932 953327
Siracusa	0039 0931 481011
Augusta	0039 0931 525501
Catania	0039 095 7474111
Messina	0039 090 344444
Lipari	0039 090 9880819
Milazzo	0039 090 9281110
Termini Imerese	0039 091 8141007
Palermo	0039 091 6043111
Trapani	0039 0923 543911
Mazara del Vallo	0039 0923 946388

Porto Empedocle	0039 0922 531811
Pantelleria	0039 0923 911027
Lampedusa	0039 0922 970141
In SW Calabria (from S to N)	
Reggio Calabria	0039 0965 656111
Gioia Tauro	0039 0966 562911
Vibo Valenzia	0039 0963 5739201

The above stations are manned 24 hours and should be called in the event of emergencies or if requiring any kind of assistance or nautical information. Establish initial contact with the closest station on VHF Channel 16. A working channel will be given by the station once initial contact is made. If unable to establish radio contact, you can call the station by telephone (numbers above). The radio and telephone operators of the above stations may not be fluent in English. You might also contact the Coast Guard Operation Centre in Rome by telephone (free number 0039 1530). The centre will connect you to the appropriate station.

6.5 Weather Forecasts

6.5.1 Valletta Port Control

Local weather forecast for range 50 miles on VHF channel 11
 Winter time : 09:03, 13:03, 19:03, 00:03. CET
 Summer time : 08:03, 12:03, 18:03, 23:03 CET

6.5.2 Malta Radio (National Coast Radio Station)

Local weather forecast for range 50 miles on VHF channel 04
 Winter time : 07:03, 11:03, 17:03, 22:03. CET
 Summer time : 08:03, 12:03, 18:03, 23:03. CET

6.5.3 Mediterranean Weather

The weather forecast for the Mediterranean, updated four times a day by the Italian Coast Guard, is broadcasted continuously in Italian and English languages on VHF Channel 68.

7 Media & Public Interest/Story of the Race

To maintain coverage of the Rolex Middle Sea Race while it is on send as many reports from your boats as possible DURING the race. A system is in place to publish your story including pictures on the event website. If you wish to contribute to the Story of the Race please phone or send text/emails from the course to the Rolex Middle Sea Race Media Centre on **(00356) 2131 0126**); or Maria Vella Galea at: PR@rmypc.org or Louay Habib : louayhabib@gmail.com .